

Then the LORD said to him: "Call his name Jezreel, For in a little [while] I will avenge the bloodshed of Jezreel on the house of Jehu, And bring an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. (Hosea 1:4 NKJV)

Jezreel... That name is loaded with history.

The same God who scatters in judgment can sow again in mercy.

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. (Galatians 6:7 NKJV)

God may be patient with sin, but He is never indifferent to it.

It shall come to pass in that day That I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel." (Hosea 1:5 NKJV)

This is still how God works in love.

Some [trust] in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the LORD our God. (Psalm 20:7 NKJV)

God loves us too much to let false saviors remain unchallenged.

Sometimes He breaks the bow to show He was holding us all along.

So he answered and said to me: "This [is] the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. (Zechariah 4:6 NKJV)

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; [it is] the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9 NKJV)

God saves in ways that remove human boasting.

And she conceived again and bore a daughter. Then [God] said to him: "Call her name Lo-Ruhamah, For I will no longer have mercy on the house of Israel, But I will utterly take them away. (Hosea 1:6 NKJV)

Lo-Ruhamah means "no mercy," "not pitied," or "not shown compassion."

God's kindness is meant to lead to repentance, not hardening hearts.

Yet I will have mercy on the house of Judah, Will save them by the LORD their God, And will not save them by bow, Nor by sword or battle, By horses or horsemen." (Hosea 1:7 NKJV)

God saves in such a way that He gets the glory.

not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, (Titus 3:5 NKJV)

Now when she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then [God] said: "Call his name Lo-Ammi, For you [are] not My people, And I will not be your [God]. (Hosea 1:8-9 NKJV)

This is the lowest point.

Lo-Ammi says Israel is losing covenant relationship.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. (Ephesians 2:13 NKJV)

That is Lo-Ammi reversed.

"Yet the number of the children of Israel Shall be as the sand of the sea, Which cannot be measured or numbered. And it shall come to pass In the place where it was said to them, 'You [are] not My people,' [There] it shall be said to them, '[You are] sons of the living God.' (Hosea 1:10 NKJV)

If verse 9 is the bottom, verse 10 is the sunrise.

Hosea 1:4–11 Title: Scattered by Sin, Sown by Grace
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Paul explains God's mercy in calling both Jews and Gentiles.

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Peter echoes it in

who once [were] not a people but [are] now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. (1 Peter 2:10 NKJV)

Lo-Ammi becomes My people.

Lo-Ruhamah becomes mercy received.

Jezreel becomes scattered seed planted by grace.

Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel Shall be gathered together, And appoint for themselves one head; And they shall come up out of the land, For great [will be] the day of Jezreel! (Hosea 1:11 NKJV)

Sin divides, but God promises to gather.

What Name Does Jesus Give You?

At the cross, Jesus bears the judgment represented in these names.

Great is the day of Jezreel, because great is the grace of God in Jesus Christ.