

ISRAEL: PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE HOSEA 3:1-5

Israel was at its high point / zenith under Jereboam II:

Habakkuk 1:1 The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see. **Hosea 1:1** The word of the LORD that came unto 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.**

Isaiah 1:1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, **which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem** in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Micah 1:1 The word of the LORD that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah, **which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.**

Jereboam II brought the Northern Kingdom to its highest point:

➤ Militarily	➤ Economically
➤ Socially	➤ Culturally

However, not all was...good / well! Within a short time Israel would be _____ . Israel would be conquered by the Assyrian Nation in _____ & then carried into captivity. Judah would soon follow suit! Neither would be totally independent again until 1948

Hosea helps us with this in chapters 1-2 in three overlapping ways:

I. Story & History

The single most telling portion of Hosea is his personal story – a story that is also an analogy!

A. Hosea was to marry Gomer

Hosea 1:2 The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, **Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms;** for the land hath committed great whoredom, *departing* from the LORD. **Hosea 1:3** So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, **and bare him a son.**

Isaiah 8:18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me *are* for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

This was to be just as God married Israel / Judah

Age-old question: Was Gomer already a prostitute? Or, did she become one?
Was Israel unfaithful to God at the beginning? Or, did she become unfaithful?

B. Hosea & Gomer had a child (their only child)

Hosea 1:3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, **and bare him a son. Hosea 1:4** **And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel;** for yet a little *while*, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel. **Hosea 1:5** And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.

Jezreel = to be sown / scattered (by God)

So this son symbolizes the destruction of Israel

C. (Hosea +) Gomer had another child!

Hosea 1:2 The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee **a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms**: for the land hath committed great whoredom, *departing* from the LORD.

Hosea 1:6 And **she conceived again, and bare a daughter**. And *God* said unto him, Call her name **Loruhamah** (לֹרֻחָמָה): for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away. **Hosea 1:7** But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

Loruhamah (לֹרֻחָמָה): No mercy

D. (Hosea +) Gomer had a third child!

Hosea 1:8 Now when she had weaned Loruhamah, **she conceived, and bare a son**. **Hosea 1:9** Then said *God*, Call his name **Loammi** (לֹאמִי): for ye *are* **not** my people, and I will **not** be your *God*.

Loammi (לֹאמִי): Hosea was to name the third son **not** my people / **not** mine
Just as Israel would quickly become not God's people → Judah would soon follow them!