



Series: The Minor Prophets

Lesson: 3. Hosea, pt. 1

Passage: Hosea 1, 3

- **Intro to Hosea**
 - Ministers during the reigns of several kings (covers at least 2 Kings 14:16–18:12; 2 Chron. 26:1–31:1; also see Isaiah)
 - Addressing moral failings of mainly Northern Kingdom (Israel/Ephraim), coming judgments, but promise of future restoration

- **Notes on the Text**

- Chapters 1 & 3 as bookends (*inclusio*) around chapter 2
- 1:1–5
 - a. Israel as the ' _____ '
 - b. 'visiting the bloodshed of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu' (2 Kings 9:1–10:30)
- 1:6–11
 - a. Israel judged by Assyria, yet Judah saved by divine intervention (2 Kings 17–19)
 - b. Picturing the end of the Old Covenant and its replacement with the New Covenant (Ex. 6:7; Lev. 26:12; cf. Ex. 19:5; cp. Gen. 15)
- 3:1–5
 - a. _____ as adultery
 - b. Restoring their relationship as a picture of Israel's restoration (Rom. 11:25–29)

- **Hosea's Family as Symbols for God's Relationship with Israel**

- Gomer as a symbol for _____

- a. Chapter 1

- Already promiscuous → Israel forgot YHWH before the Old Covenant
 - Hosea marries her anyway → the Old Covenant

- b. Chapter 3

- Returns to promiscuity → idolatry
 - Bought back anyway → future restoration

- Gomer's children as symbols for _____

- a. Jezreel ('God sows') → threat of coming judgment—but also future blessing (ch2)!

- b. Lo-ruhamah ('she has not obtained compassion') →

- finally exhausting God's patience and incurring

- judgment

c. Lo-ammi ('not my people') → revoking the Old
Covenant

d. Children's names reversed in 2:21–23 to point to
future blessing! See also 1:10

○ Hosea as a symbol for _____...

What Do We Do with This Text?

1. God's relationship with His people is as _____
as between a husband and wife. (Eph. 5:22–33)

2. Any idolatry in our lives is _____ to God.

Blanks: harlot, idolatry, Israel, Israel, God, intimate, infidelity