

# Hosea

## CHAPTER 1

Verse 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.”**

The reference is to the Second Coming of Christ when the Jews become “sons” of God by placing their trust in the SON of God.

## CHAPTER 2

Verses 21-23: **“And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the LORD, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth; And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel. And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy**

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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.” As always, the phrase “in that day” refers to the Second Coming of Christ and the Millennial Kingdom of Christ, a time when Israel is born again as a nation and enjoys peace and prosperity under her Messiah.

## **CHAPTER 3**

Verse 5: **“Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.”** The reference is to the Second Coming and the Millennial Kingdom. The “king” that they get is actually Christ, not David, though Christ is of the seed of David. It looks like David is the “prince” in the Millennial Kingdom (Ezk. 34:24; 37:25).

## **CHAPTER 4**

Verse 19: **“The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.”** They will not be ashamed until Christ returns and they realize the folly of their idolatry. At that time the Jewish remnant will be saved while the beast worshippers will be judged. Isaiah 45:16-17 are good references: **“They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols. But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.”**

## **CHAPTER 5**

Verse 15: **“I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.”** Their offense was their rejection and murder of God’s Son. In the Great Tribulation they (the Jews) will seek His face and find Him.

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### Hosea 6 – Amos 5

#### CHAPTER 6

Verses 1-3: **“Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.”** This is a prophecy of Israel’s revival as a nation after two thousand years (“two days” according to II Pet. 3:8). In the “third day” after rejecting Christ (5:15), the nation will be reconciled to God through Christ and live in the land in fellowship with Him. The “morning” is the dawning of the new millennial day, as in Hosea 4:2. The rain is the early and latter rain of Joel 2:23 that happens at the end of the Great Tribulation.

#### CHAPTER 7

Verse 12: **“When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them, as their congregation hath heard.”** This chastening has more to do with correction than with punishment. God will chastise Israel in the Great Tribulation in order to prepare their hearts to receive Christ. As Jeremiah 30:7 states, **“Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.”**

#### CHAPTER 8

Verse 14: **“For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples . . .”** There was only one *approved* temple, yet the people chose to build temples (plural) in rebellion against God. Since the temple is a type of Christ (John 2:19-21), the picture is that of someone trusting in more than one way to God rather than trusting Christ alone. A good companion verse is Jeremiah 7:4: **“Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these.”**

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## **CHAPTER 9**

Verse 15: **"All their wickedness is in Gilgal: for there I hated them: for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house, I will love them no more: all their princes are revolvers."** The prophecy finds fulfillment in Matthew 21:12-13 where Jesus literally drives the moneychangers out of God's house because they had turned it into a "den of thieves."

## **CHAPTER 10**

Verse 3: **"For now they shall say, We have no king, because we feared not the LORD; what then should a king do to us?"** Wow, that's quite a statement in light of John 19:15. In fact, there are only two places in the Bible where the phrase "We have no king" is found: here and in John 19:15. John 19:15 is where Israel's leaders have Christ crucified after boldly declaring **"We have no king but Caesar."**

Verse 8: **"... and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us."** The language matches the Second Coming language of Revelation 6:16: **"And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb."**

Verse 12: **"Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you."** He will come and rain righteousness on Israel at the Second Coming.

## **CHAPTER 11**

Verse 1: **"When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt."** The verse refers to Israel historically, but it's also a prophecy of Jesus Christ. Matthew 2:15 says, **"And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son."** This is one of the great examples of the dual reference system found in the Bible. We cut ourselves short when we limit a verse or a statement to only one meaning, and this verse proves it. If we consider the spiritual application, then the verse has even third and fourth references: you were called out of Egypt (the world) also when you received Christ and became a son of God, and you will be called at physically in the rapture.

Verse 10: **"They shall walk after the LORD: he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west."** The One roaring like a lion is Christ "the Lion of the tribe of Juda" (Rev. 5:5).

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## CHAPTER 12

Verse 6: **“Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.”** The expression “wait on thy God” finds a good cross reference in Habakkuk 2:2: **“For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.”** Hebrews 10:27 connects this verse to Israel waiting on Christ: **“For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.”** After being converted to Christ in the Great Tribulation, Israel must exercise some faith by being patient (Heb. 10:36) and waiting for the Lord to return (Heb. 9:28; Psa. 27:14) rather than trusting in their own righteousness. Remember Moses’ admonition to them at the Red Sea: **“Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD”** (Exo. 14:3).

## CHAPTER 13

Verse 4: **“Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no saviour beside me.”** Since Jesus is the Saviour (I John 4:4; Tit. 2:13; 3:6), He must be God.

Verse 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.”** The verse obviously has reference to Christ and the first resurrection of I Corinthians 15:55 and Revelation 20:5. Also see Isaiah 25:8.

## CHAPTER 14

Verse 4-7: **“I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him. I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.”** This will all happen at the Second Coming of Christ and in the Millennial Kingdom.