

Hosea 3:1-5 **Sign of Israel's Spiritual Adultery**

Israel Will Return to God

¹ Then Yahweh (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 Yahweh (the Lord) for the children of Israel, who look to other Elohiym (gods) and love the raisin cakes of the pagans."

² So I bought her for myself for fifteen shekels of silver, and one and one-half homers of barley.

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."

⁴ For the children of Israel shall abide **many days** without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim.

⁵ **Afterward** the children of Israel shall return and seek Yahweh Eloheyhm (the Lord their God) and David their king. They shall fear Yahweh (the Lord) and His goodness **in the latter days**.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ At the commandment of Yahweh, Hosea bought an adulterous woman as a sign of Yahweh's relationship with His people Israel who sought pleasure in idolatry.
- ✧ His covenant of faithfulness with her was **for many days** indicating the long time of continuing faithfulness in the love Yahweh had demonstrated and still has for His people.
- ✧ The prophetic message in this demonstration is to inform the people of Israel that there would be coming a great period of time when they would have neither king or prince nor be able to sacrifice to Yahweh and they would have neither ephod or teraphim.
- ✧ This has been true for 2,000 years since the temple was destroyed and the people exiled from their Holy Land.
- ✧ Yet we have the promise that **in the last days** the people of Israel will return and seek Yahweh Eloheyhm and David their king.
- ✧ Then they will fear (honor and respect) Yahweh and His goodness.
- ✧ I believe this is a reference to the Kingdom Age when Messiah the son of David will be King of kings and Lord of lords ruling the entire earth in perfect righteousness.
- ✧ We are rapidly approaching that glorious time. However, the Great Tribulation and purge away of sin will come first.