

Hosea 1:1-5

A Wife of Whoredoms

1. Hosea 1:1 – In the Days of Kings

- a. Kings: Saul, David, Solomon... then a split (10 north tribes) – 1 Kings 11:11, 31
- b. North = House of Israel, 10 tribes, Ephraim, Samaria – South = Judah, Jerusalem
- c. Judah kings are same as Isaiah – Israel's king is Jeroboam II (3rd of wicked Jehu)
- d. Jeroboam II (north) and Uzziah (south) – days of expansion and prosperity.

2. Hosea 1:2-3 – A Wife and Children of Whoredoms

- a. *"The beginning of the word..."* by Hosea, and also the twelve minor prophets
- b. *"Go take thee a wife of whoredoms"* – Controversial among "polite" Christians.
 - i. Hosea was to take such a wife, the children identified as a result – Gen 38:24
 - ii. The words, lives, and wives of prophets were for signs – Isa 8:18
 - iii. It was only illegal among the priests – Jam 2:25, Lev 21:7
- c. Whoredom ~def. Lewdness, fornication, unlawful relations - Lev 19:29, Deu 23:17
 - i. God defined this clearly in his covenant – Exo 34:14-16,
- d. *"for the land hath committed"* – A clear explanation of why - 1 Chron 5:25-26
- e. *"bare him a son"* – No reason to think it was another man's – 2 Pet 2:14

3. Hosea 1:4 – Avenging Jezreel

- a. "Call his name" – The LORD names him to begin his response to whoredoms.
- b. "Jezreel" – A renown city of the north – Mt Carmel (W), Mt Gilboa (E), Nazareth (N), Megiddo (S), Saul died, Gideon's army, Jezreel a city where Naboth lived – 1 Kings 21
- c. *"upon the house of Jehu"* – Who? God's anointed avenger, who was not faithful in heart
 - i. 1 Kings 19:16-17 – Elijah to anoint 3 men of the 'remnant' to destroy Ahab
 - ii. 2 Chron 22:7-8 – Jehu anointed of God to cut off the house of Ahab
 - iii. 2 Kings 9:14, 26-28. 10:1-7, 11 – The slaughter of Ahab's house and Baal
 - iv. 2 Kings 10:28-33 – Jehu's 4th generation and walking in wickedness
 - v. Jehu's slaughter accomplished God's wrath but went beyond and continued sin.
- d. *"yet a little while"* – time reference to within a generation of Jeroboam (Zechariah 6mo)
- e. *"cause to cease the kingdom"* – reign/dominion of Israel – 2 Ki 15:29, 17:6-23, 18:9-12

4. Hosea 1:5 – In That Day

- a. *"at that day"* – which day? In prophecy we must discern.
 - i. In Israel's near future a judgment, but also a distant judgment – Rev 16:16
 - ii. The day of Jezreel mentioned also in Hos 1:11, 2:22
 - iii. The day of reunion forever has not yet happened - Jer 32:26-41
- b. *"brake the bow of Israel"* – Assyria's military bow was broke in Jezreel valley.
 - i. Also, there will be a final breaking in the valley – Rev 16:16
- c. Israel is the wife of whoredoms. Hosea is a type of the LORD.
- d. The LORD will return to the wife who left him and join together with her children.

Hosea's Timeline

Hosea	Judah's Kings	Israel's Kings	Gentile Kings	Event	Dates?			
	Jehoshaphat	Ahab / Ahaziah	Naboth murdered					
	Jehoram	Joram				852 BC		
	Ahaziah/ Athaliah	Jehu	Hazael (Damascus-Syria)	Jehu's slaughter in Jezreel	841 BC			
	Joash*	Jehoahaz		Good king	835 BC			
				Bad king	814 BC			
	Amaziah*	Jehoash	*reverted by their end					
	Uzziah*	Jeroboam II				798 BC		
		Zechariah	782 BC					
		Shallum	Jehu's 4th gen.	Pul (Assyria)				
		Menahem						
Pekahiah								
Jotham	Pekah	Tiglath Pileser (Assyria) Rezin (Syria)	1st captives Gilead, Galilee, Kadesh	740 BC				
Ahaz	Hoshea	Tiglath Pileser (Assyria) Rezin (Syria)						
Hezekiah					Israel in exile	Shalmaneser	Samaria falls	734 BC
					Sargon	722 BC		
	Sennacherib	686 BC						
Born	Manasseh*							
	Amon					~680 BC		
	Josiah							
	Jehoahaz	Necho (Egypt)						
	Jehoiakim	Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon)				1st captives, Daniel	608 BC	
	Jehoiachin							
	Zedekiah							
	Judah in exile	Belshazzar (Babylon)				Jerusalem falls	587 BC	
	Remnant returns	Cyrus (Persia)				Cyrus decree	538 BC	



