

Hosea 1:1-11 **Example of Israel and Judah's Unfaithfulness with God** **Future Restoration of Israel**

Time of Hosea's Ministry

1 The word of Yahweh (the Lord) that came to Hosea the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

The Family of Hosea

2 When Yahweh (the Lord) began to speak by Hosea, Yahweh (the Lord) said to Hosea: "Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry And children of harlotry, For the land has committed great harlotry By departing from Yahweh (the Lord)."

3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

4 Then Yahweh (the Lord) said to him:

"Call his name Jezreel, For in a little while I will avenge the bloodshed of Jezreel on the house of Jehu, And bring an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.

5 It shall come to pass in that day That I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel."

6 And she conceived again and bore a daughter. Then God said to him:

"Call her name Lo-Ruhamah, For I will no longer have mercy on the house of Israel, But I will utterly take them away.

7 Yet I will have mercy on the house of Judah, Will save them by Yahweh Elohiym (the Lord their God), And will not save them by bow, Nor by sword or battle, By horses or horsemen."

8 Now when she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son.

9 Then God said:

"Call his name Lo-Ammi, For you are not My people, And I will not be your God.

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10 'Yet the number of the children of Israel Shall be as the sand of the sea, Which cannot be measured or numbered. And it shall come to pass In the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' There it shall be said to them, 'You are sons of El (the living God).'

11 Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel Shall be gathered together, And appoint for themselves one head; And they shall come up out of the land, For great will be the day of Jezreel!
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Facts Revealed:

Time of Hosea's Ministry

✧ The word of Yahweh (the Lord) that came to Hosea the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel. [[Hosea 1:1](#)]

✧ The timing is interesting in that Uzziah became king of Judah 14 years before the end of the reign of Jeroboam king of Israel, and Hezekiah became King of Judah 6 years before Israel was carried away captive by the Assyrians for a maximum span of 90 years or minimum span of 72 years.

✧ Hosea's ministry was at the same time as Amos, Isaiah, Micah, Nahum, Jonah and Oded.

The Family of Hosea [[Hosea 1:2-9](#)]

- ☆ When Yahweh (the Lord) began to speak by Hosea, Yahweh (the Lord) said to Hosea: "Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry And children of harlotry, For the land has committed great harlotry By departing from Yahweh (the Lord)." [Hosea 1:2]
- ◇ Hosea is called to become a living example of God and His relationship with His people.
- ◇ His wife is to be a wife of harlotry and his children to be children of harlotry to demonstrate the unfaithfulness of both Judah and Israel toward their God.
- ◇ The children's names speak of actions Yahweh intends for Israel and Judah.
 - ✧ **Jezeel** – Yahweh will avenge the bloodshed of Jezreel caused by Jehu. Yahweh will also bring an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel which will be done in the Valley of Jezreel.
 - ✧ **Lo-Ruhamah** – Yahweh will end His mercy on the house of Israel and remove them from the land of Israel. Yahweh will continue to have mercy on the house of Judah and save them but not by force of arms.
 - ✧ **Lo-Ammi** – Yahweh declared to Israel "You are not My people and I will not be your God."

The Restoration of Israel [Hosea 1:10-11]

- ◇ Yahweh's future plan for Israel and Judah in the Kingdom Age is full restoration and blessings in abundance to fulfill His promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
 - ✧ Numerous as the sand of the sea.
 - ✧ In the place Yahweh rejected them and sent them away, He will bring them back and they will be known as sons of El (the living God).
 - ✧ They will in fact be God's people, and fully acknowledge that Yahweh is their God.
 - ✧ The kingdoms of Judah and Israel will be gathered together as one nation with one ruler.