

# HOSEA 3 vs 1

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Hosea, aligned with all the prophets, reminds us there are 2 kinds of people: **those** who say, **the LORD God speaks**... He utters intelligible words... He expresses thoughts, greetings, opinions and feelings... orally and directly... to me as part of his creation; and **those** who **do not**.

**<sup>1</sup> Then said the LORD to me, Go yet again, and love a woman... loved by another, still adulterating / Hosea is told to again love Gomer his wife who is still bleeping around,**

**even as the LORD loves the children of Israel** / even those who claim to be ruled by Him; who is longsuffering, full of compassion... in fair and foul weather; always seeking their welfare; love bares all things, believes all things, endures all things, love never fails;

**the children of Israel, those ruled by God**... who look to other gods / 1000 years earlier, Moses said to the LORD God: Remember Your servants, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob... adding: do not look on the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wrongdoing, nor to their sin -- **Deuteronomy 9:27**. They sound so, much like the church of the Ephesians... who lost their first love; so our last generation should relate,

**who are checking out the neighborhood, and who love compressed grapes** / clusters of grapes... which produce the finest wine... and fresh bread loaves... and the choicest cuts of beef and lamb like all the gifts the people received from their beloved King centuries earlier -- **2 Samuel 6:19**.

So Hosea went again... to the auction block in the back alley of the street... where everyone knew the ladies would be waiting for their next... And don't you want to ask Hosea someday... just what was he thinking as he went yet another time... looking for his wife?

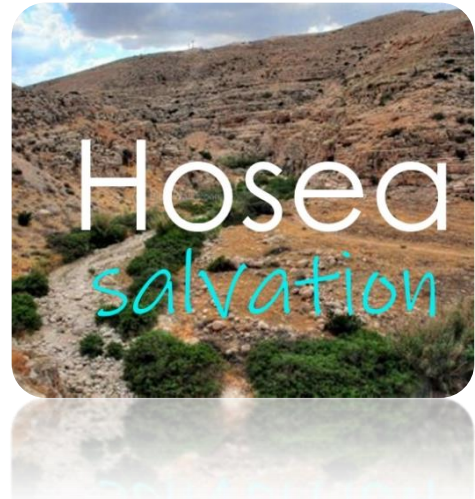
**<sup>2</sup> So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver, and for a homer of barley, and half a homer of barley** / he emptied his pockets; and with food for this week and next:

**<sup>3</sup> And I said to her many days, you will be Mine** / so He makes a pledge with his faithless people; what He says can be trusted,

**many days, you will be Mine; you will not play the harlot** / be fornicating,

**you will not be for another: so I will be for you.**

**<sup>4</sup> For the children of Israel will abide many days** / some of them will abide for a very long time, like up to 2500 years which is many days. But first, **to Assyria** it was **710 BC**: they are going into Assyrian captivity... carrying with them the many... very specific... very detailed promises given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that they become a commonwealth of nations and a great nation in the last days.



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many days **without** a king, and without a prince / no civil leadership to guide them,

and **without** a sacrifice / no sacred clergy to intercede and cover their sin,

and **without** a pillar stone / Jeremiah, guardian of the royal daughters... took the coronation stone with him... where he was to build and plant,



and **without** an ephod and teraphim / the sacred tools the high priest thought were needed to discern God's word. In the church we know we receive the Spirit of God in our hearts who takes care of those things... and many more.

Think about it: Hosea just told us... for a lengthy season -- during their captivity: **the House of Israel** will hardly be recognizable... stripped of all its identifiable markings, stripped of its accoutrements of power and prestige... that faithless whoring nation will go naked into Assyria:

5 **Afterward will the children of Israel return** / Ezekiel tells us: the whole **House of Israel**; which includes the **House of Judah**, too... Judah will walk to where Israel is... and together they will go back to the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob -- **Ezekiel 37**; and **Jeremiah 3**,

and seek the LORD their God, and their beloved King, and will fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days / when Messiah comes to rule the nations with a rod of iron; and these days are pounding at our doors!



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