

# HOSEA

– THE PROPHET OF GOD'S HEART –

*The Crime Scene*

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**PROVERBS 3:11** My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor detest His correction;<sup>12</sup> for whom the LORD loves He corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights.

# CRIMINAL ONE: GOD'S PEOPLE

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## The effect of the casualties

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