Study of Hosea 1

This Corresponds to the Assyrian period written about 60 years before Israel was carried away into Assyria.

This is a very important chapter for understanding of the Two House Restoration Message.

Hosea or Hoshea in Hebrew means Savior or Salvation. He was a prophet to the Northern Kingdom and is a type of Yahshua. The book of Hosea is about Yahweh's plan for Israel after they disappear into the nations. This is the way Yahweh sees us!

Isaiah, Amos, and Micah, were contemporary with him; in the days of Jeroboam II, YHWH raised up Hosea, Amos and Jonah. "The kings and people of Israel then were without excuse.

Hos 1:1 The word of YHWH that came unto 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.

Jeroboam — the second; who died in the fifteenth year of Uzziah's forty-one years' reign. Hosea's ministry as a prophet was a very long one, most likely 70 or 80 years.

Hos 1:2 The beginning of the word of YHWH by Hosea. And YHWH said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from YHWH.

The beginning of the word of Yahweh to Hosea begins here. This is the way YHWH sees us.

Gomer (perfect) is symbolic of the adulterous bride of Yahweh Yahshua, Israel. She represents a complete and spiritual apostasy from Yahweh. Scholars have established that the people called 'Gomer' were the ancestors of the early European tribes called Gamir, Cimmerians, or Celts. They were Israelites in dispersion. Gomer was an Israelite.

McClintock & Strong's Encyclopedia says that Gomer, "formed a great branch of the south-eastern population of Europe."

Hos 1:3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son.

Diblaim means "two cakes or double cake". It's interesting that Ephraim is referred to in Hos 7:8 as a cake not turned.

Hos 1:4 And YHWH said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.

Jezreel means the seed of Elohim or Elohim sows. Yahweh is about to sow or scatter Israel into all the nations, Zech 10:9. Someone read Zech 10:6-10

Israel was to cease from being a kingdom for her failure to obey Yahweh's commandments. (See 2 Ki. 10:32)

Hos 1:5 And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.

This refers to the breaking up of the kingdom of Israel.

Hos 1:6 And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And Elohim said unto him, Call her name Loruhamah: for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away.

<u>Lo ruhamah</u> means "not pitied". Yahweh would no longer have mercy upon the house of Israel (Ephraim). This group of people is spoken of in 1 Peter 2:10 which we will read in a minute.

Hos 1:7 But I will have mercy upon the <u>house of Judah</u>, and will save them by YHWH their Elohim, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

But Yahweh <u>WILL</u> have mercy upon the <u>house of Judah</u>. Judah will be saved at the 2nd coming of Yahshua. Notice here is the distinction made <u>between Israel and Judah</u>. This is important. The book of Hosea deals mainly with Israel, not Judah.

"But I will have mercy upon the house of Yahudah, and I will save them by the **Word of YHWH**, their Elohim". *Targum Jonathan Hosea 1:7*

The targums are Aramaic translations of ancient Hebrew Scriptures when the Jews began to speak Aramaic.

Hos 1:8 Now when she had weaned Loruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son.Hos 1:9 Then said *Elohim*, Call his name Loammi: for ye *are* not my people, and I will not be your *Elohim*.

<u>Lo Ammi</u> means "not a people". Yahweh rejects Israel from being His people. The "not a people" reminds me of Balaam whose name means "not of the people" or foreigner. We also became foreigners or aliens to the covenant, but would one day again become the people of Yahweh.

1Peter 2:10 describes these people. They are the people of Isa. 65:1

We've all heard the following scriptures in Sunday school, but never really knew who it referred to.

- **1Pe 2:9** But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
- **1Pe 2:10** Which in time past <u>were not a people</u>, but are now the people of Elohim: <u>which had not obtained mercy</u>, but now have obtained mercy.

They are the Lo ruhamah and the Lo Ammi of Hosea Chapter 1.

Hos 1:10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living Elohim.

Sand of the sea prophecy made to Patriarchs. Gen. 15:5; 22:17; 32:12; Isa. 10:22; Rom 9:27; Heb 11:12.

There will come a day when the curse is reversed and they become the Sons of Yahweh again. See John 1:12; 1 John 3:2; Rom 9:19; Jer 32:38 and Rom 9:26; Zech. 10:6. (Have some one read each one).

Whosoever fits this description today is Ephraim. What group of people today refers to themselves as the children of the living Elohim? They are the Christians.

Hos 1:11 Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

This is the re-gathering and rejoining of Judah and Ephraim Israel under one head, Yahshua, the Messiah. Eze. 37:16-24;(the two stick prophecy); Zech 14:9; Isa 11:12

Great will be the day of Jezreel or the reaping, the ingathering of Israel. Jezreel means the "seed of Elohim". This is the re-gathering and replanting of Israel back into their own land in the millennial kingdom.

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Hos 2:16 And it shall be at that day, saith YHWH, that thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali.

Israel had been divorced by Yahweh (Yahshua) for spiritual adultery. See Isa. 50:1. It took the death of her former husband (Yahweh Yahshua) that made it legal to remarry her.

Israel is to become the bride of Messiah. Ishi is "husband" and Baali is "my Lord" See also Isa.54:5. Yahshua died in her place for committing adultery.

The word for "husband" here is Ba'al—which has the connotation of a taskmaster, an <u>overlord</u>. But "in that day", says Yahweh, "you will no longer call Me 'My Ba'al', but rather 'my Ish'—another way of saying "husband", but a much more affectionate way.

Israel had mistaken Ba'al for YHWH. Ba'al was also a god that died and was resurrected. Tammuz was supposed to have done the same. It is probably the same god.

Hos 2:17 For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.

All false names of pagan deities will be removed, including "God" and "The Lord" and be remembered no more.

Hos 2:18 And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.

Verses 18-23 are speaking of the bride of Messiah. The <u>covenant of peace</u> is made in the millennium. Isa. 54:10; Eze. 34:25-26; Jer. 23:6

Hos 2:19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.

The wedding of Yahweh Yahshua and his bride. Rev. 21:9; 22:17; Matt 22:2

Hos 2:20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know YHWH Hos 2:21 And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith YHWH, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth;

Hos 2:22 And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel.

Jezreel - the seed of Elohim. What Yahweh sows, He will reap. The earth will begin to produce for Yahweh's people. The curse on Adam's seed is revoked. This is already happening in the land of Israel.

Hos 2:23 And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my Elohim.

See Zech 10:9; Jer. 31:10; Rom 11:25-26 and 1 Peter 2:10

Yahweh is about to sow Israel into all the earth. They will forget their identity and thus be protected from destruction. Also see Amos 9:9

- Amo 9:9 For, lo, I will command, and <u>I will sift the house of Israel among all</u> nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, <u>yet shall not the least grain fall upon</u> the earth.
- **Amo 9:10** All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.
- **Amo 9:11** In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: Sukkah temporary dwelling place. The Sukkah of David is all 12 tribes.
- **Amo 9:12** That they may possess the remnant of <u>Edom</u>, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith YHWH that doeth this. Could also read Adam without vowel pointing and is most likely correct. Adam is mankind.
- **Amo 9:13** Behold, the days come, saith YHWH, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.
- **Amo 9:14** And I will <u>bring again the captivity of my people of Israel</u>, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.
- **Amo 9:15** And I will plant them upon their land, and they <u>shall no more be pulled up out of their land</u> which I have given them, saith YHWH thy Elohim. (End of study)