

A STUDY THROUGH THE SCROLLS OF SCRIPTURE

Hosea
The Adulterous & The Faithful

Minor Prophets

- · Hosea
- Joel
- · Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- · Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Malachi

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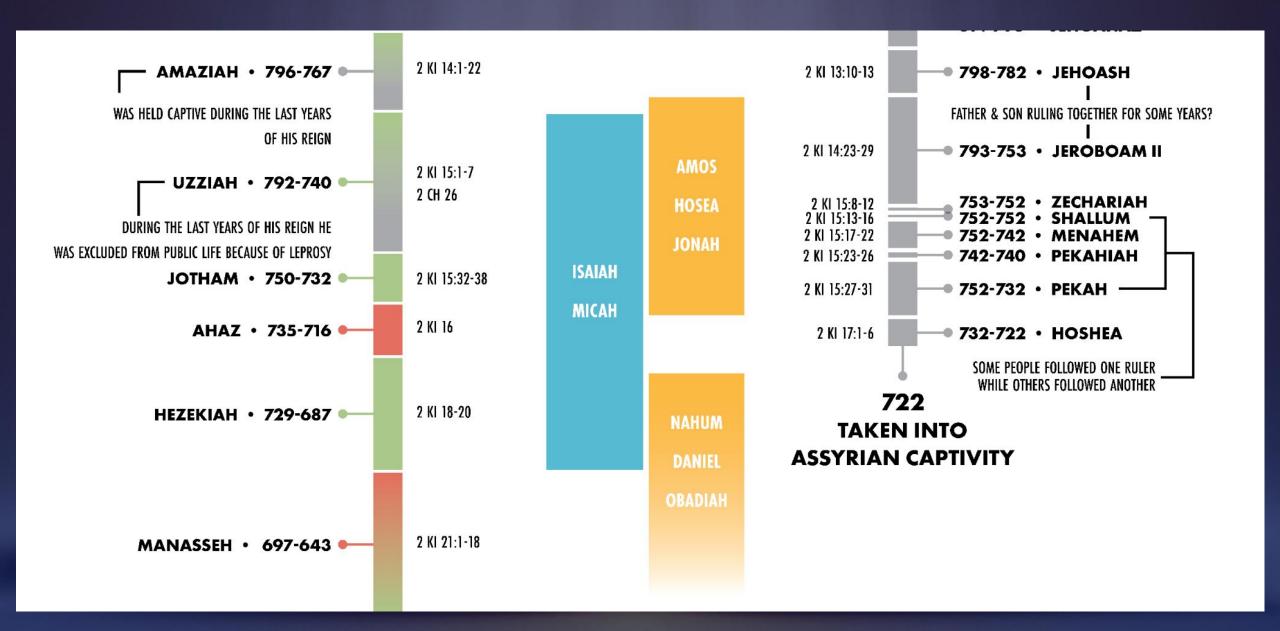
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- . No looking!!
- . Be HONEST!!!

Exercise

- · What do you find pleasure in?
- What makes you feel fulfilled?
- What makes you feel safe?

 What area(s) of your life would be affected by an unfaithful spouse?

Kings & Prophets Timeline





The Book of Hosea

Focus	Harlotry & Hope in Hosea's Day				
Divisions	Moral Sins of Gomer	National Sins of Israel	International Sins of Israel	Promise of Israel's Ruin	Promise of Israel's Renewal
Topics	Physical Adultery				
	Personal Tragedy	National Transgression			
Place	The Northern Kingdom of Israel				
Time	About 45 Years (755-710 B.C.)				
Author	The Prophet Hosea				

Hosea & Song of Solomon

Compare

- Focus on the relationship
 between Husband and a wife
- Correlation of intimacy
 between God and His people
- Dwell on the patience and faithful love of God

Contrast

- Source of reliance and fulfilment
- Focus of heart and mind

Primary model and influence

Progression

Covenant

Adultery

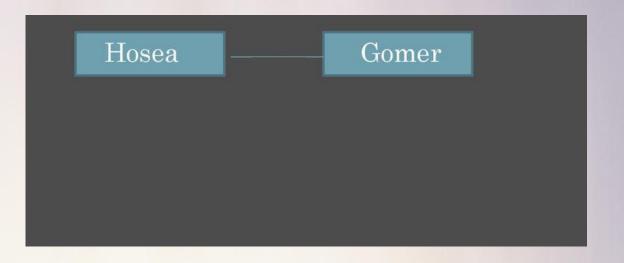
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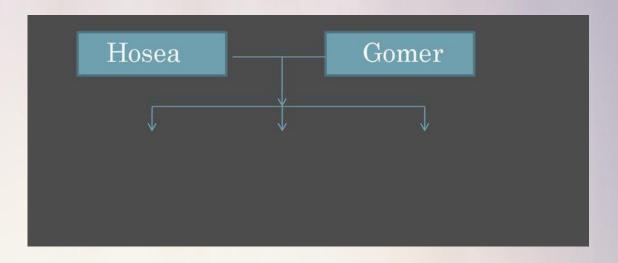
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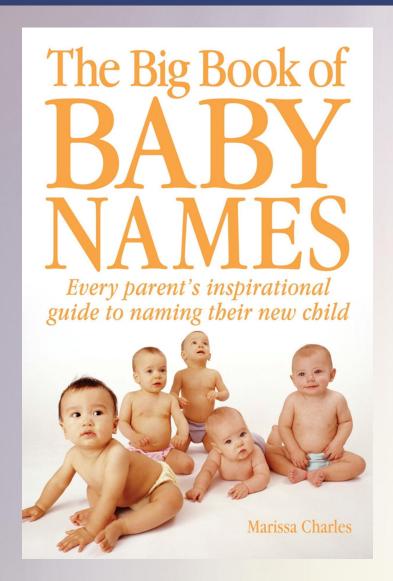
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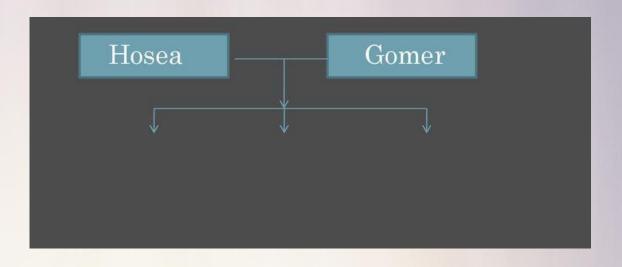
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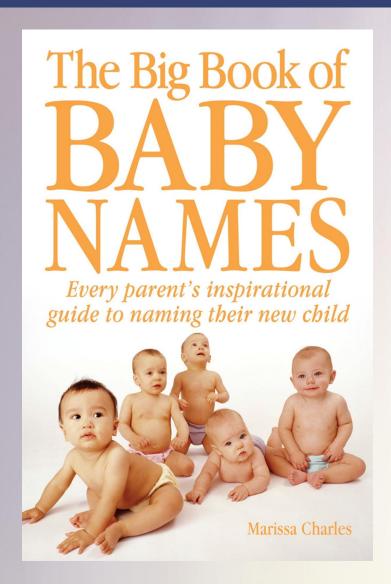
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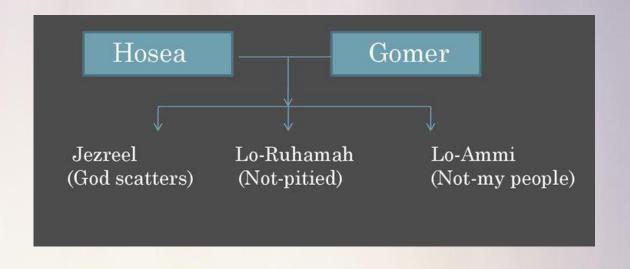












Personal Covenant

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Personal Adultery

For their mother has played the whore; she who conceived them has acted shamefully. For 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.'

Personal Judgement

And I will lay waste her vines and her fig trees, of which she said, 'These are my wages, which my lovers have given me.' I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall devour them. And I will punish her for the feast days of the Baals when she burned offerings to them and adorned herself with her ring and jewelry, and went after her lovers and forgot Me, declares the LORD.

Personal Restoration

And the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins."

So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley.

Hosea 3:1-2

Hosea & Gomer

Ch 1-3

God & Israel

Ch 4-14

Additional note:

Relationship has wider impact then the people in it

(Collateral: surrounding and lineage)

Hosea & Gomer

God & Israel

Ch 1-3

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National Covenant

Hear the word of the LORD, O children of Israel, for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land.

National Adultery

There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land; there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.

National Adultery

They shall eat, but not be satisfied; they shall play the whore, but not multiply, because they have forsaken the LORD to cherish whoredom, wine, and new wine, which take away the understanding. My people inquire of a piece of wood, and their walking staff gives them oracles. For a spirit of whoredom has led them astray, and they have left their God to play the whore.

National Judgement

The days of punishment have come; the days of recompense have come; Israel shall know it. The prophet is a fool; the man of the spirit is mad, because of your great iniquity and great hatred.

National Judgement

The prophet is the watchman of Ephraim with my God; yet a fowler's snare is on all his ways, and hatred in the house of his God.

They have deeply corrupted themselves as in the days of Gibeah: He will remember their iniquity; He will punish their sins.

National Restoration

Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity.

I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for My anger has turned from them.

National Restoration

They shall return and dwell beneath My shadow; they shall flourish like the grain; they shall blossom like the vine; their fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

O Ephraim, what have I to do with idols? It is I who answer and look after you. I am like an evergreen cypress; from Me comes your fruit.

The Lord's Love

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.

The more they were called, the more they went away; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning offerings to idols.

Hosea 11:1-2

The Lord's Love

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms, but they did not know that I healed them.

I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them.

Hosea 11:3-4

The Lord's Desire

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Hosea 6:6

Communion

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Communion

In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant in My blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.