

HOSEA

Hope for Spiritual Harlots

"Prophecy Presented in Two Acts" Act 1 Scene 2

INTRO: *In Act 1 Scene 1, Hosea obeyed God and married Gomer, a woman with an adulterous heart. This marriage symbolized God's experience of Israel's spiritual adultery (idolatry). By the third child, the marriage covenant (the Mosaic Law) was threatened with dissolution. In this scene, readers attend "Divorce Court." As before, God offers hope to His people.*

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

Israel (initially the 10 northern Tribes but later including the 2 Southern tribes) violated the terms of the Mosaic covenant.

II. God promises to _____ spiritual _____ with whom He _____ (2:2-13).

The punishments were designed to compel Israel to repent and were restorative.

III. God offers _____ to spiritual _____ He _____ (2:14-23).

A. _____.

*God's forgiveness was possible because of the previous promises disclosed in the **Abrahamic Covenant**.*

B. _____.

*Israel would struggle, but a future generation is promised the reestablishment of the nation for God's glory. **But when?***

C. (Next Week).