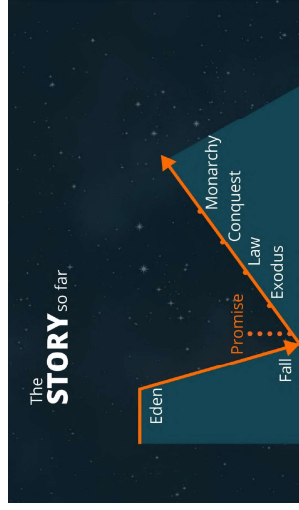


**THE STORY SO FAR**



**THE PROPHETS' ROLE**

- God's spokesmen: Speaking God's word **1:21**
- Enforcing God's covenant

**THE PROPHETS' CONTEXT**

- Kingdom splits 922BC



**ISRAEL**

- King Jereboam's idolatry continued by his successors **1 Ki 12:28-30; 1 Ki 15:34, 16:19 etc**
- Kingdom destroyed by Assyrians 722BC **2 Ki 17**

**JUDAH**

- Some good kings- e.g. Josiah **2 Ki 22-23**
- Corruption and compromise
- Defeated by Babylonians and exiled 597 and 586 BC **2 Ki 25**

**THE PROPHETS' MESSAGE**

**A MESSAGE OF JUDGMENT**

- God's judgment is the reason behind Israel and Judah's destruction **Amos 2: 4-5, 6-16**
- God warns, reminds and explains



**GOD'S COVENANT**

Conditional (Moses) and unconditional (Abraham)

**A MESSAGE OF HOPE**

**PEOPLE**

- A new exodus **Jer 16: 14-15**
- A new Passover lamb **Isa 53: 6**
- All nations included **Isa 49: 6**

**PLACE**

- A new temple **Ezek 40-48**
- A new creation **Isa 65:17**

**RULE AND BLESSING**

- A new covenant **Jer 31:31**
- A new king **Isa 9:6**

**THE RETURN FROM EXILE**

- Cyrus allows the people to return home 538BC
- Waiting for the king **Mal 3:1**

K I N G D O M of GOD	P R O M I S E D K I N G D O M
<b>GOD'S PEOPLE</b>	New Israel including the nations
<b>GOD'S PLACE</b>	New temple = new creation
<b>GOD'S RULE &amp; BLESSING</b>	New covenant & new king

Now do the bible study for Unit 6

Next study- THE PRESENT KINGDOM



### Read Hosea 1-3

What are the different stages in the relationship between Hosea and Gomer?

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What does God want the Israelites to learn about their sin from Hosea's marriage?

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What do the children's names teach them about God's judgement?

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<b>GOD'S COVENANT</b>	
<b>CONDITIONAL</b>	<b>UNCONDITIONAL</b>
MOSES	ABRAHAM
Disobey - lose God's blessing	'I will bless you'
<b>JUDGMENT</b>	<b>HOPE</b>

What hope is there? (look for echoes of the promises to Abraham and David)

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What do we learn about God from this passage?

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What impact should these chapters have on our lives?

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