

THE MINOR PROPHETS

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HOSEA MARRIES A WHORE AS AN EXAMPLE OF JERUSALEM

Hosea 1

1 This is the word of the LORD that came to Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of these four kings of Judah: king Uzziah, king Jotham, king Ahaz, and king Hezekiah, and in the days of Jeroboam, the son of Joash, the king of Israel. **2** This is the beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea, and the LORD said unto Hosea, *Go, and take to yourself a wife and children of whoredoms, for the land has committed great whoredoms by departing from the LORD.* **3** And Hosea took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, as his wife, as the LORD commanded; and she conceived, and bore him a son. **4** And the LORD said unto Hosea, *Call his name 'Jezreel', meaning 'God soweth', for in a little while I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu; and I will cause the kingdom of the house of Israel to cease.* **5** And at that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel. **6** Then Gomer conceived again and bore a daughter; and the LORD their God said unto Hosea, *Call her name 'Loruhamah', meaning 'not pitied', for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; and I will utterly take them away.* **7** Yet I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and save them by the LORD their God, but not by bow, nor sword, nor battle, nor horses, nor horsemen. **8** And after Gomer weaned her daughter Loruhamah, she conceived, and bore another son. **9** And God said unto Hosea, *Call his name 'Loammī', meaning 'not my people', for you are not my people; and I will not be your God.* **10** Yet the number of the children of Israel will be as the sand of the sea, that cannot be measured, nor numbered; and it shall come to pass that where it was said unto them of Israel and Judah, 'You are not my people', it shall now be said unto them, 'You are the sons of the living God.' **11** And the children of Judah and Israel shall be gathered again, and appoint themselves one head, which is Jesus Christ; and they shall come up out of the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

THE JUSTICE AND MERCY OF GOD ON JERUSALEM

AS THE LORD MUST DO SO MUST HOSEA PUT AWAY HIS WIFE AND THEN TAKE HER BACK AGAIN

Hosea 2

1 Hosea, also say unto your brothers, the word, 'Ammi', which means 'My people', and say unto your sisters, the word, 'Ruhamah', which means 'to be pitied'. **2** And bring charges against your mother, Israel, and hold her accountable; for she is no longer My wife, and I am no longer her Husband; let her therefore put away her whoredoms and adulteries from between her breasts. **3** Lest I strip her naked, as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst. **4** For I will not have mercy upon the children of her whoredoms. **5** Because their mother Jerusalem has played the harlot, for she that conceived them has done shamefully, when she said, *I will go after my lovers that give me my food and my water, and my wool and my flax, and my oil and my drink.* **6** Behold, the LORD will put a hedge of thorns in her path and make a wall, that the daughter of Zion shall not find her way. **7** For Jerusalem shall follow her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; she shall seek them, but she shall not find them; and she shall say, *I will go, and return to my first Husband; for that was better for me than now.*

8 I the LORD shall put a hedge of thorns in the path of Jerusalem and make a wall against her; because she did not acknowledge that it was me who gave her the grain, the new wine, and the oil; she also multiplied her silver and gold which they prepared for Baal. **9** Therefore, I will return and take away my grain in the time of its ripening, and my wine in its season; and I will take back my wool and flax that I gave her to cover her nakedness. **10** For I will uncover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall rescue her out of my hand. **11** I will also cause all her celebrations to cease including her feast days, her New Moons, her Sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts. **12** And I will destroy her vines and fig trees, whereof she has said, *These are my rewards that my lovers have given me;* and I will make of them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them. **13** I will visit her because of the days of Baalim when she burned incense before them, and decked herself with earrings and jewels, and went after her lovers, and forgot about me, saith