

Hosea 3

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Hosea Redeems His Wife

- 1** Then said the LORD unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine.
- 2** So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver, and for an homer of barley, and an half homer of barley:
- 3** And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for another man: so will I also be for thee.
- 4** For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim:
- 5** Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

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God — אלֹהִים (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 — יְהֹוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

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

Love — אהָבָה / חֶסֶד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אַהֲבָה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (חֶסֶד) describes God's steadfast, loyal love—faithful covenant commitment beyond mere emotion.

Sacrifice — זְבַח (Zevach)

Sacrifice, offering

The Hebrew **zevach** (זְבַח) denotes a sacrifice or offering—an animal slaughtered for worship. Old Testament sacrifices foreshadowed Christ, 'the Lamb of God' (John 1:29).

CROSS REFERENCES

Hosea 3:1 References God: Psalms 123:2; Isaiah 45:22; Micah 7:7. **References Lord:** Jeremiah 3:20; 31:20; Zechariah 1:16. **References Israel:** Hosea 11:8. **Parallel theme:** 1 Peter 4:3

Hosea 3:2 Parallel theme: Genesis 34:12; Leviticus 27:16; Ezekiel 45:11

Hosea 3:3 Parallel theme: Deuteronomy 21:13

Hosea 3:4 Parallel theme: Genesis 31:19; Exodus 28:4; Judges 17:5; 1 Samuel 23:9; 2 Chronicles 15:2. **Sacrifice:** Daniel 9:27; 12:11; Hebrews 10:26. **References Israel:** Judges 8:27

Hosea 3:5 Kingdom: Jeremiah 23:5; 30:9. **References Lord:** Isaiah 2:2; Jeremiah 33:17; Micah 4:1. **Good:** Romans 2:4. **References Israel:** Ezekiel 38:8; Romans 11:25. **References God:** Deuteronomy 4:30; Ezekiel 16:63

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