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Hosea

God who never gives up

Hosea 1:1 ESV

The word of the LORD that came to Hosea, the son of Beerai, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of **Judah**, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of **Israel**.

THE KINGDOMS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH
1 KINGS 12



The United Kingdom

Saul
David
Solomon

The Southern Kingdom of Judah

Beginning of Rehoboam



There were 20 kings,
some evil and some good



Invaded and taken captive by the
Babylonians in 586 B.C. (2 Kings 24-25)

The Northern Kingdom of Israel

Beginning of Jeroboam



There were 19 kings,
and they all did evil in God's sight



Invaded and taken captive by the
Assyrians in 722 B.C. (2 Kings 17)

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Hosea: The Author, a Minor Prophet

Hosea = Salvation, God saves

God who saves reveals Himself:

Chapters 1 - 3

God who never gives up

Chapters 4 - 10

God who judges

Chapter 11

God who loves

Chapters 12 - 14

God who forgives

Hosea 1:2-4 ESV

² When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take to yourself a wife of **whoredom** and have children of **whoredom**, for the land commits great **whoredom** by forsaking the LORD." ³ So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. ⁴ And the LORD said to him, "Call his name Jezreel, for in just a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.

Hosea 1:5-8 ESV

⁵ And on that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel." ⁶ She conceived again and bore a daughter. And the LORD said to him, "Call her name No Mercy, for I will no more have mercy on the house of Israel, to forgive them at all. ⁷ But I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God. I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen."
⁸ When she had weaned No Mercy, she conceived and bore a son.

Hosea 1:9-11 ESV

⁹ And the LORD said, "Call his name Not My People, for you are not my people, and I am not your God."
¹⁰ Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."
¹¹ And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint for themselves one head. And they shall go up from the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

Israel's Unfaithfulness – Hosea 2:1-5

Hosea 2:4-5,8 ESV

⁴ Upon her children also I will have no mercy, because they are children of whoredom. ⁵ For their mother has played the whore; she who conceived them has acted shamefully. For she said, 'I will go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.'

⁸ And she did not know that it was I who gave her the grain, the wine, and the oil, and who lavished on her silver and gold, which they used for Baal.

God's Faithfulness – Hosea 2:6-13

Hosea 2:6-7 ESV

⁶ Therefore I will hedge up her way with thorns, and I will build a wall against her, so that she cannot find her paths. ⁷ She shall pursue her lovers but not overtake them, and she shall seek them but shall not find them. Then she shall say, 'I will go and return to my first husband, for it was better for me then than now.'

God is Pursuing Israel – Hosea 2:14-23

Hosea 2:14-15 ESV

¹⁴ Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her.

¹⁵ And there I will give her her vineyards and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth, as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.

God is Pursuing Israel – Hosea 2:14-23

Hosea 2:19-20 ESV

¹⁹ And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. ²⁰ I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.

God is Pursuing Israel – Hosea 2:14-23

Hosea 2:21-23 ESV

²¹ “And in that day I will answer, declares the LORD, I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth, ²² and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil, and they shall answer Jezreel, ²³ and I will sow her for myself in the land. And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people'; and he shall say, 'You are my God.’”

God is Pursuing Israel – Hosea 3:1-5

Hosea 3:1-3 ESV

And the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins."² So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley.³ And I said to her, "You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you."

God is Pursuing Israel – Hosea 3:1-5

Hosea 3:4-5 ESV

⁴ For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. ⁵ Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.

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