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**Chapter 1**

(1) The word of the LORD {Jehovah} that came to Hosea {deliverer},<sup>a</sup> the son of Beeri, 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.<sup>b</sup>

(2) The beginning of the word of the LORD {Jehovah} by Hosea. And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Hosea, Go, take to yourself a wife of prostitution and children of prostitution: because the land has committed great prostitution, departing from the LORD {Jehovah}.

(3) So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; who conceived, and gave birth to him a son.

(4) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to him, Call his name Jezreel {God will scatter};<sup>c</sup> because in yet a little *while*, I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.

(5) And it will come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel {God will scatter}.

(6) And she conceived again, and gave birth to a daughter. And God said to him, Call her name Loruhamah {no mercy};<sup>d</sup> because I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away.

(7) But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD {Jehovah} their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

(8) Now when she had weaned Loruhamah, she conceived, and gave birth to a son.

(9) Then God said, Call his name Loammi {not My people};<sup>e</sup> because you *are* not My people, and I will not be your God.

1:1a - Hosea {הושע} - deliverer

1:1b - Uzziah's reign ends [3371 A.H./C-671 B.C.] after reign of 52 years- See Is. 6:1

Jotham's reign ends [3386 A.H./C-656 B.C.] after reign of 16 years

Ahaz reign ends [3402 A.H./C-640 B.C.] after reign of 16 years]

Hezekiah co-reigns with his father Ahaz [3400 A.H./C-642 B.C.] 2 years

Hezekiah begins sole reign upon death of his father [3402 A.H./C-640 B.C.] -

- 4 years before end of Northern Kingdom of Israel - 118 years before

captivity of Southern Kingdom of Judah - See Isaiah 1:1

See Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

1:4c - Jezreel {יזרעאל} - God will sow or scatter - When Assyria conquered Israel in 3406 A.H./C-636 B.C. - the northern kingdom of Israel was literally scattered all over the known world by the Assyrians, who normally took people from conquered areas and re-settled them far away from each other to prevent future rebellions.

1:6d - Loruhamah {לא רחמה} - no mercy

1:9e - Loammi {לא עמי} - not My people

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(10) Yet the number of the children of Israel will be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it will come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said to them, *You are* not My people, *there* it shall be said to them, *You are* the sons of the living God.

(11) Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel<sup>f</sup> will be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they will come up out of the land: because great *will be* the day of Jezreel.<sup>g</sup>

### Chapter 2

(1) Say to your brothers, Ammi {My people};<sup>a</sup> and to your sisters, Ruhamah {obtained mercy}.<sup>b</sup>

(2) Plead with your mother, plead: because she *is* not My wife, neither *am* I her Husband: let her therefore put away her prostitution out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;

(3) Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and kill her with thirst.

(4) And I will not have mercy upon her children; because they *are* the children of prostitution.

(5) Because their mother has played the prostitute: she who has conceived them has done shamefully: because 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.

(6) Therefore, indeed, I will hedge up your way with thorns, and make a wall, that she will not find her paths.

(7) And she will follow after her lovers, but she will not overtake them; and she will seek them, but will not find *them*: then she will say, I will go and return to my first husband; because then *it was* better for me than now.

(8) But she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, *which* they prepared for Baal.

(9) Therefore I will return, and take away My corn in its time, and My wine in its season, and will recover My wool and My flax *given* to cover her nakedness.

(10) And now I will uncover her nakedness in the sight of her lovers, and no one shall deliver her out of My hand.

(11) I will also cause all her joy to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths {Saturdays}, and all her solemn feasts.

1:11f - children of Judah - the southern kingdom of Judah which actually consisted of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin - the children of Israel - the northern kingdom of Israel which consisted of the other ten tribes of Israel which came to be known as the Lost Tribes of Israel. -- Following the death of king Solomon, Israel was split into the two kingdoms.

1:11g - the day of Jezreel {God will disperse} - known in the New Testament as the Second Coming of the Lord on the day of Armageddon at the end of Daniel's last seven years known at the time of Jacob's - see 1:4

2:1a - Ammi {עמי} - My people

2:1b - Ruhamah {רחמה} - obtained mercy

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(12) And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, of which she has said, These *are* my rewards that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.

(13) And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, in which she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(14) Therefore, indeed, I will lure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably to her.

(15) And I will give her her vineyards from there, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

(16) And it shall be at that day, says the LORD {Jehovah}, *that* you shall call Me Ishi {my Husband};<sup>c</sup> and shall no more call me Baali {my Baal}.<sup>d</sup>

(17) Because I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.

(18) And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the birds of heaven, and *with* the crawling things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will cause them to lie down safely.

(19) And I will wed you to Myself forever; yes, I will wed you to Myself in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving kindness, and in mercies.

(20) I will even wed you to Myself in faithfulness: and you will know the LORD {Jehovah}.

(21) And it will come to pass in that day, I will hear, says the LORD {Jehovah}, I will hear the heavens, and they will hear the earth;

(22) And the earth will hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they will hear Jezreel.

(23) And I will sow her to Myself in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her who had not obtained mercy; and I will say to *those who were* not My people, *You are* My people; and they will say, *You are* my God.

### Chapter 3

(1) Then the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, Go again, love a woman who is loved by *her* friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD {Jehovah} towards the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love bottles of wine.

2:16c - Ishi {אִישׁי} - my husband

2:16d - Baali {בַּעְלִי} - my Baal - a pagan diety

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(2) So I bought her for myself for fifteen pieces of silver,<sup>a</sup> and for one and a half homers of barley {about 9 bushels or 80 gal.; 222L.}:

(3) And I said to her, You shall live for me many days; you shall not play the prostitute, and you shall not be for another man: so I will also be for you.

(4) Because the children of Israel shall live many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image,<sup>b</sup> and without an ephod {priestly robe},<sup>c</sup> and without family idol:<sup>d</sup>

(5) Afterward the children of Israel will return, and seek the LORD {Jehovah} their God, and David their king; and will fear the LORD {Jehovah} and His goodness in the latter days.

### Chapter 4

(1) Hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, you children of Israel: because the LORD {Jehovah} has a controversy with those who live in the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

(2) By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out {against the Lord's commandments}, and murders are everywhere.

(3) Therefore the land will mourn, and everyone who lives in it will die, with the beasts of the field, and with the birds of heaven; yes, the fish of the sea also will be taken away.

(4) Yet let no man strive with, nor reprove another: because your people are as those who strive with the priest.

(5) Therefore you will fall in the day, and the prophet also will fall with you in the night, and I will destroy your mother.

(6) My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you will be no priest to Me: since you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.

(7) As they were increased, so they sinned against Me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.

(8) They enjoy the sin of My people, and they set their hearts on their evil.

3:2a - 15 pieces of silver - according to Ex. 21:32 the common price for a slave was 30 pieces of silver. A homer = 10 ephahs = 222 liters = 6.25 bushels so - 1 1/2 homers was about 9 bushels or about 80 gallons. - see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#). Gomer apparently left Hosea and returned to prostitution. Probably due to her indebtedness, she was now being sold as a slave. Female slaves were commonly stripped naked for public auction. Hosea now goes and buys her back for a little more than half the price of a normal slave. Apparently, she, like Israel, is no longer attractive enough to sell for the normal price. Hosea demonstrates God's love for Israel by buying his wife back from slavery in spite of her infidelity and unattractiveness.

3:4b - image - handmade god

3:4c - ephod - priestly robe

3:4d - teraphim {תַּרְפִּים} - family idol