

HOSEA

Hope for Spiritual Harlots

"Prophecy Presented in Two Acts" Part 1

INTRO: *Hosea is the second longest of the Minor Prophets (only Zechariah is longer). Although not much is known about him, this prophet, whose name means "salvation," dramatically (and painfully) presented God's prophecy to the northern Kingdom of Israel (755-715 B.C.).*

I. God _____ with spiritual _____ (1:1-2).

Hosea's marriage to Gomer mirrored God's Mosaic covenant with Israel. Israel (Gomer) was not faithful after her covenant (marriage) with God (Hosea).

II. God promises to _____ spiritual _____ with whom He _____ (1:3-9). *The children each bore a name which presented an aspect of God's discipline.*

III. God offers _____ to spiritual _____ He _____ (1:10-2:1). *While focused upon Israel, there are valuable lessons for the Church.*

A. _____.

*God's forgiveness and these pronouncements were possible because of the previous promises disclosed in the unconditional, unilateral, and eternal **Abrahamic Covenant**.*

B. (Next Week).