

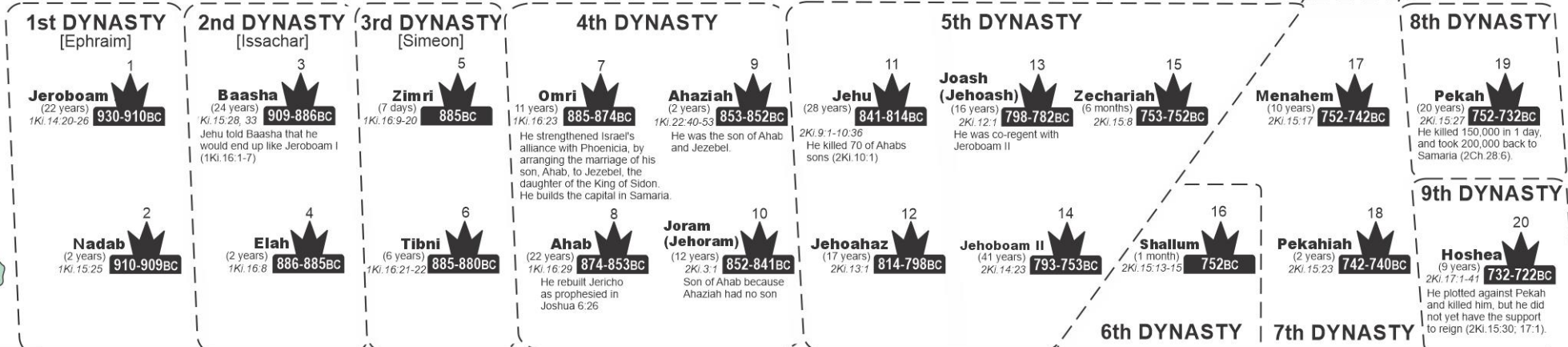
Hosea

“You Are My People”

2:14—3:5

KINGS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH

KINGS OF ISRAEL (Northern) 930-722 BC



ISRAEL (Northern Kingdom) 930-722BC

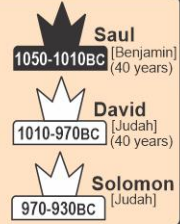
JUDAH (Southern Kingdom) 930-605BC

Fall of Samaria into Assyrian Captivity (722BC)

Fall of Jerusalem into Babylonian Captivity (586BC)

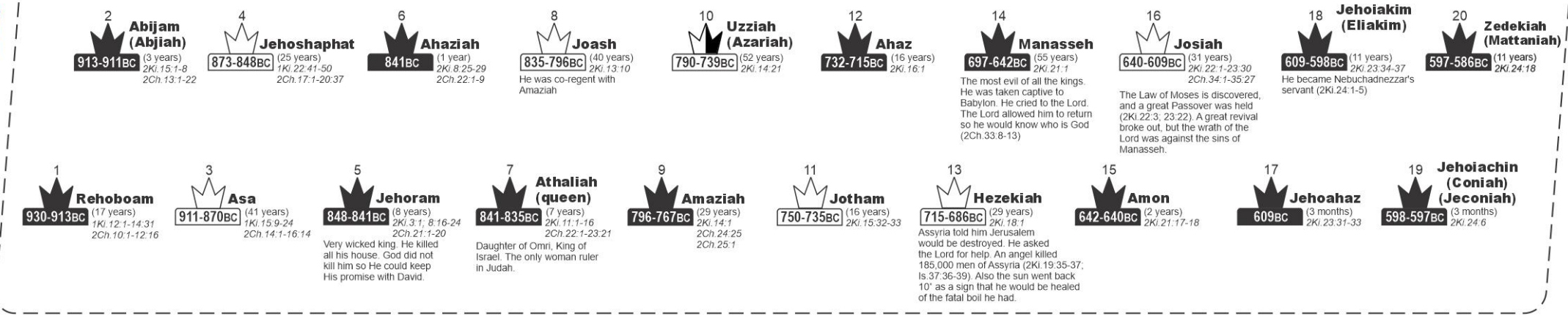
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UNITED KINGDOM 1050-930BC



DIVIDED KINGDOM

KINGS OF JUDAH (Southern) 930-605 BC



LEGEND
 = Basically Bad
 = Basically Good

DYNASTY — Succession of rulers who are members of the same family (tribe).
[TRIBE NAME] — Designates the tribe the king is from.
YEAR OF ASCENSION — Some king's dates may include portions of years making them appear to be off a year or two.

BOOK OF HOSEA — OUTLINE

HOSEA'S MARRIAGE

HOSEA'S MESSAGE

CHAPTERS 1-3

CHAPTERS 4-13

CHAPTER 14

Gomer's Unfaithfulness (Prophetic Marriage) (Ho.1)	Gomer's Discipline (Gomer Pictures Israel) (Ho.2)	Gomer's Restoration (Ho.3)	Israel's Sins Portrayed (Ho.4—7)	Israel's Judgment Pronounced (Ho.8—10)	Israel's Restoration Promised (Ho.11—13)	Israel's Ultimate Restoration to God (Ho.14)
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PERSONAL TRAGEDY

NATIONAL TRANSGRESSION

- Adulterous wife and a faithful husband.
- Pictures unfaithful Israel (Gomer) to a faithful loving God (Hosea)

- Lessons declaring the sins of the people and the character of God.
- Israel's ultimate restoration is sure based on God's character.

“Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry And children of harlotry” (1:2)

“Go again, love a woman who is loved by a lover and is committing adultery” (3:1)

GOD'S DESCRIPTION OF ISRAEL

- “morning cloud” (Ho.6:4). Israel's loyalty quickly evaporates like dew
- “cake unturned” (Ho.7:8). Israel's religion was only surface deep (half baked)
- “gray hairs” (Ho.7:9). Israel losing her strength, yet unaware
- “silly dove” (Ho.7:11). Israel unstable going from one ally to another
- “treacherous bow” (Ho.7:16). Israel's unfaithfulness is like a faulty bow

PLACE: Northern Kingdom of Israel

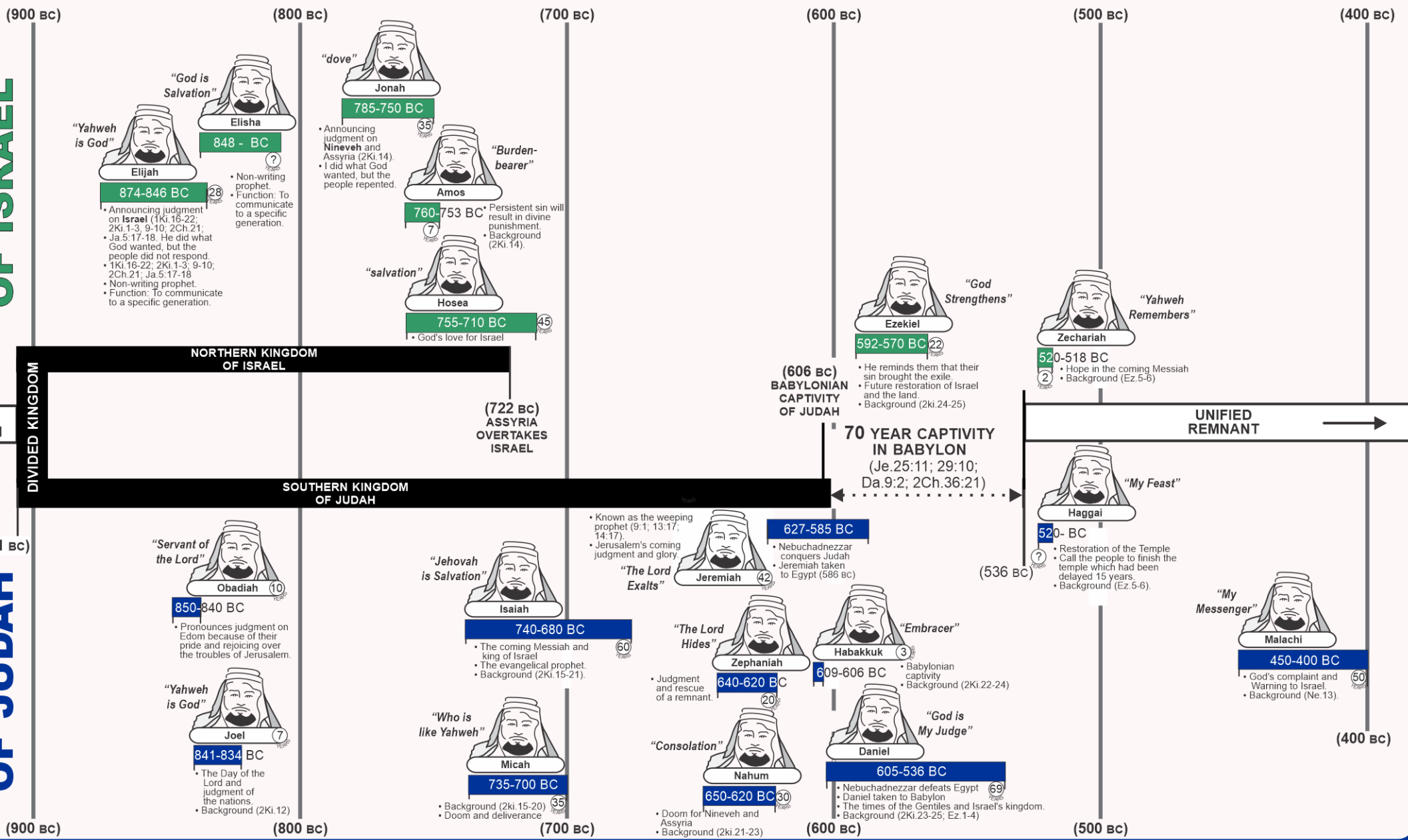
TIME: 755-710 B.C.

THEME: Faithfulness Toward God

CHRONOLOGY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS

PROPHETS OF ISRAEL

PROPHETS OF JUDAH



The background of the slide is a wide-angle landscape photograph. In the foreground, there is a grassy valley with scattered evergreen trees. A dense line of forest runs across the middle ground. In the background, a range of rugged mountains with some snow patches is visible under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The text is overlaid on this scene.

THE LORD'S MERCY ON ISRAEL

(HOSEA 2:14-23)

**Therefore, behold, I will
allure her, Will bring her
into the wilderness, And
speak comfort to her.**

HOSEA 2:14





“Therefore, behold, I will allure her, Will bring her into the wilderness, And speak comfort to her.” (Ho.2:14)

- **The Lord promised to initiate reconciliation with His wayward wife by alluring her.**



And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, "Entice him, and find out where his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and every one of us will give you eleven hundred pieces of silver." (Jg.16:5).



- **The Lord said He will lead Israel into the desert, where she will be completely separated from past lovers and will be able to concentrate totally on His advances.**
- **The Lord described His overtures of love and Israel's future positive response.**



**I will give her her vineyards from
there, And the Valley of Achor as
a door of hope; She shall sing
there, As in the days of her youth,
As in the day when she came up
from the land of Egypt.**

HOSEA 2:15



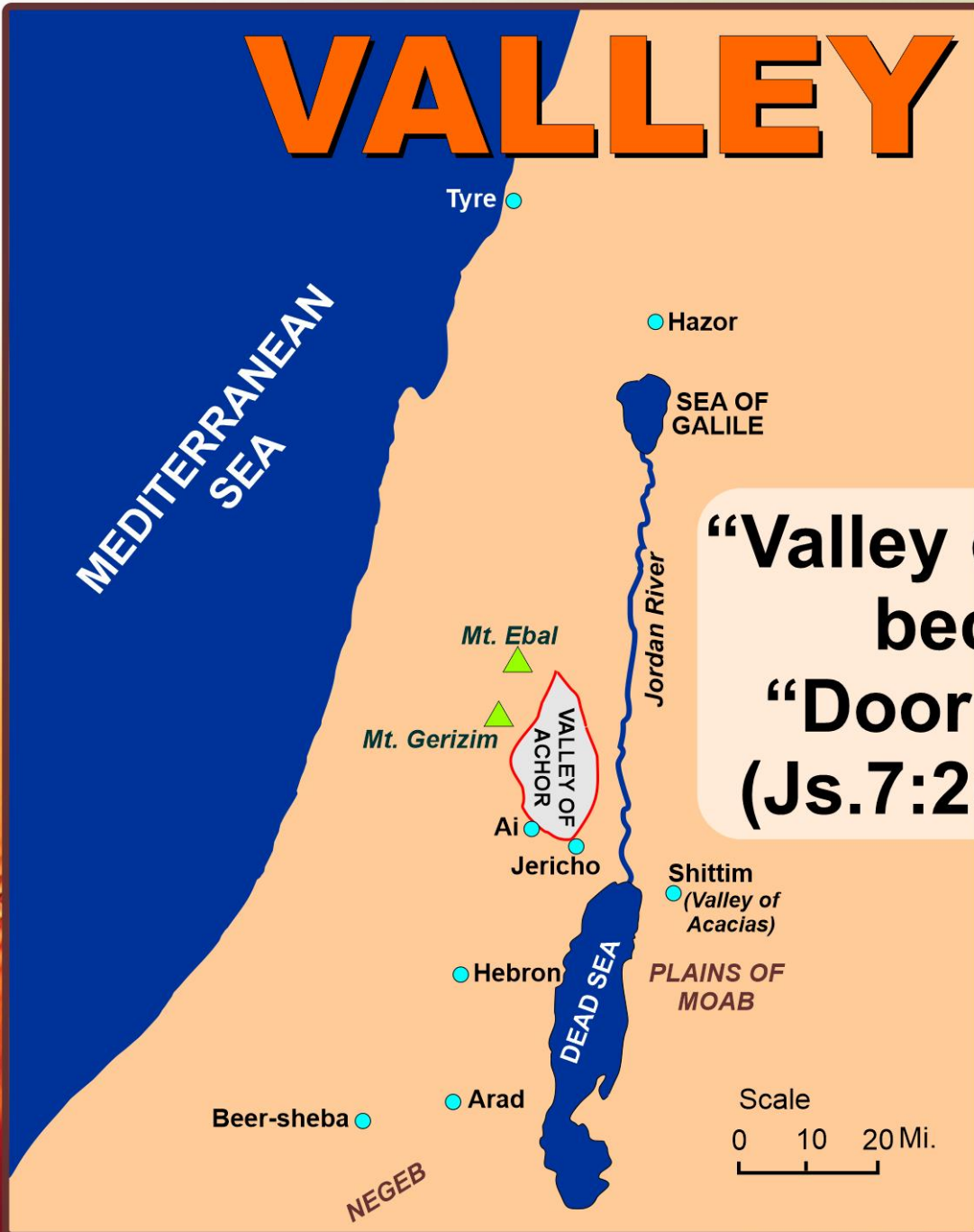


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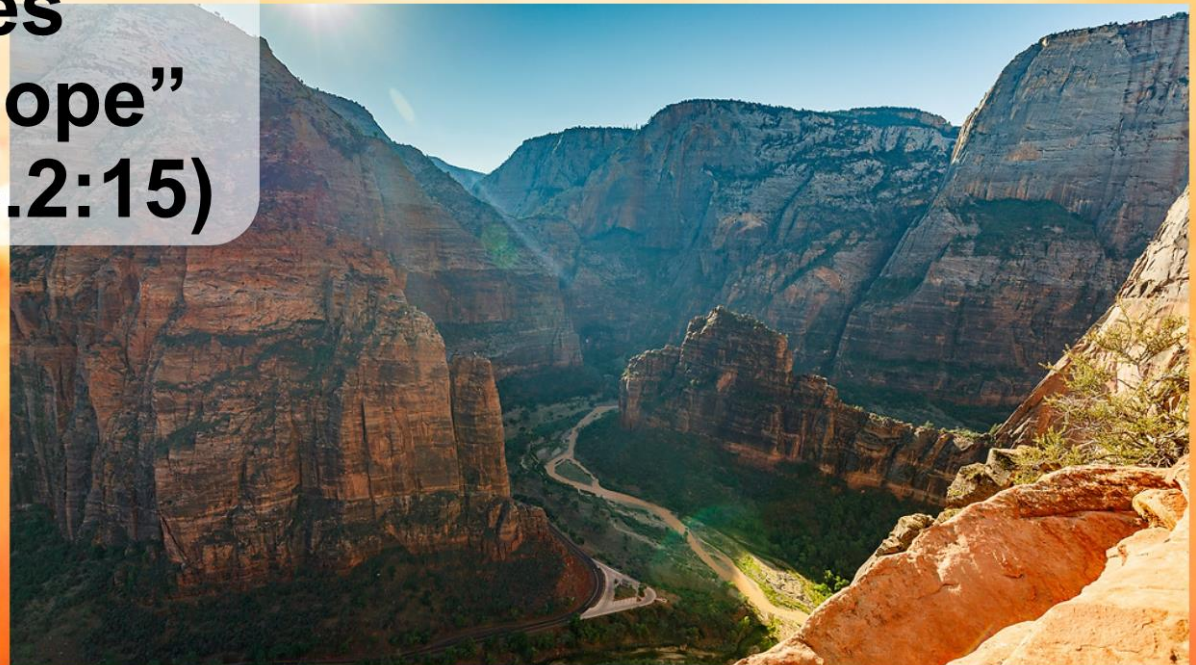
- Achor means “trouble.” So, the Valley of Achor is the “Valley of Trouble.”**
- It was the place where Achan’s sin was discovered and judged (Joshua 7:26, Ai).**
- God’s restoration is so great that He will transform the “Valley of Trouble” into a “door of hope.”**
- When Israel is restored, she will be restored to joy and singing. This is still future.**



VALLEY OF ACHOR





“Valley of Trouble”
becomes
“Door of Hope”
(Js.7:26;Ho.2:15)



**And it shall be, in that day,"
Says the LORD, "That you
will call Me 'My Husband,'
And no longer call Me 'My
Master,'**

HOSEA 2:16





“And it shall be, in that day,” Says the LORD, “That you will call Me 'My Husband,' And no longer call Me 'My Master,’” (Ho.2:16)



- With great anticipation, God looks forward to the day when the relationship is thought primarily as Husband.**
- God longs for the day when His people will have a marriage-like love and commitment to Him.**
- God was not satisfied with a fear-based, obedience-focused relationship with His people where they thought of Him primarily as Master.**



**For I will take from her mouth
the names of the Baals, And
they shall be remembered by
their name no more.**

HOSEA 2:17





“For I will take from her mouth the names of the Baals, And they shall be remembered by their name no more.” (Ho.2:17)

- In Hebrew, the name “Baal” comes from the word “Master” and the two words sound alike.**
- It was the Baals, the idols of the nations, that wanted this “master-slave” relationship with man.**
- But God wants a love-based relationship with His people.**



BAAL



**The sun or storm god.
Supreme deity of the Canaanites**

**The moon goddess.
Supreme female deity of the Canaanites**



Asherah Grove



ASHERAH

WHY BAAL AND ASHERAH WORSHIP WAS A PROBLEM FOR ISRAEL



It held the allure of illicit sex involving ritual prostitution (Nu.25, Moabite women)



National peer pressure for Israel to be like other nations (1Sm.8:5, 20)





Man's sinfulness causes us to jump at a chance to rebel against God

**In that day I will make a covenant for
them With the beasts of the field, With
the birds of the air, And with the
creeping things of the ground. Bow and
sword of battle I will shatter from the
earth, To make them lie down safely.**

HOSEA 2:18





“In that day I will make a covenant for them With the beasts of the field, With the birds of the air, And with the creeping things of the ground. Bow and sword of battle I will shatter from the earth, To make them lie down safely.” (Ho.2:18)



- Israel’s return to the land will be accompanied by peace.**
- The Lord will mediate a covenant between the nation and the animal kingdom.**
- Ultimately, this blessing of restored relationship will result in a transformed earth.**
- This blessing will be fulfilled in the millennial earth, but we can come to know the transforming power of restored relationship right now.**



**I will betroth you to Me forever;
Yes, I will betroth you to Me In
righteousness and justice, In
lovingkindness and mercy;**

HOSEA 2:19





“I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In lovingkindness and mercy; ” (Ho.2:19)


- The word “betroth” marks a new beginning, with all the freshness of first love.**
- When the relationship with the LORD is ultimately restored, it will never be broken again.**
- God will pay the price with a solid foundation of righteousness, justice, love, compassion, and faithfulness.**



**I will betroth you
to Me in faithfulness,
And you shall know
the LORD.**

HOSEA 2:20





**“I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness,
And you shall know the LORD.” (Ho.2:20)**

- In response to the divine love showered on her, Israel will acknowledge the Lord (Je.31:33, “on their hearts”).**
- “I will betroth you” is repeated 3 times in two verses (Ho.2:19-20).**
- In that day, Israel will no longer be thought of as a prostitute.**
- Israel brings nothing to the marriage; God makes all the promises and provides all the dowry.**





BLESSING RESTORED

(HOSEA 2:21-23)

It shall come to pass in that day That I will answer," says the LORD; "I will answer the heavens, And they shall answer the earth.

HOSEA 2:21





“It shall come to pass in that day That I will answer,” says the LORD; “I will answer the heavens, And they shall answer the earth.” (Ho.2:21)

- **The promise of restored agricultural blessing is expanded here.**
- **“I will answer” is a great blessing of real, vibrant relationship with God.**
- **When we ask God to do things, we already ask what He wants to do.**



If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. (**Jn.15:7**).



**The earth shall answer
With grain, With new
wine, And with oil; They
shall answer Jezreel.**

HOSEA 2:22





**“The earth shall answer With grain, With new wine,
And with oil; They shall answer Jezreel.” (Ho.2:22)**



- **Here, the LORD promises glorious redemption of the name Jezreel, which was first given as a sober reminder of scattering in judgment.**
- **“Jezreel” (the nation of Israel here) will cry out to the grain, wine, and oil. They in turn will respond by calling to the earth from which they are produced.**
- **The earth will look to heaven the source of rain, and the heavens will look to the Lord.**



Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth, And I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; Then I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' And they shall say, 'You are my God!'

HOSEA 2:23







“Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth, And I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; Then I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' And they shall say, 'You are my God!’” (Ho.2:23)

- Now it becomes a prophecy of the promise, “I will sow her for Myself in the earth.”**
- God will restore His people to abundance and blessing. Scattering will be transformed into sowing.**







“Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth, And I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; Then I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' And they shall say, 'You are my God!’” (Ho.2:23)

- Hosea’s second child, a daughter, was named Lo-Ruhamah, meaning “No Mercy” (Ho.1:6) will be transformed into a mark of restoration.**
- Hosea’s third child, a son, was named Lo-Ammi, meaning “Not My People” (Ho.1:9) will be transformed into a mark of restoration.**
- “You are my God!” With this, the restoration is complete. The LORD relates to His people as their God, and His people relate to Him as His people.**
- All three of Hosea’s children, named as marks of judgment, now have their names restored and made into marks of mercy and grace.**





“Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth, And I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; Then I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' And they shall say, 'You are my God!’” (Ho.2:23)

- Which one of the pagan gods of the nations ever wanted the love of their followers?**
- False gods don't want our love, they want our fear, our obedience, our slave-like sacrifice and devotion.**
- God wants our love, freely given and enjoyed in relationship with Him.**





RESTORATION OF GOMER

(HOSEA 3:1-5)

Then the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by a lover and is committing adultery, just like the love of the LORD for the children of Israel, who look to other gods and love the raisin cakes of the pagans."

HOSEA 3:1





“Then the LORD said to me, “Go again, love a woman who is loved by a lover and is committing adultery, just like the love of the LORD for the children of Israel, who look to other gods and love the raisin cakes of the pagans.”” (Ho.3:1)



- Having been previously separated, Hosea was commanded to pursue his estranged wife Gomer.**
- The adultery is not in the past but it is in the present.**
- Instead of loving the Lord they turn to Baal worship which included a delicacy of “raisin cakes.”**
- Why did God command Hosea to go back to his still-unfaithful wife? Because they would become a living lesson of the LORD’s relationship with His people.**



**So I bought her for myself
for fifteen shekels of
silver, and one and
one-half homers of barley.**

HOSEA 3:2





**“So I bought her for myself for fifteen shekels of silver, and one and one-half homers of barley.”
(Ho.3:2)**



- Hosea didn't really need to “buy” His own wife, or to hire her as a prostitute.**
- As a display of love and commitment, Hosea goes beyond what is expected or even reasonable.**
- In providing this way Hosea showed Gomer that he can give what others can give as much or more so she does not need them.**
- Some believe Hosea bought Gomer out of slavery.**



And I said to her, "You shall stay with me many days; you shall not play the harlot, nor shall you have a man—so, too, will I be toward you."

HOSEA 3:3





“And I said to her, “You shall stay with me many days; you shall not play the harlot, nor shall you have a man—so, too, will I be toward you.”” (Ho.3:3)



- Hosea's payment was to bring Gomer into a relationship with him.**
- After acquiring legal possession of Gomer, Hosea informed her that her adulterous lifestyle was over.**
- Gomer would remain at home with Hosea, isolated from all potential lovers.**
- Relationship and living together was the goal.**



**For the children of Israel shall
abide many days without king
or prince, without sacrifice or
sacred pillar, without ephod
or teraphim.**

HOSEA 3:4







“For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim.” (Ho.3:4)

- **THE FALLEN STATE OF ISRAEL.**
- **In her fallen state, Israel will not have the national or political LEADERSHIP (“king or prince”) she needs.**
- **In her fallen state, Israel will not have the spiritual SERVICE (“sacrifice”) she needs.**
- **In her fallen state, Israel will not have the supernatural GUIDANCE and direction (“without ephod”) she needs.**





“For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim.” (Ho.3:4)

- Gomer’s lengthy period of isolation was designed to portray Israel’s exile, when the nation would be separated from its institutions and practices.**
- The absence of king and prince implied loss of national sovereignty.**
- During this time of exile Israel would be without sacrifice and idols.**
- Although they have not turned to God, they certainly have turned away from idolatry.**



Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king.

They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.

HOSEA 3:5





“Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.” (Ho.3:5)

- THE RESTORED STATE OF ISRAEL “in the latter days.”**
- In this time of political and spiritual ruin, Israel will return and seek the LORD again.**
- There will be no restoration until they turn back to the LORD.**
- This shows that this prophecy will be ultimately fulfilled in the millennial kingdom, where David will reign over Israel (Is.55:3-5; Je.30:9; Ek.34:23-25).**

