

A photograph of the ruins of the Temple of Baalshamin in Palmyra, Syria. The image shows a long, straight colonnade of ancient columns made of light-colored stone, receding into the distance. The columns are of varying heights and some have damaged capitals. A wide path made of large, irregular cobblestones runs alongside the columns. In the foreground, there are large, rough-hewn stone blocks and some sparse green vegetation. The background shows a hilly landscape under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds.

# HOSEA

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The Background



# Who was Hosea?

## About Hosea

- Son of Beeri
- Belonged to the upper classes
- Only written prophet to come from the Northern Kingdom of Israel
- Prophesied for possibly 38 years
- First of the minor prophets

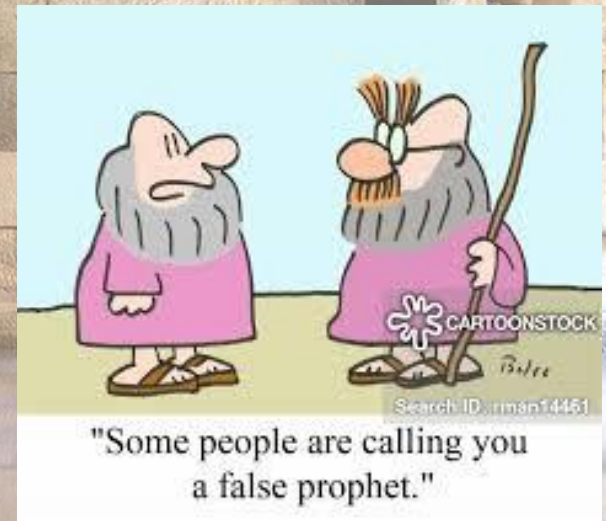
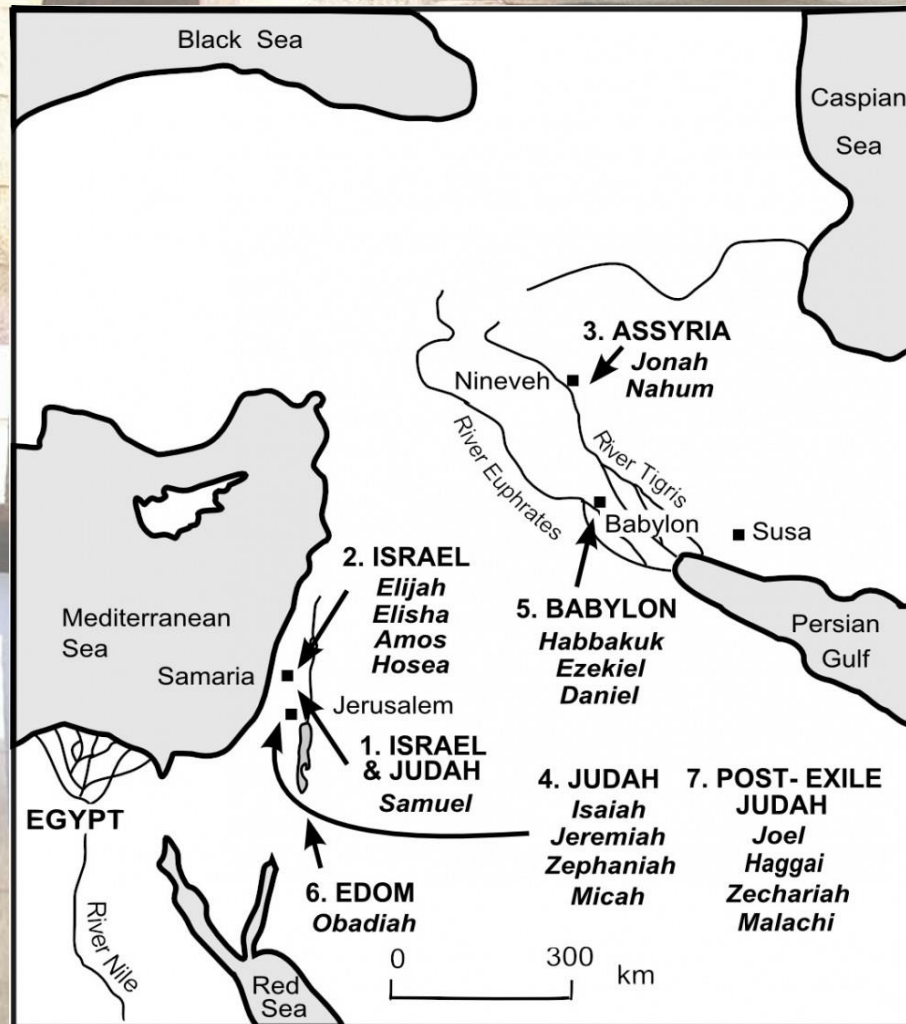
## Historical Setting

- Completed after Hosea migrated to Judah
- Written mid-8th century BCE
- Rise of Assyria, Tiglathpileser III threatened the Northern kingdom

### *Kings of Israel during the Ministry of Hosea, 760 to 720 B.C.*

Dynasty of Jehu		
Jeroboam II	793-752 B.C.	Gave throne to his son
Zechariah	753-752 B.C.	Assassinated
Dynasty of Shallum		
Shallum	752 B.C. (one month)	Assassinated
Dynasty of Menahem		
Menahem	752-742 B.C.	Gave throne to his son
Pekahiah	724-740 B.C.	Overthrown in coup d'etat
Dynasty of Pekah		
Pekah	752-732 B.C.	Assassinated
Dynasty of Hoshea		
Hoshea	732-722 B.C.	Died in exile

# Biblical Prophets Geographically





# Hosea Cross References in the New Testament

- **Matthew 2:14 - Hosea 11:1**

- When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

- **Matthew 9:13, 12:7 – Hosea 6:6**

- For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

- **Luke 23:30 – Hosea 10:8**

- The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.

- **Romans 9:25-26 – Hosea 2:23, 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 God...<sup>23</sup> 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 God.

- **1 Corinthians 15:55 – Hosea 13:14**

- I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

- **1 Peter 2:9-10 – Hosea 2:23, 1 :10**

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Hosea 6:6





# Themes of Hosea



	<b>PERSONAL</b> <b>The Agony of an Unfaithful Mate</b>  <div> <div>Marriage</div> <hr/> <div>Children</div> <hr/> <div>Separation</div> <hr/> <div>Reunion</div> </div> <b>CHAPTERS 1–3</b>		<b>NATIONAL</b> <b>The Tragedy of an Unfaithful People</b>  <div> <div>Series of sermons declaring the sin of the people and the character of God</div> <hr/> <div>Model of the message as Hosea remains true to his wife in spite of her infidelity</div> </div> <b>CHAPTERS 4–14</b>		
	Adulterous wife yet faithful husband		Adulterous nation yet faithful God		
	God: “Go, take to yourself a wife of harlotry and have children of harlotry.” (1:2)	God: “Go again, love a woman who is loved by her husband, yet an adulteress.” (3:1)	Nation is guilty.  God is holy.	Nation needs judgment.  God is just.	Nation has hope.  God is love.
Theme	God’s faithful love toward His unfaithful people				
Key Verses	2:19–20; 3:1; 11:1–12				
Christ in Hosea	Christ’s being “called out” from hiding in Egypt as a child is pictured in Hosea’s record of Israel’s exodus from Egypt (11:1; see also Matthew 2:15). In Hosea’s redemption of Gomer from the slave market, Christ is pictured as the loving, faithful Redeemer of sinful humanity.				

Thank you