

LOVE FORGIVES – 3:1-5

Hosea 3:1, “Then the Lord said to me, ‘Go again, love a woman who is loved by a lover and is committing adultery, just like the love of the Lord for the children of Israel, who look to other gods and love the raisin cakes of the pagans. 2) So I bought her for myself for fifteen shekels of silver, and one and one-half homers of barley. 3) And I said to her, ‘You shall stay with me many days; you shall not play the harlot, nor shall you have a man – so, too, will I be toward you.’

- Gomer had descended to the lowest depths of immorality and on the auction block was virtually worthless: “15 shekels of silver” – half the price of a common slave; “one and one-half homers of barley” – the food of the poor, usually fed to animals.

Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Hosea 3:4, “For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim.

- **AMAZING PROPHECY!** For over 20 centuries the Jews have been without their ⁽⁹⁾_____!

Hosea 3:5, “Afterward the children of Israel, shall return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days.”

- **AMAZING PROPHECY!** “In the latter days” – the Tribulation, the Second Coming of Christ ... multitudes of Jews will turn to Christ!

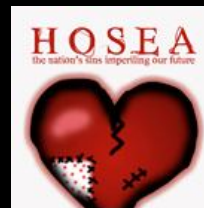
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Hosea 1:1, “The word of the Lord that came to Hosea the son of Beeri”

- The name Hosea means ⁽¹⁾_____. He was a younger contemporary of Amos, and an older contemporary of Isaiah and Micah.
- He preached for ⁽²⁾_____ years begging God’s people to repent.
- Hosea began his ministry toward the latter part of the prosperous and morally declining era of Jeroboam II of Israel and continued on after the fall of the nation (722 B.C.).

CONTEXT & TIMETABLE

Hosea 1:1, “The word of the Lord that came to Hosea the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

Kings of Judah

- Uzziah [Good] (Azariah) 790-740 B.C.
- Jotham – [Good] 752-736 B.C.
- Ahaz – [Wicked] 736-720 B.C.
- Hezekiah – [Good] 729-699 B.C.

King of Israel

- Jeroboam – 792-753 B.C.

THEME: THE LOVE OF GOD

- Nowhere do we see a clearer emphasis of the love of God than in Hosea.



LOVE COMMANDS – 1:2

Hosea 1:2, “When the Lord began to speak by Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea: ‘Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry and children of harlotry, for the land has committed great harlotry by departing from the Lord.’”

Hosea 1:2 (Amplified Bible), “When the Lord first spoke with and through Hosea, the Lord said to him, Go, take to yourself a wife of harlotry and have children of [her] harlotry, for the land commits great whoredom by departing from the Lord.”

Hosea 1:2 (New Living Translation), “When the Lord first began speaking to Israel through Hosea, he said to him, ‘Go and marry a prostitute, so that some of her children will be conceived in prostitution. This will illustrate how Israel has acted like a prostitute by turning against the Lord and worshiping other gods.’”

- A tough (3) _____ for Hosea! Who would want to obey?
- Hosea was a prophet with a broken heart!

LOVE REVEALS THE PROBLEM – 1:3-8

Hosea 1:3, “So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. 4) Then the Lord said to him: ‘Call his name JEZREEL, for in a little while I will avenge the bloodshed of JEZREEL on the house of JEHU, and bring an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. 5) It shall come to pass in that day that I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel.”

>>> The Children’s Name was Historically & (4) _____ Significant.

Child #1 – Jezreel – “God will (5) _____.” God is saying that He is going to scatter the Northern kingdom of Israel!

DID YOU KNOW? Jezreel was the site of many bloody battles. Here it pointed back to the blood of Jezreel shed by Jehu (1 Kings 19:15-17; 2 Kings 10:1-14), and the approaching punishment of the Jehu dynasty of which the reigning Jeroboam II was a member.

Hosea 1:6, “And she conceived again and bore a daughter. Then God said to him: ‘Call her Lo-Ruhamah, for I will no longer have mercy on the house of Israel, but I will utterly take them away. 7) Yet I will have mercy on the house of Judah, will save them by the Lord their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword or battle, by horses of horsemen.”

Illegitimate Child #2 – Lo-Ruhamah – “not pitied or loved.” God’s mercy had come to an (6) _____ for Israel.

Hosea 1:8, “Now when she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then God said: ‘Call his name Lo-Ammi, for you are not My people, and I will not be your God.’”

Illegitimate Child #3 – “Lo-Ammi – “not My people” – the Lord (7) _____ the covenant relationship between Himself and Israel to discipline them due to their sin.

LOVE PROMISES – 1:10-11

Hosea 1:10, “Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not My people,’ there it shall be said to them, ‘You are sons of the living God.’ 11) Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and appoint for themselves one head; and they shall come up out of the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel!”

- In the midst of this prophetic message of judgment God gives future (8) _____ by His love.

LOVE DISCIPLINES – 2:1-13

Hebrews 12:6, “For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.”

- How to Pray for a Lost loved one?

Hosea 2:6, “Therefore, behold, I will hedge up your way with thorns, and wall her in, so that she cannot find her paths.”

Hosea 2:6 (New Living Translation), “For this reason I will fence her in with thorn bushes. I will block her path with a wall to make her lose her way.”

PRAY THIS PRAYER FOR THE LOST:

“Lord, hedge up [Name] their way with thorns until they turn to You! Wall [Name] them in Lord until they surrender to You. May they not find their path until their path is You! In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

LOVE SHOWS MERCY – 2:14-23

Lamentations 3:22, “Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. 23) They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.”

- Because the Lord extends mercy, we should! Because the Lord shows compassion, we should!