

FOR YOUR PROPHET

# THE BOOK OF HOSEA

## LESSONS FROM A PROPHET AND A PROSTITUTE

These are all warning markers--DANGER!--in our history books, written down so that we don't repeat their mistakes. 1 Corinthians 10:11

The LORD gave this message to **Hosea** son of Beerī during the years when Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah were kings of Judah, and Jeroboam son of Jehoash was king of Israel. <sup>2</sup> When the LORD first began speaking to Israel through Hosea, he said to him, “Go and marry a prostitute, so that some of her children will be conceived in prostitution. This will illustrate how **Israel** has acted like a prostitute by turning against the LORD and worshipping other gods.” <sup>3</sup> So Hosea married **Gomer**, the daughter of Diblaim, and she became pregnant and gave Hosea a son. <sup>4</sup> And the LORD said, “Name the child **Jezreel**, for I am about to punish King Jehu’s dynasty to avenge the murders he committed at Jezreel. In fact, I will bring an end to Israel’s independence. <sup>5</sup> I will break its military power in the Jezreel Valley.” <sup>6</sup> Soon Gomer became pregnant again and gave birth to a daughter. And the LORD said to Hosea, “Name your daughter **Lo-ruhamah**—‘Not loved’—for I will no longer show love to the people of Israel or forgive them. <sup>7</sup> But I will show love to the people of Judah. I will free them from their enemies—not with weapons and armies or horses and charioteers, but by my power as the LORD their God.” <sup>8</sup> After Gomer had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she again became pregnant and gave birth to a second son. <sup>9</sup> And the LORD said, “Name him **Lo-ammi**—‘Not my people’—for Israel is not my people, and I am not their God. Hosea 1:1-11 (NLT)

### ➤ TO PROFIT FROM HOSEA I MUST UNDERSTAND THE SYMBOLISM:

1. **Hosea** \_\_\_\_\_.
2. **Gomer** \_\_\_\_\_.
3. **Their children** \_\_\_\_\_.

### ➤ TO PROFIT FROM HOSEA IT’S ESSENTIAL I REMEMBER ...

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

*You have become spiritual adulterers who are having an affair, an unholy relationship with the world. Don’t you know that flirting with the world’s values*

*places you at odds with God? Whoever chooses to be the world’s friend makes himself God’s enemy! James 4:4 (TPT)*

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_.

*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. <sup>9</sup> “But now I will take back the ripened grain and new wine I generously provided each harvest season. I will take away the wool and linen clothing I gave her to cover her nakedness. <sup>12</sup>...things she claims her lovers gave her. Hosea 2:8, 9, 12 (NLT)*

*<sup>7</sup> Don’t be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. <sup>8</sup> Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. Galatians 6:7-8 (NLT)*

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_.

*That is why I’m going to win her back. I will lead her into the desert. I will speak tenderly to her. <sup>15</sup> I will give her vineyards there. I will make the valley of Achor [Disaster] a door of hope. Hosea 2:8, 9, 12 (NLT)*

*I will make you my wife forever, showing you righteousness and justice, unfailing love and compassion. <sup>20</sup> I will be faithful to you and make you mine, and you will finally know me as LORD.” Hosea 2:19, 20 (NIV)*

### 4. \_\_\_\_\_.

*Don’t point your finger at someone else and try to pass the blame... Hosea 4:4a (NLT)*

*... return to the LORD your God, because your sins have made you fall. <sup>2</sup> Come back ...and say these words to him: “Take away all our sin and kindly receive us, **and** we will keep the promises we made to you.” Hosea 14:1-3 (NCV)*

*<sup>10</sup> “Yet the time will come when Israel’s people will be like the sands of the seashore—too many to count! Then, at the place where they were told, ‘You are not my people,’ it will be said, ‘You are children of the living God.’ <sup>11</sup> Then the people of Judah and Israel will unite together. They will choose one leader for themselves, and they will return from exile together. What a day that will be—the day of Jezreel—when God will again plant his people in his land. Hosea 1:10-11 (NLT)*

### 5. \_\_\_\_\_.

*She will run after her lovers but will not catch them. She will look for them but will not find them. Then she will say, “I am going back to my first husband---I was better off then than I am now.” Hosea 2:9 (GNB)*