

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** (לֹאֲמִי): for ye *are* **not** my people, and I will **not** be your *God*.

Loammi (לֹאֲמִי): 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!

Hosea 1:10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye *are* not my people, *there* it shall be said unto them, *Ye are* the sons of the living God. **Hosea 1:11** Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great *shall be* the day of Jezreel.

Yet the Lord cannot leave things there!

- National increase
- National conversion
- Nation reunion
- National leadership
- National restoration

III. Prophecy

1. Former days!

Hosea 3:1 Then said the LORD unto me, **Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine.**

Hosea 3:2 So I bought her to me for fifteen *pieces* of silver, and *for* an homer of barley, and an half homer of barley:

Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD: **Deuteronomy 6:5** And thou shalt **love the LORD thy God** with **all** thine heart, and with **all** thy soul, and with **all** thy might. **Deuteronomy 6:6** And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: **Deuteronomy 6:7** And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deuteronomy 7:6 For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God: **the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.** **Deuteronomy 7:7** The LORD did **not** set his love upon you, **nor** choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; **for** ye *were* the fewest of all people: **Deuteronomy 7:8** **But** because the LORD loved you, **and** because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 9:4 Speak **not** thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, **For** my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee. **Deuteronomy 9:5** **Not for** thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: **but** for the wickedness **of** these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. **Deuteronomy 9:6** Understand therefore, that the LORD thy God giveth thee **not** this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; **for** thou *art* a stiffnecked people.

Deuteronomy 10:14 Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens *is* the LORD'S thy God, the earth *also*, with all that therein *is*. **Deuteronomy 10:15** **Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.**

Ephesians 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; **Ephesians 5:2** And walk in love, **as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself** for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, **even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for** it;

2. Many days!

Hosea 3:3 And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me **many days**; thou shalt **not** play the harlot, and thou shalt **not** be for *another* man: **so will I also be for thee.**

Hosea 3:4 For the children of Israel shall abide **many days** without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and *without* teraphim:

Gomer (Israel & by implication, Judah) had been purchased. She was not

No longer a harlot

No longer unfaithful

Not Hosea's wife either!

A ½ way house!

Romans 11:28 **As concerning the gospel, they are enemies** for your sakes: **but as touching the election, they are beloved** for the fathers' sakes. **Romans 11:29** **For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.**

Israel (& by extension Judah) would abide many days:

- Without a king (586 BC)
- Without a prince (no aristocracy)
- Without a sacrifice (70 AD)
- Without an image / idol
- Without an ephod (idol or priestly garb)
- Without a teraphim (idols)

Summary: Without Davidic lineage, Levitical Priesthood or sacrifice, but also without idols!

How long? Many days!

3. Latter days!

Hosea 3:5 **Afterward** shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness **in the latter days.**

Romans 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; **that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come**

in. Romans 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: **Romans 11:27** For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Isaiah 11:11 And it shall come to pass **in that day**, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again **the second time** to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. **Isaiah 11:12** And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Isaiah 60:21 Thy people also *shall be* all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

Jeremiah 16:14 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall **no more** be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; **Jeremiah 16:15 But**, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

Ezekiel 36:24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. **Ezekiel 36:25** Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. **Ezekiel 36:26** A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. **Ezekiel 36:27** And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*. **Ezekiel 36:28** And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Amos 9:11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it **as in the days of old**:

Amos 9:12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this. **Amos 9:13** Behold, **the days come**, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. **Amos 9:14** And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. **Amos 9:15** And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

Matthew 19:27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? **Matthew 19:28** And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, **in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory**, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. **Matthew 19:29** And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. **Matthew 19:30** But many *that are* first shall be last; and the last *shall be* first.