

# Prophet, Prostitute, and Prodigal

Hosea's and the LORD's Relentless Pursuit

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## Introducing the Prophet

Hosea 1:1

Northern Prophet

8<sup>th</sup> Century BC

“Hosea” means...

Numbers 13:8, 16; Deuteronomy 32:44

2 Kings 15:30; Nehemiah 10:23; 1 Chronicles 27:30

## Introducing the Prostitute

Hosea 1:2-3

Four-fold use of “fornicate”

Hosea knows what he's getting into (and so does Yahweh!).

Hosea 3:1-3

YHWH's Bride

Hosea 2:14-20

Ephesians 5:21-33

## Introducing the Prodigal

Jezreel

Hosea 1:4-5

1 Kings 19:17 – Jehu

1 Kings 21 – Ahab, Jezebel, & Naboth

2 Kings 9-10 – Jezebel & then some

Valley of Jezreel

“He will sow” – Hosea 8:7

Sound-play with Israel

Hosea 1:10-11; 2:23a

## Lo-Ruhammah

Hosea 1:6

Exodus 34:6

Deut 4:31; 2 Chr 30:9; Neh 9:17, 31; Ps 86:15; 103:8; 111:4; 145:8; Joel 2:13; Jonah 4:2

Hosea 2:1b; 23b

## Lo-Ammi

Hosea 1:9

Exodus 3:12

Divorce Decree (cf. Hosea 2:2)

Hosea 2:1a; 23c

## YHWH's True Son

Hosea 11:1

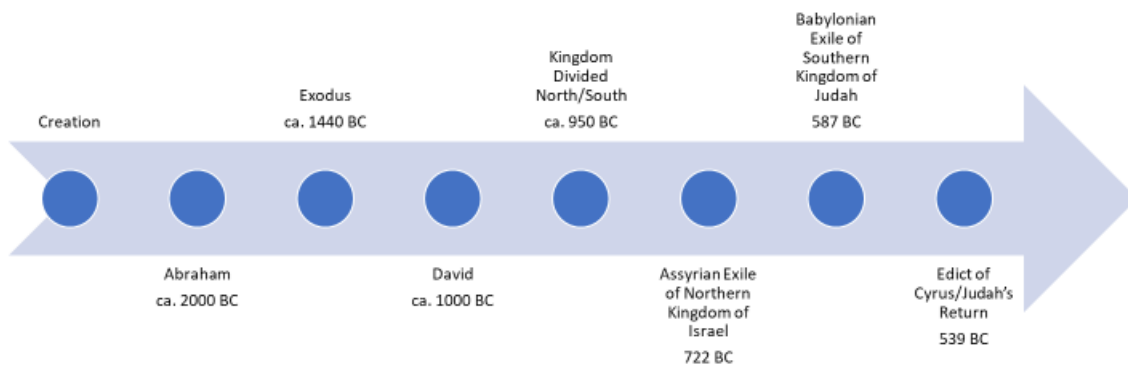
Matthew 2:15

Jesus is...

Hosea 11:3-4, 8-9

## Israel in the 8<sup>th</sup> Century BC

### Basic Old Testament Timeline



It was the best of times, and it was the worst of times.

Best of times...

Worst of times...

Hosea 10:1

Amos

Isaiah

What is “the good life”?

Tiglath-Pileser III & the Assyrian Threat

Look to Egypt?

Alliance with Syria?

Vassal to Assyria?

Trust in Yahweh?

Impotence of idols is apparent

Security vs. certainty

Hosea’s Potent Language

Hosea 4:15-16 –Beth-aven & the heifer

Hosea 5:14; 11:10 – lion

Hosea 5:12 – moth & rot

Hosea 6:4 – dew

Hosea 7:8 – cake not turned

Hosea 8:7 – reap the whirlwind

## Hosea in the New Testament

Hosea 1:6, 9, 10... 1 Peter 2:10

Hosea 2:23... Romans 9:25-26

Hosea 6:2... Luke 24:46/1 Corinthians 15:4

Hosea 6:6... Matthew 9:13; 12:7

Hosea 13:14... 1 Corinthians 15:55

## YHWH and His Church Today

Hosea 14

Repentance

Contrition

Faith