

**Amos, Habakkuk, Haggai, Hosea, Joel, Jonah,
Malachi, Micah, Nahum, Obadiah, Zechariah,
Zephaniah**

**In them you will find some Messianic
prophecies (About Jesus)**



You will also find some “End Time Prophecies”

**Most of the message is prophecy to the nations
of Israel and Judah about pending
judgement if they did not return to God**

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God told Me to Marry a Prostitute!

The theme for Hosea is redemption

Israel as a nation was considered the "wife" of God

They were the chosen nation of God to provide the path for the Messiah

They were supposed to live in a monogamous relationship with Jehovah

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Hosea 4:1-3

Hear the word of the Lord, you Israelites, because the Lord has a charge to bring against you who live in the land: “There is no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgment of God in the land. There is only cursing, lying and murder, stealing and adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed. Because of this the land dries up, and all who live in it waste away; the beasts of the field, the birds in the sky and the fish in the sea are swept away.

Hosea 4:12-13

My people consult a wooden idol, and a diviner's rod speaks to them. A spirit of prostitution leads them astray; they are unfaithful to their God. They sacrifice on the mountaintops and burn offerings on the hills, under oak, poplar and terebinth, where the shade is pleasant. Therefore your daughters turn to prostitution and your daughters-in-law to adultery.

The Marriage (Hosea 1:2-3)

When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him, “Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her, for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord.” So, he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

The Object Lesson

In the object lesson, Hosea is God and Gomer is Isarel (God's People)

This would have been humiliating for Hosea

It would call into question his own character

Israel, you have cheated on me while I have remained faithful to you, and judgment is coming

Eventually there would be three children born



The Children

The Pictures of Judgement (Jezreel)

“Call him Jezreel, because I will soon punish the house of Jehu for the massacre at Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of Israel. In that day I will break Israel’s bow in the Valley of Jezreel.”

Hosea 1:4-5

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The Children

The Pictures of Judgement (Lo-Ruhamah)

“Call her Lo-Ruhamah (**which means “not loved”**), for I will no longer show love to Israel, that I should at all forgive them. Yet I will show love to Judah; and I will save them—not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but I, the Lord their God, will save them.”

Hosea 1:6-7

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The Children

The Pictures of Judgement (Lo-Ammi)

After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, Gomer had another son. Then the Lord said, “Call him Lo-Ammi (which means “not my people”), for you are not my people, and I am not your God

Hosea 1:8-9

God is Faithful and Just

“Yet the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. In the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ they will be called ‘children of the living God.’ The people of Judah and the people of Israel will come together; they will appoint one leader and will come up out of the land, **for great will be the day of Jezreel.**”

Hosea 1:10-11

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The Redemption (Hosea 3:1-3)

The Lord said to me, “Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes.” So, I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. Then I told her, “You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will behave the same way toward you.”

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Another Object Lesson

God tells Hosea go buy her back

But the command is deeper go love her again

Bring her home, make her your wife

Forgive her past

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

Ephesians 5:25

Gomer had to be horrified for now she is property

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Another Object Lesson

He did as God said restoring her to her status of love and forgiven wife

But note there were conditions

You are to live with me many days

You must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man

I will behave the same way toward you

**Gomer, you have been
bought and I am going to
restore you but do not
mistake forgiveness
as passive**

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**That point forward Gomer
was free to live in the
relationship, but she was
also free to leave the
relationship**

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God is Just and Merciful

For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or household gods. Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the Lord and to his blessings in the last days.

Hosea 3:4

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Hear the Call to Redemption!

Return, Israel, to the Lord your God.

Your sins have been your downfall!

Hosea 14:1