



Context

1st Minor Prophet book in the Old Testament.

Hosea: “Salvation, help”

Date: 753-715 BC

Who: He was preaching to the northern kingdom (Israel) but this message applied to everyone.

Northern Kingdom: Israel (capital city: Samaria)

Southern Kingdom: Judah (capital city: Jerusalem)

Four major themes: The Nation’s Sin, God’s Judgment, God’s Love, and Restoration.

“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.”

Hosea 1:2-3 (NIV)

First child: 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 (NIV)

Second child: 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 horseman, but I, the LORD their God, will save them.”

Hosea 1:6-7 (NIV)

Third child: Lo-Ammi

“Lo-Ammi (which means “not my people”), for you are not my people and I am not your God.”

Hosea 1:9 (NIV)

Chapter 2

• Verses 1-13: Israel’s punishment.

- Verse 4: *“I will not show my love to her children, because they are the children of adultery.”*
- Verse 8: *“She has not acknowledged that I was the one who gave her the grain, the new wine and oil, who lavished on her the silver and gold – which they used for Baal.”*

- **Verses 14-23: Redemption for God's people.**
 - Verse 14: *"Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her."*
 - Verses 19-20: *"I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion. I will betroth you in faithfulness, and you will acknowledge the LORD."*
 - Verse 23: *"I will plant her for myself in the land; I will show my love to the one I called 'Not my loved one.' I will say to those called 'Not my people,' 'You are my people'; and they will say, 'You are my God.'"*

Chapter 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 brought 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." For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or household gods. Afterward 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 3:1-5 (NIV)

Hesed: *Passionately loyal, a deep, never-ending love.* Expression of love, faithfulness, compassion, mercy, grace through actions and emotions.

Bibliography: NIV Biblical Theological Study Bible, New Bible Commentary, The Communicator's