



THE MINOR *Prophets*





HOSEA 1:1

The Lord gave this message to Hosea son of Beeri during the years when Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah were kings of Judah, and Jeroboam son of Jehoash was king of Israel.





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HOSEA 2:2,8

But now bring charges against Israel—your mother—for she is no longer my wife, and I am no longer her husband. 8 She doesn't realize it was I who gave her everything she has—the grain, the new wine, the olive oil; I even gave her silver and gold. But she gave all my gifts to Baal.





Hosea's children's names spoke of God's coming judgment:
“Scattered”, “No mercy”, and “Not My people.”

HOSEA 1:3-4,6,8-9

So Hosea married Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she became pregnant and gave Hosea a son. 4 And the Lord said, “Name the child Jezreel... 6 Soon Gomer became pregnant again and gave birth to a daughter. And the Lord said to Hosea, “Name your daughter Lo-ruhamah... 8 She again became pregnant and gave birth to a second son. 9 And the Lord said, “Name him Lo-ammi...”





HOSEA 3:1

Then the Lord said to me, “Go and love your wife again, even though she commits adultery with another lover. This will illustrate that the Lord still loves Israel, even though the people have turned to other gods and love to worship them.”





HOSEA 3:5

But afterward the people will return and devote themselves to the Lord their God and to David's descendant, their king. In the last days, they will tremble in awe of the Lord and of his goodness.





Hosea 14 calls Israel to return for forgiveness of her many sins

HOSEA 14:1-2

Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for your sins have brought you down. Bring your confessions, and return to the Lord. Say to him, “Forgive all our sins and graciously receive us, so that we may offer you our praises.



Our God loves us faithfully and tells us that He is love (1 John 4:8), and that He wants love from us above all things (Matthew 22:37-39)

Our God is righteous and just and He calls us to do righteousness and justice (Proverbs 21:3). Our God has met the standard of His own righteousness and justice for us (Romans 3:25-26)