

# Hosea

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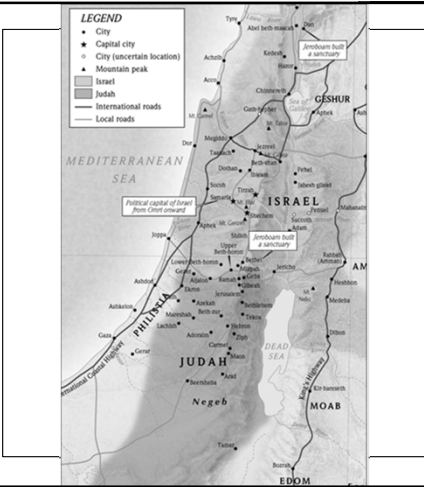
## Lesson 1

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The divided kingdom during the time of Jeroboam II



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OVER-LAPPING REIGNS OF SOME KINGS OF ISRAEL, JUDAH, SYRIA, AND ASSYRIA				
JUDAH	PROPHETS	ISRAEL	SYRIA (ARAM)	ASSYRIA
Jeroboam I (931-913)	Shemaiah	Jeroboam I (931-910)	Rezon [Hezion] (935-915?)	
Shallum (913-911)		Nadab (910-909)	Tab-Rimmon (915-883?)	Adad-Nirari II (911-891)
Jehu (911-870)	Jehu	Baasha (909-886)	Ben-Hadad I (883-879?)	
		Elah (886-885)		Tukulti-Ninurta II (890-884)
		Zimri (885)		
		Omri (885-874)		Ashurnasirpal II (883-859)
Shaphat (870-848)	Elijah	Ahab (874-853)	Ben-Hadad II [Hadadezer] (880-842)	Shalmaneser III (858-824)
	Micaiah			
		Ahaziah (853-852)		
Joram (848-841)	Elisha	Joram (852-841)		
Jehoram (841)		Jehu (841-814)	Hazael (842-796)	Shamshi-Adad V (823-811)
Jehoram (841-835)				Shamiram (811-806)
Jehoram (835-796)	Jonah	Jehoahaz (814-798)		Adad-Nirari III (810-783)
Jehoram (796-767)		Jehoash (798-782)	Ben-Hadad III (796-760)	Shalmaneser IV (782-773)
Jehoahaz [Azariah] (792-740)	Isaiah	Jeroboam II (793-753)		Ashur-Dan III (772-755)
	Hosea	Zechariah (753)		Ashur-Nirari V (755-745)
		Shallum (752)		
Jotham (750-731)	Micah	Menahem (752-742)	Rezin (760-732)	
Jehoahaz (735-715)		Pekahiah (742-740)		
		Pekah (752-732)	Fall of Damascus: 732 B.C.	Tiglath-pileser III (744-729)
Jehoahaz (729-686)		Hoshea (732-722)		Shalmaneser V (729-722)
		Fall of Kingdom of Israel: 722 B.C.		Sargon II (721-705)
				Sennacherib (704-681)

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Kings of Judah	Prophets	Kings of Israel
Amaziah (796-767)		Jehoash (798-782)
Uzziah [Azariah] (792-740)	Isaiah	Jeroboam II (793-753)
	Hosea	Zechariah (753)
		Shallum (752)
Jotham (750-731)	Micah	Menahem (752-742)
		Pekahiah (742-740)
Ahaz (735-715)		Pekah (752-732)
		Hoshea (732-722)
Hezekiah (729-686)		Fall of Kingdom of Israel: 722 B.C.
Manasseh (696-642)	Nahum	
Amon (642-640)	Habakkuk	
Josiah (640-609)	Zephaniah	
Jehoahaz [Shallum] (609)	Jeremiah	
Jehoiakim (608-598)		
Jehoiachin [Coniah] (598-597)		
Zedekiah (597-586)		
Fall of Jerusalem: 586 B.C.		

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## Hosea 1:2 “harlotry”

- ZANAH = whore, harlot, prostitute; used 11 times in the book of Hosea
- ZANUWN = whoredom, harlotry; used 5 times in Hosea.
- It’s the same word that is used of “Rahab the harlot” in Joshua 6:17.

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Why would the Lord tell Hosea to marry a prostitute?!?

“...for **the land commits flagrant harlotry**, forsaking the LORD.”  
Hosea 1:2

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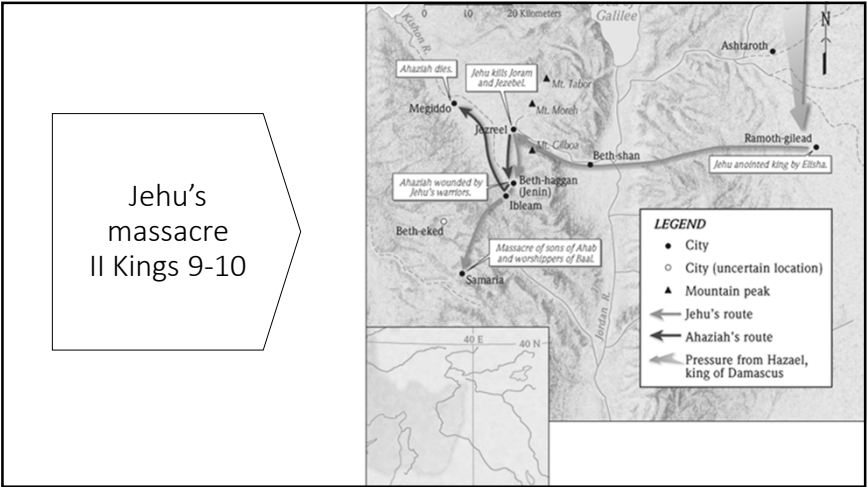
Was Gomer already a prostitute when Hosea married her?

1. The marriage account was just an allegory. God would not have asked a prophet to do something immoral.
2. Gomer was only guilty of spiritual infidelity because she worshipped idols.
3. Gomer was immoral, possibly a temple prostitute.
4. Gomer was chaste when they married but became immoral after their marriage.

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Proleptically = the describing of an event as taking place before it could have done so, the treating of a future event as if it had already happened.

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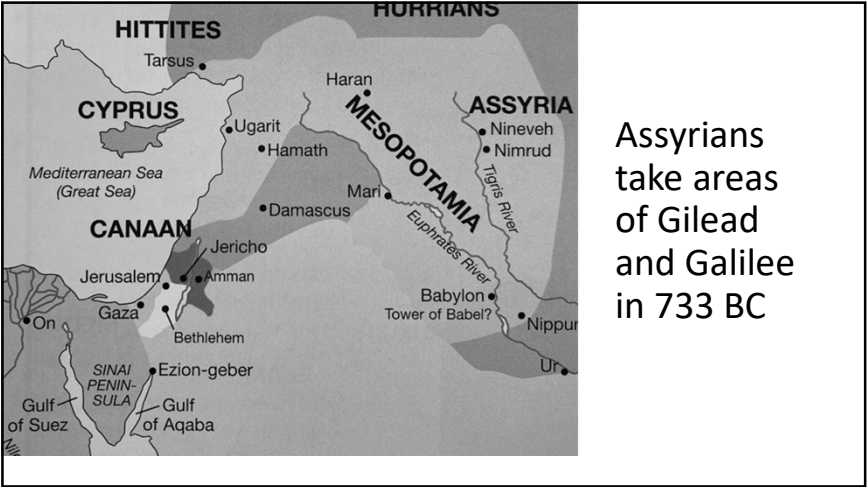


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II Kings 10:29 “However, as for the sins of Jeroboam...which he made Israel sin, from these Jehu did not depart, even the golden calves that were at Bethel and that were at Dan.”

II Kings 10:31 “Jehu was not careful to walk in the law of the LORD...”

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Hosea 1:10-11 Promises: “Yet...”

1. Israel will be like the sand of the sea, innumerable. v.10
2. God would restore His covenant relationship with them: “you are the sons of the living God.” v.10
3. Judah and Israel would be reunited. V.11
4. They will be under one King from David’s line. v.11
5. They will be back in their land. v.11

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### Other promises of a future for Israel:

- ✓ Isaiah 54:1-10
- ✓ Jeremiah 31:35-37
- ✓ Zechariah 10:6-12
- ✓ Amos 9:13-15
- ✓ II Samuel 7:24
- ✓ Ezekiel 37

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### 2:18-20 "In that day I will also make a covenant for them"

- With the birds, beasts, creeping things; environmental benefits
- War eliminated; living in safety
- Betrothed forever: "betroth" mentioned 3 times
- Characterized by righteousness, justice, lovingkindness, compassion, faithfulness
- "Then you will know the LORD"

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### Hosea 2:21-23 The reversal of names :

- "...they will respond to Jezreel. I will sow her for Myself in the land."
- "I will have compassion on her"  
no longer Lo-ruhamah
- "I will say...'You are My people"  
no longer Lo-ammi
- "And they will say, 'You are my God!'"

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### Lessons from Hosea 1 & 2:

1. God's mercy has a limit. 1:9; 2:2; Gen 6:3
2. God desires a relationship and fellowship with us. 2:16, 20
3. How God feels when we neglect and reject Him  
2:13 "she forgot Me" (4:6; 8:14; 13:6)  
forgot = a willful refusal to acknowledge God.  
2:20 "Then you will know the LORD"

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