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THE MINOR PROPHETS  
BOOK 2 – HOSEA – PART 2

We continue this series on the minor prophets. Hosea, Part 1 can be reviewed on our website. [Click here](#) to review it.

Today we look at the message God used Hosea to bring to Israel and how it may relate to us today.

The prophet Hosea was told by the LORD (Jehovah) to go and take a whore as his wife. He took the prostitute Gomer as his wife, and she bore him three children.

The first child was a son named Jezreel. His name was a prophetic message to Israel about their idolatry. It was at the city of Jezreel where a hundred years earlier that Jehu had slain all the priests of Baal and killed the house of evil King Ahab (70- sons) and Queen Jezebel who had promoted Baal worship.

The second child was a daughter named Lo-ruhamah which means “unpitied” to indicate that God would have no pity and mercy upon Israel because of their idolatry.

The third child was a son named Lo-ammi which meant “not my people.” God was saying that He was no longer their God. This is found in chapter one of Hosea.

The opening of chapter two shows a divorce and Gomer (Hosea’s wife) returns to the lovers of her whoredom. This would represent the apostate Israel separated from God and returning to idolatry.

Chapter three shows redemption. Hosea is instructed to purchase Gomer back for 15 pieces of silver and some grain. God shows us that he is always willing to bring us back to him. This speaks also of a future prophecy in Hosea 3:4-5 where Israel would be “many days” without a king or a temple for sacrifice or a priest (ephod and teraphim) to plead for them. However, afterward (many centuries later, the end times) they would return to the LORD and King David’s throne would be established forever (in Christ’s kingdom).

Chapters 4-13 focus on Israel’s sin which resulted in their identity being destroyed by Assyria. They did not regain their identity until they became a nation again in 1948.

The final chapter, 14, tells of their restoration to God. There is no more idol worship. The “whore Israel,” has been restored by God and there yet comes a day when Israel will also accept Jesus as their Messiah.