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- ◉ The prophet of the **Broken Heart** and **Broken Home...**
- ◉ The Jeremiah of the northern kingdom
- ◉ The condition of Israel before the fall of Samaria
- ◉ **Jesus, the Healer of the Backslider**

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◎ The Background

- Commanded to marry Gomer
- 1st child: Jezreel
- 2nd child: Lo-ruhamah (“not beloved” or “she-that-never-knew-a-father’s-love”)
- 3rd child: Lo-ammi (“not my people” or “no child of mine”)
- Adultery and later harlotry

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◎ The Burden

- The sins of the nation:
- Hosea passionately wooing and warning Israel
- Marriage - Mess - Mercy
- Sin hurts God
- Sin not only breaks God's laws, it also breaks God's heart!
- Promise: "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away..."

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- ◎ The tragedy of Hosea's **HOMELIFE**
 - **The SIGNS** : reflected in the **children** (1)
 - **The SINS** : reflected in the **wife** (2)
 - **The SALVATION** : reflected in the **husband**(3)

- ◎ The tragedy of Hosea's **HOMELAND**
 - **The Polluted People** (4-7)
 - **The Punished People** (8-10)
 - **The Pardoned People** (11-14)

"In that day," declares the Lord, you will

I betroth you to

call Me 'My Husband,' you will no longer call Me 'My Master.'

Me forever,

I will betroth you to Me forever, I will betroth you in righteousness

Now, call Me

and justice, in love and compassion, I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness,

Beloved I shi

and you will acknowledge the Lord" Hosea 2:16,19,20

KEY VERSES...

- Hosea 2: into desert...
- Hosea 6: return to Lord!
- Hosea 7: God heals...
- Hosea 10: Fallow ground
- Hosea 14: Return
- Hosea 14: I will heal...!