

## **Hosea: The Husband and the Harlot Broken For Restoration**

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*So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. (Hosea 1:3)*

**God's love pursues the redemption of His people, not their destruction...**

*"In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you," says the LORD your Redeemer. (Isaiah 54:8)*

**Redemption requires confrontation...**

*Then the LORD said to Hosea, "Call him Jezreel, because I will soon punish the house of Jehu for the massacre at Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of Israel." (Hosea 1:4)*

- **If we won't wake-up spiritually, God will shake us up personally** – "In that day I will break Israel's bow in the Valley of Jezreel." (v. 5)

‡ **Note: Are you leaning on certain sources for security/stability in place of God?**

**Gomer's children: God's children...**

- **Jezreel (God scatters)** – "Call him Jezreel..." (v. 4)
- **Lo-Ruhamah (not loved)** – "Gomer conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. Then the LORD said to Hosea, 'Call her Lo-Ruhamah, for I will no longer show love to the house of Israel, that I should forgive them at all.'" (v. 6)
- **Lo-Ammi (not my people)** – "After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, Gomer had another son. Then the LORD said, 'Call him Lo-Ammi, for you are not my people, and I am not your God.'" (vv. 8-9)

‡ **At some point, a life on the run from God will bring you to the end of yourself** – "Gomer" – means 'end, come to an end.'

**With God, however, there is always a redemptive "yet"...**

*Yet the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. In the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," they will be called "sons of the living God." The people of Judah and the people of Israel will be reunited, and they will appoint one leader and will come up out of the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel. "Say of your brothers, 'My people,' and of your sisters, 'My loved one.'" (Hosea 1:10-2:1)*

*A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory. (Matt. 12:20)*