

## **(Hosea 1:1-3) "Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms..."**

(v. 1) Hosea was a Preacher during the same period as Isaiah.

**"In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw the Lord..."**

Isaiah prophesied to Hezekiah.

**However, Hosea ministered in the Northern Kingdom, while Isaiah ministered in Judah.**

*This was after the great dividing of Israel..*

- > Two tribes Judah and Benjamin followed Rehoboam, Solomon's son (the decedents of David).
- > The other TEN followed Jeroboam Solomon's captain.

*Isaiah prophesied to Judah and Benjamin.*

- > Hosea preached unto Israel's ten tribes.

**Israel was enjoying great prosperity at this time...**

*But they had turned from God as a nation.*

- > Cheating government, false religion, ungodly homes became the norm...
- > **Sound familiar?**

*Personal integrity had vanished from the land.*

- > Israel had abandoned God.
- > **Judgment was inevitable.**

**GOD ALWAYS PRECEDES JUDGEMENT WITH A WARNING FROM A PREACHER!**

*If you hear a message on a sin or issue that you are involved in, you had better watch out...*

- > It probably means God is getting ready to judge it.

*Hosea faithfully preached the Word...*

- > **But Israel refused to repent.**
- > And, God sent a warning that they could not ignore.

## **Go marry a whore!**

### **TITLES FROM JERRY SPRINGER EPISODES:**

[August 28]: "Surprise, I'm Cheating."

"Angela will tell her longtime boyfriend that she's been cheating on him and now she's pregnant! Despite all this, she's confident he'll stay with her."

[August 29]: "Give Back My Lover."

"Will claims to love his fiancé, but he has some bad news for her. He's been cheating... and now his mistress is pregnant!"

[August 30]: "Shocking Confessions!"

"Savaria broke up with her fiancé because she wanted to date his sister!"

[August 31]: "Prostitution Sex Scandals"

"Lisa has secretly been working as an escort to help pay for her wedding. But, she likes her new job and she's here today to tell her fiancé all

about it!"

[September 8]: "Baby Come Back To Me"

"Becky dumped her husband for his best friend, Josh!! Now she's secretly seeing her husband again!"

**And those were the ones I could talk about in public.**

*But, God commands a Preacher; A Prophet; A man of God...*

> GO MARRY A WHORE!

*Hosea will genuinely love this woman, but she will cheat on him, and break his heart.*

> It is an object lesson for the people of Israel.

> God wanted His people to know how He felt about their unfaithfulness.

## **Hosea, A Picture of a Broken Hearted God**

### **I. Israel's Unfaithfulness Described.**

#### **A. God's strange request (1:1-3).**

*1. No prophet was ever called to preach a more painful sermon than Hosea.*

> Instructed to marry a whore who would break his heart.

*2. Gomer means perfect - Notice God's irony!*

> She was meant to be God's perfect bride!

#### **B. Why did God put Hosea through this?**

*1. God wanted the Preacher to know how it feels when His people cheat on Him.*

> When Hosea preached on the unfaithfulness of God's people...

> He preached with a passion.

*2. When he told Israel about a broken-hearted God, he knew what it meant...*

> Israel had been unfaithful to God, and Hosea could describe HOW GOD FELT ABOUT IT!

*3. God's people today face the same temptations.*

> We need to hear and heed what Hosea wrote for his people.

#### **C. Most scholars believe that Hosea and Gomer's relationship started out good.**

*1. They had a nice wedding; Maybe went on a honeymoon; And settled into a nice life.*

> But, she soon was bored of her new life...

> She missed the partying life she had left behind.

> She missed her old lovers.

**2. Many Christians fall away after the honeymoon.**

- > They begin to miss their old lovers.
- > Get bored with their new life!

## II. God's Heartache Displayed.

### A. By the names of Gomer's Children.

**1. God occasionally intervened in the naming of children.**

- > He told Zachariah to name his child John.

**2. The first child, a son, was called Jezreel (Hosea 1:4-5).**

- > The name literally means "God scatters."
- > Through the birth of Hosea's son, God announced that He would scatter Israel...
- > Judgement is coming. God is going to scatter Israel!

**3. The second child was a daughter named Lo-ruhamah (Hosea 1:6-7).**

- > Her name means "No Mercy".
- > God had been very merciful to Israel, but now He would no longer show them mercy.
- > No more pity! No more mercy!
- > You have taken my mercy for granted, and I will no longer show mercy.

**4. Lo-ammi (Hosea 1:8-9) the third child, a son.**

- > His name means "not My people."
- > God would no longer show mercy, but He would also renounce His relationship with them

### B. By the Illegitimacy of the last two children.

**1. By this time Gomer had begun to stray...**

- > Hosea wasn't sure the last two children were fathered by him.

**2. God told him he would have children of whoredoms.**

- > In other words, some of your children will be fathered when your wife is playing the whore.

### C. You must understand that Hosea fell in love with Gomer.

**1. This was not just an object lesson for him.**

- > God wanted Hosea to feel the hurt and anguish He felt.
- > God wanted Hosea to experience the broken-heart He felt!

**2. God wanted the Preacher to be able to describe His heartache.**

- > He wanted a Preacher that could explain the depth of His own broken heart!

### ***3. This wasn't just a sermon to Hosea, it was his life.***

- > Oh how often God puts the Preacher through a trial...
- > Just do that he can tell with passion how God feels about it!
- > Hosea is a picture of a broken hearted God...

## **III. Hosea's Message Declared.**

### **A. Jezreel: Judgement is coming.**

#### ***1. You are about to be scattered like a sower throwing seed.***

- > You are about to see trouble like you have never thought could happen.

#### ***2. Hosea is saying this about HIS SON!***

- > What if God told you to name your son, Judgement is coming?

#### ***3. Hosea holds his son in his hands and Preaches about the coming judgement of God.***

- > Why are we so stupid and hard headed?
- > Why must we be beaten with trouble before we will repent?

### **B. Loruhamah: No more mercy.**

#### ***1. I'll just do what I want, then I will repent and it will all work out!***

- > "turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness..."

#### ***2. The sin of presumption.***

- > Assuming you will always be able to just pop back in.
- > Consider a woman who plays the harlot, then comes back...
- > After 3-4 times, her husband says, "No more! We're done!"

#### ***3. This is what God is saying by naming this girl.***

- > That's it! We're done!
- > NO MORE MERCY!

### **C. Loammi: Not my people.**

#### ***1. God had made a covenant with Israel.***

- > First with Abraham, then Isaac, and with Jacob...
- > God changed his name to Israel!
- > He told them, "Ye shall be my people and I shall be your God!"

#### ***2. But, it was a conditional covenant:***

- > They were to walk with God, and keep His commandments.
- > "the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands."

#### ***3. It was covenant between TWO parties.***

Heb 8:9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; BECAUSE THEY CONTINUED NOT IN MY COVENANT, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: AND I WILL BE TO THEM A GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE TO ME A PEOPLE:

**4. But They Continued Not in My Covenant, and I Regarded Them Not...**

- > Israel had broken their part of the covenant...
- > God said, name him Loammi: **FOR YOU ARE NOT MY PEOPLE!**

**IV. Gomer's Judgement Divulged [2].**

**A. Gomer had played the harlot and conceived children of whoredoms.**

**1. At least two of her children were born of illegitimacy...**

- > Because God said, you will have children (plural) of whoredoms.

**2. But, now she had run off and started living with a previous lover.**

- > He calls on his children to plead with their mother to return.

**B. Hosea asks his children to plead with their mother... (v. 1)**

**1. Say to your brothers "Ammi"; You are my people...**

- > To your sisters, "Ruhamah"; You shall obtain mercy.

**2. But, Hosea had only one girl, then neither boy had sisters!**

- > The message was to Israel.
- > God was telling His people: You are my people!
- > **And: I will show you mercy!**

**3. But, she had to respond to the plea (v. 2).**

- > Let her put away her whoredom
- > **God will show mercy, if you will repent of your sins!**

**C. If she doesn't repent, then I will chastise her (v. 3-6).**

**1. I will take everything I have ever given to her away!**

- > (v. 8-9) She didn't even realize that Hosea was sending her gifts.
- > **She thought they must have come from her lovers, but Hosea was sending them in secret.**

**2. Even while we are playing the harlot with other gods...**

- > Our God sends us good things.
- > **While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us!**

**3. But, God is about to stop showing mercy.**

- > He is about to take it all away from her.

**D. God will also take her lovers away (v. 7; 10).**

**1. God can cause us to look stupid in our sin...**

- > **So that the Church is angry at you for your choices...**
- > And, the world despises you for your hypocrisy.

**2. *So that you are not loved by angel nor devil.***

- > You'll run away from God to your lovers, and God will turn them against you!
- > The very ones you forsook God for, will hate you for it!
- > They will not respect you!

**E. Entertainment will become vain and sickening (v. 11).**

**1. *You will not enjoy your trip away from God.***

- > Your parties will be duds.
- > You vacations will fall flat!

**2. *God is not going to let you be happy in your sin.***

- > Sure there's pleasure in sin for a season...
- > But, that is only the season in which God is giving you grace to repent!

**3. *If you refuse to repent, there will be no more pleasure in sin!***

- > God will cause your mirth to cease!'

**F. Even your career will become a failure (v. 12).**

**1. *A man puts his job before God, and so God makes life at work miserable...***

- > You will not be able to grow and prosper in your career.

**2. *God will no longer show mercy...***

- > No longer be your God!

**G. Her religious hypocrisy will be revealed (v. 13).**

**1. *God will take away every aspect of your life.***

**2. *He will do whatever it takes to get you back!***

**V. God's Love Demonstrated.**

**A. God's love offered (Hos. 2:14).**

**1. *Hosea had the authority to have Gomer executed.***

- > He could have forced her into obedience by physical means.

**2. *He could have divorced her, and cast her out!***

- > Hosea wasn't powerless over this woman...

> But, he is a type of God!

- > And, God will not force you to love Him!

**3. *Instead He "allures you..." (v. 14).***

> He speaks comfortably unto you!

- > He has every right to judge us harshly; but instead He speaks comfortably!

## B. God's love promised (Hos.2:15).

### 1. He is establishing futuristic promises, by promising current results.

> I am going to prosper your vineyards, and bless you in the land of trouble (Achor).

### 2. You will sing as in the days of your youth.

> You will be as clean, forgiven, and as happy as the day you first got saved!

> RESTORE UNTO ME THE JOY...

## C. God's love demonstrated (Hos. 2:16-17).

### 1. "Ishi" Boyfriend; Husband; Betrothed!

> Not "Baali"; Lord, Master.

### 2. They would have a new vocabulary and the false gods would never be named again.

> Jesus said:

John 15:15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends;

> We have a new relationship.

> He said, we are closer than a Lord and his servants; I am your friend!

### 3. Hosea said to Gomer: You don't have to call me Lord...

> Just call me Husband!

## D. God's love Renewed (Hos. 2:18-20).

### 1. A new covenant: The first had been broken, so they renewed their vows.

> God wanted "till death to us part" promised again.

### 2. God likens Himself to a love-sick beau, who wants to marry his two timing girl.

> But, He is okay with that, as long as she marries him...

> And, they live happily ever after... Eternally...

## E. God's love responding (Hos. 2:21-23).

### 1. These three verses describe a conversation in which the Lord speaks to the heavens and the earth:

> The heaven and the earth respond to each other.

> The heavens send the rain, the earth brings forth the produce, and the Lord sends His rich blessings.

### 2. They shall hear "Jezreel": Hosea's sons name:

> But, now it means "the seed that was scattered has produced much fruit!"

### 3. And, God shall tell them: "Ruhamah", Hosea's second born.

> I will have mercy!

**4. And, God will tell the people: "Ammi", Hosea's last born son.**

> You are my people.

> **And, the people said, "You are our God!"**

All of this was prophecy of what Hosea WAS GOING TO DO to win Gomer back.

**None of this had taken place. This was Hosea telling his children...**

***Go plead with your mother and tell her this!***

But, chapter three tells us what actually happened!

ISRAEL'S UNFAITHFULNESS DESCRIBED.

GOD'S HEARTACHE DISPLAYED.

HOSEA'S MESSAGE DECLARED.

GOMER'S JUDGEMENT DIVULGED.

GOD'S LOVE DEMONSTRATED...

## **VI. Jesus' Plan Disclosed [3].**

### **A. Pictured Practically (v. 1-3).**

**1. Gomer had left Hosea and was living with another man.**

> She had messed around before, but she always came back.

> **But, she didn't come back this time.**

> She left Hosea with the kids; Two of which were probably not even his.

**2. Hosea was inclined to let her go, and not go through this again.**

> **But, God told him, to go find her and love her, just like I love Israel (v. 1).**

**3. When he had found her, she was being sold as a slave (v. 2).**

> If you borrowed money; or services and could not pay...

> **You could be sold as a servant to recover the loss.**

**4. Notice he paid 15 pieces of silver.**

> The price of a common slave was 30 pieces of silver.

> **By the time Hosea found her, she was so used up...**

**5. She was so strung out, and doped up, that she looked so awful that they sold her for half..**

> But, Hosea bought her anyway.

**6. And, Hosea told her: "Your coming back with me, and you will stay with me."**

> **I have bought you with a price, thou art mine!**

### **B. Pictured Spiritually (v. 4-5).**

**1. I am talking spiritually of Israel (v. 4).**

> My people shall return to me and abide with me.

> **Because I will buy them, and they shall be mine!**

**"Feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."**

**"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."**



**2. *I am talking prophetically of Jesus (v. 5).***

- > Jesus is the son of David; The root of Jesse.
- > **Jesus is the one promised to sit on the throne of David for ever!**

**3. *It is because of Jesus Christ that God can say:***

- > I will have mercy on them that deserve no mercy...
- > **I will call them my people who art not my people!**