

Hosea 1

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Hosea's Unfaithful Wife

- 1** The word of the LORD that came unto Hosea, the son of Beerī, 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.
 - 2** The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the LORD.
 - 3** So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son.
 - 4** And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.
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- 5** And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.
 - 6** And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And God said unto him, Call her name Lo-ruhamah: for 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 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 Lo-ruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son.

- 9** Then said God, Call his name Lo-ammi: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God.
- 10** Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.
- 11** Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Blood — דָּם (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָּם) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

Forgive — נָשָׂא / נָחַץ (Salach / Nasa)

To forgive, pardon, lift up

The Hebrew **salach** (נָחַץ) is used exclusively of God's forgiveness—divine pardon that only He can grant. **Nasa** (נָשָׂא) means to lift up or carry away, picturing sin being removed.

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

CROSS REFERENCES

Hosea 1:1 **Parallel theme:** Romans 9:25. **Kingdom:** 2 Kings 15:32; Isaiah 1:1; Amos 1:1; Micah 1:1. **Word:** Jeremiah 1:4

Hosea 1:2 **References Lord:** Hosea 3:1; Deuteronomy 31:16. **Parallel theme:** Hosea 5:3; Psalms 106:39; Jeremiah 3:9; Ezekiel 6:9; Mark 1:1; 2 Peter 2:14; Revelation 17:5

Hosea 1:5 **Parallel theme:** Joshua 17:16; Judges 6:33

Hosea 1:6 **Grace:** Hosea 2:4; 2:23; 1 Peter 2:10. **References Israel:** 2 Kings 17:6

Hosea 1:7 **Word:** Zechariah 4:6. **Salvation:** Isaiah 12:2. **References Lord:** 2 Kings 19:35; Isaiah 7:14. **References God:** Hosea 11:12

Hosea 1:9 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 15:1

Hosea 1:10 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 13:16; 22:17; 32:12; Isaiah 43:6; 2 Corinthians 6:18; Hebrews 11:12. **References God:** Hosea 1:9; 2:23; John 1:12. **References Israel:** Isaiah 66:20

Hosea 1:11 **References Israel:** Hosea 3:5; Jeremiah 31:33

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