

THE ISRAELITE MESSENGER OF GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE:  
AN OBJECT LESSON  
(Hosea 1:1 – 3:5)

- I. Hosea and Gomer (Hos. 1:1-9)
  - A. Hosea's CONTEXT (1:1)
    - 1. Contemporary with AMOS, ISAIAH and MICAH
    - 2. An ISRAELITE ministering in ISRAEL
  - B. Hosea's CHALLENGE (1:2-3a)
    - 1. He was to MARRY, and his wife would become a HARLOT
    - 2. Her sin would ILLUSTRATE Israel's INFIDELITY/APOSTASY
  - C. Hosea's CHILDREN (1:3b-9)
    - 1. A SON named JEZREEL
    - 2. A DAUGHTER named Lo-ruhamah, "NOT PITIED"
    - 3. A SON named Lo-ammi, "NOT MY PEOPLE"
- II. God and Israel (Hos. 1:10 – 2:23)
  - A. Promise of BLESSING (1:10 – 2:1)
    - 1. National INCREASE
    - 2. National CONVERSION
    - 3. National REUNION
    - 4. National LEADER
    - 5. National RESTORATION

B. God DISOWNS Israel (2:2-13)

1. Her BEHAVIOR has been SHAMEFUL
2. Her WORSHIP has been FOOLISH
3. Her AMBITION has been EARTHLY
4. She will be HUMILIATED, IMPOVERISHED, and JOYLESS

C. God RECLAIMS Israel (2:14-23)

1. He will turn JUDGMENT to HOPE
2. They will call God “HUSBAND” and not “TYRANT”
3. They will have DOMINION over all ANIMALS
4. God will ABOLISH all CONFLICT
5. God will RENEW His MARRIAGE VOWS
6. God will BLESS them FOREVER

III. Parties RECONCILE (Hos. 3:1-5)

A. Hosea and Gomer REUNITED in their HOME (3:1-3)

1. Hosea must LOVE AGAIN his ADULTROUS wife
2. Hosea REDEEMED her for the price of a SLAVE
3. He RESTORED her to him as his WIFE

B. God and Israel REUNITED in the KINGDOM (3:4-5)

1. They would be “for many days” without a KING, SACRIFICE, or IDOL
2. They will REPENT and SEEK the Lord
3. They will SUBMIT to “DAVID their KING”
4. They will HUMBLE themselves before the Lord in His GOODNESS