



# The People of God

# Hosea

## A Covenant in Crisis

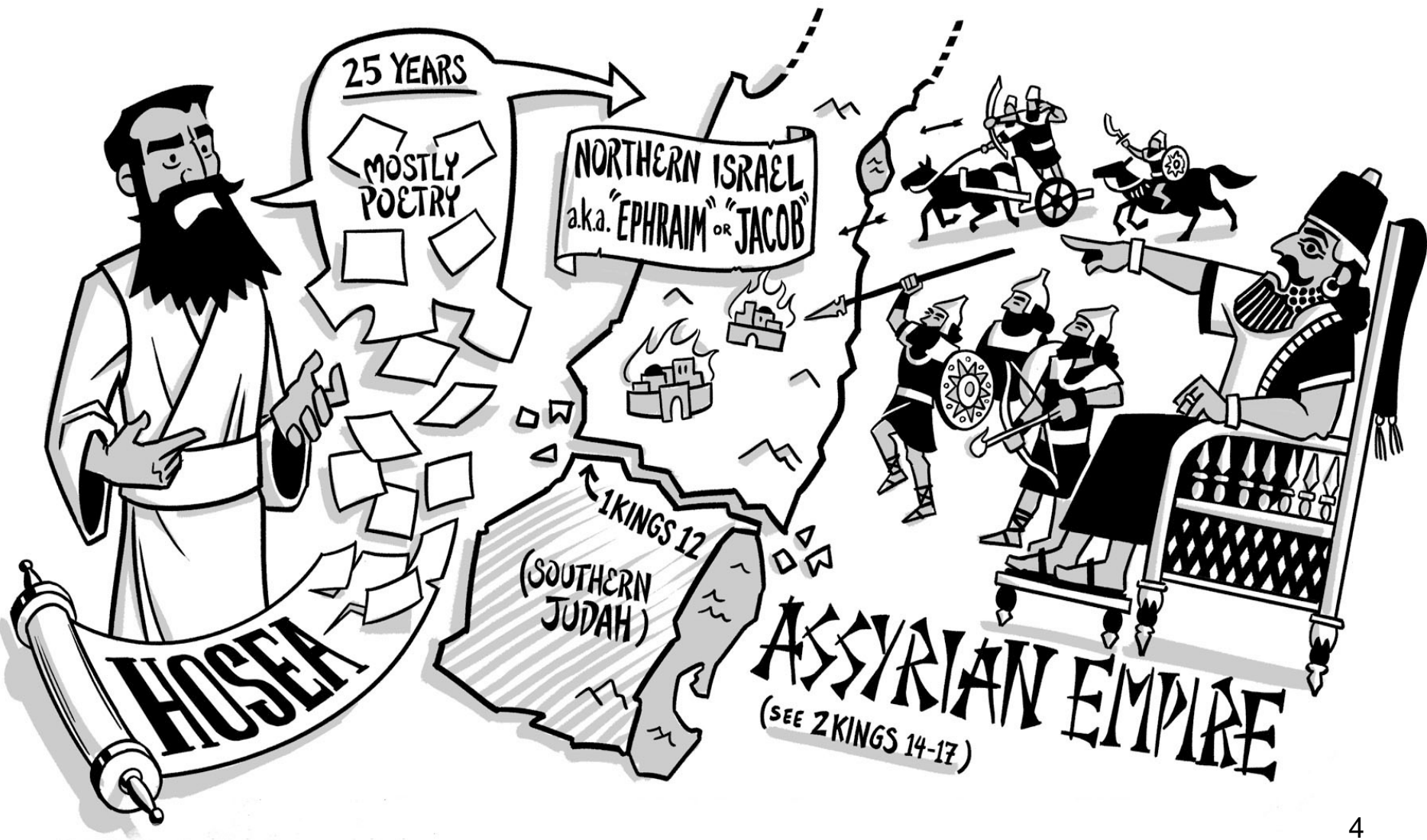


# Hosea

*“...I am God and not  
man”*

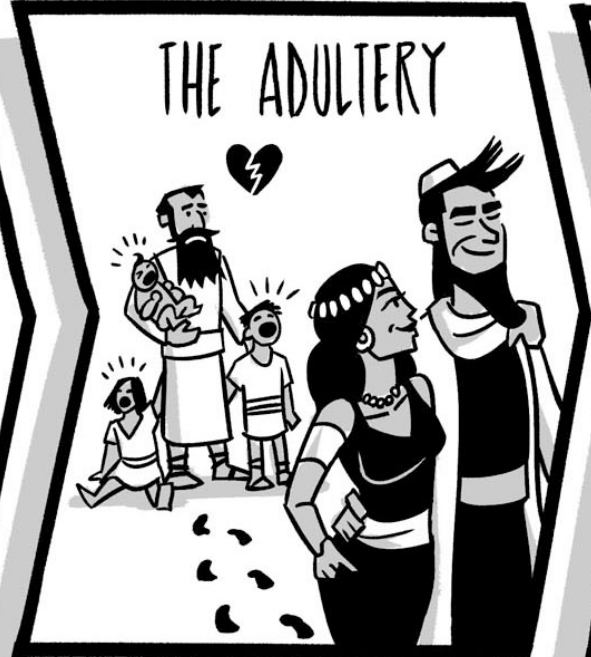
Hosea 11 v 9

# Historical Context





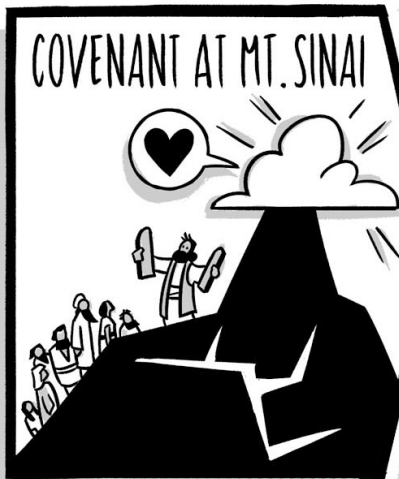
# 1-3 HOSEA'S MARRIAGE TO GOMER



# 1-3 HOSEA'S MARRIAGE TO GOMER



PROPHETIC SYMBOL OF GOD'S RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL



*I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice, in lovingkindness and mercy; I will betroth you to me in faithfulness, And you shall know the Lord.*

Hosea 2:19-20







*For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim. Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days*

Hosea 3:4-5



11

# HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

GOD=LOVING FATHER



"I TAUGHT ISRAEL  
TO WALK...I LED  
THEM WITH LOVE."

v.3-4

ISRAEL=REBELLIOUS SON



GOD IS EMOTIONALLY TORN:



"HOW CAN I GIVE YOU UP, EPHRAIM?  
MY HEART CHURNS WITHIN ME;  
ALL MY COMPASSION IS AROUSED."

v.8

# Hosea's Children



Jezreel – (i) God will scatter  
(ii) Bloodshed

Lo-Ruhamah – Unloved

Lo-Ammi – Not my son

*I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice, in lovingkindness and mercy; I will betroth you to me in faithfulness, And you shall know the Lord.*

Hosea 2:19-20





Love

When Israel was a child I loved him

Compassion

My heart churns within me, my  
compassion is stirred

Faithfulness

I will betroth you to me forever...in  
faithfulness



*Yet the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. In the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called 'children of the living God.'*

*The people of Judah and the people of Israel will come together; they will appoint one leader and will come up out of the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel.*

*Hosea 1:10 -11*



14

# HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

## REPENT!

...BUT I KNOW  
IT WON'T LAST.



## GOD'S PROMISE

"I WILL HEAL THEIR  
WAYWARDNESS & LOVE  
THEM FREELY." v4

## IMAGE of GOD BLESSING the NATIONS THROUGH ABRAHAM'S FAMILY





## ***Let's pray ...***

Dear Jesus,

Please come into my life today;

I want to know you better.

Fill me with your hope, your love and your joy;

Forgive me where I mess up;

Help me to know I'm a child of God,

And give me the courage to work with You for  
good.

***Amen***