

Relentless

A Series on Hosea



7 BETROTHALS: (19, 20)

- I will betroth you:
 1. To Me (3x)
 2. Forever
 3. In Righteousness
 4. In Justice
 5. In Lovingkindness
 6. In Compassion
 7. In Faithfulness



THEN YOU WILL KNOW

- Not about Me, you will know ME! (20)
- In that day, 3rd time...
- I will respond, answer: (22)
 - To the heavens, the earth
 - The earth will respond with grain, wine, oil (2:5,9)
 - To Jezreel!!! God will now sow blessing!
 - Life made full and meaningful...



COMPASSION

- **Sow her for Myself (23)**
 - “in the land” - Statement of intimacy
 - Compassion restored, where there was none
 - Those not His people, made His people (Rom 9:25)
 - Response! “YOU are MY God”
 - God renews His promises and looks to intimacy!
 - What is our response to Him?



REDEEMING LOVE – CH 3

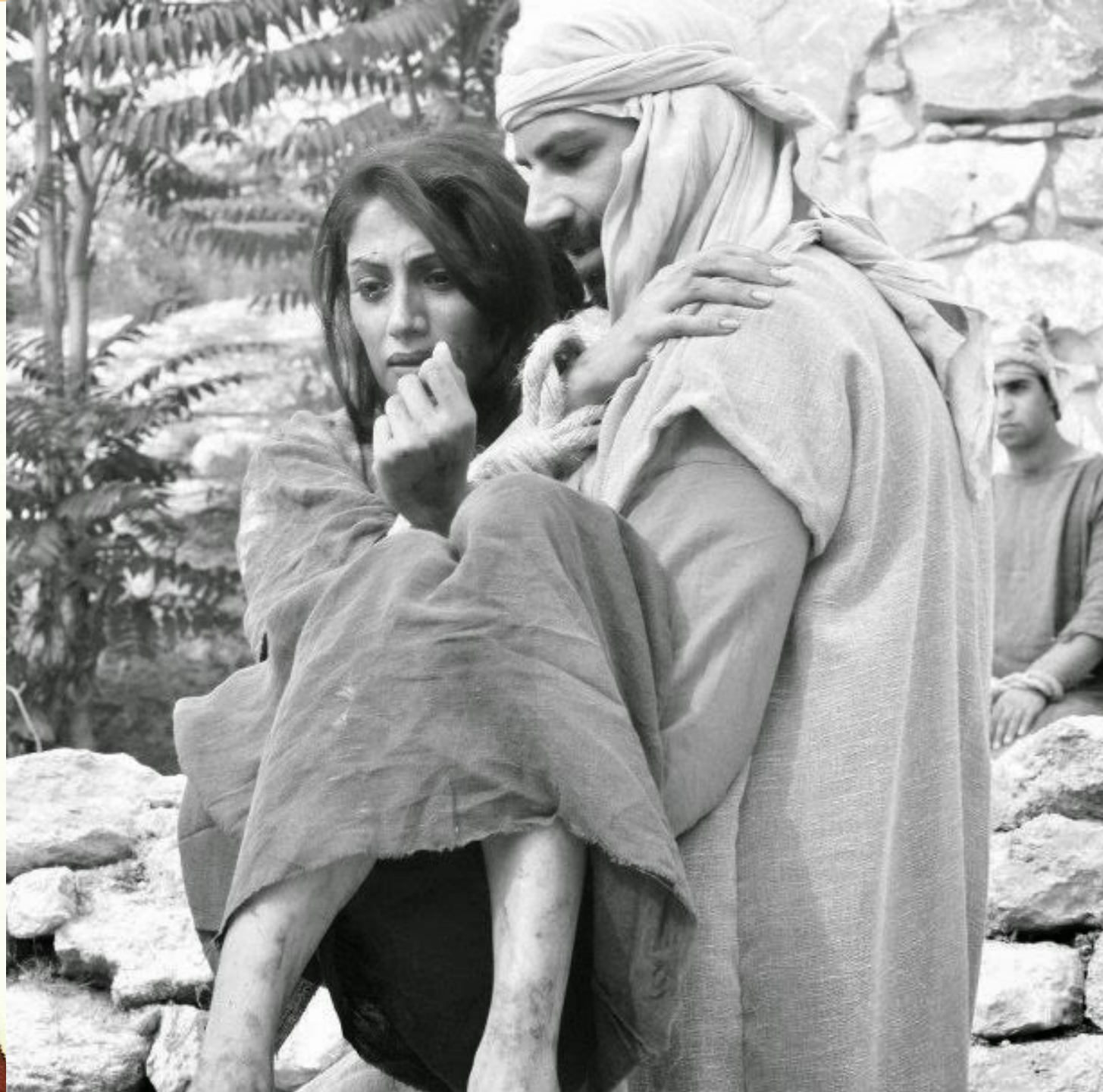
- **God returns to Hosea and Gomer**
 - Still the picture of Israel...
 - Love ‘a woman’, yet an adulteress
 - Gomer has left the family to love another
 - Israel has left God for delicacies “raisin cakes”
 - But what of Gomer...?



REDEMPTION'S PRICE

- Hosea buys back Gomer
- 15 shekels of silver + 1 ½ homers of barley
 - homer = 10 ephahs; so 15 ephahs total
 - Barley usually sold for 1 shekel per ephah
 - Barely considered an inferior grain for the poor, used more for animals
 - If true, total price = 30 pieces of silver!





PAYING THE PRICE

- God pays the ransom price to set slaves free from their life of sin...
- “while we were yet sinners...” Rom 5:8
- “when we were dead in sins...” Eph 2:5
- 3 Then I said to her, “You shall stay with me for many days. You shall not play the harlot, nor shall you have a man; so I will also be toward you.”



MANY DAYS

- God disciplined Israel as Hosea did Gomer
 - There was a need for reflection
 - There was a need for repentance
- Vs. 4- many days without a king or religion
 - 70 years, after Judah falls (722/586BC)
 - Time for reflection, consider idols...



PROMISED DAYS

- VS 5 – “sons of Israel” – renewed people
 - Return and seek God
 - “David” = line to messiah
- Trembling to the Lord and goodness
 - Last days of Tribulation – Millennial Kingdom
 - Israel in time of reflection
 - See Rom 11 warning and promise...

