

The Prophet. Bk only source. Contem with Isa, Mic (S), Hos (N). Cont Jonah, Amos too. Prop 783-715^{BC}.
The Times. Began during reign of Is's last kg, Jeroboam II. Reigned 40 yrs, prosperity. 2 Kg 14:25ff.
 2 Kg 15-17 was when bulk of Hos's ministry. Troublous. Jeroboam followed by Zechariah, 6mo. Assassinated by Shallum, 1 mo. Murdered by Menahem and became vassal state of Assy. Men's son Pekahiah, 2yrs, assis by 1 of capt, Pekah who assigned self with Syrians in abortive attempt to rid Is of Assy. Syrian kg killed, Pekah murdered, Hoshea reigned and assured Assy of loyalty. Precipitated rebellion and Samaria fell 721. 3 decades from Jerob's death to destruction.

1. THE PRODIGAL WIFE, 1-3

3 views re wife. (1) allegory of spiritual lesson of Is. (2) actually married a woman known to be a harlot. (3) that her Ok when married but later learned of harlot 1:2 proleptic. Separation 2:2 in words of divorce. Remarried 3:1.

A. Her unfaithfulness, 1:1-~~7~~ 11.

1. The marriage, 1:1-9. Commanded, 2. for a purpose. Consummated, 3. Prob with great hopes even if knew she had adulterous tendencies.

Fruitful, 4-9. (1) Jezreel, 4-5. =God sows. Judgmt on house of Jehu. He slew all of Ahab, 2 Kg 10:11 to get to throne thru pride. Jerob of house of Jehu. Jezreel is valley of Armageddon. Fulfilled 2 Kg 15:12, and by Assy captivity.

(2) Lo-ruhamah (not pitied). 6-7. No more mercy for Is. but Judah would be saved by special intervention.

When Sennacherib beseiged Jerus God sent angel, 2 Kg 19:35.

(3) Lo-Ammi (not my people). 8-9. cf Ex 19:5. Temporary casting off during captivity.

2. The Message (of hope), 1:10-11. Multiplication, 10a, restoration, 10b. unification, 11a, magnification, 11b. Day of Jezreel=day when God sows them in land.

So Jezreel has 2 meanings-v.4 (judgmt), v 11(blessing)

B. Her chastisement, 2:1-13.

1. Its basis, 2:1-5. In spite of pleading, 1-2 by kids in spite of warning, 3 (Ezek 16:38 for stripping harlot) In spite of disinheritance, 4. Because of adultery, 5.

2. Its Description, 6-13.

(1) Disappointment, 6-7. With adultery and Canaanite re

(2) Depravation, 8-9. God takes back what He gave.

(3) Exposure. 10. (4) Sorrow, 11. (5) Desolation, 12.

And all of it deserved, 13.

C. Her Restoration, 2:14-23.

1. The Courting, 14. In wilderness where no distraction from Baal. "comfortably" lit to her heart.
2. The Characteristics. Hope, joy, youthfulness Cf song in Ex 15), intimacy of relatn, 16 (husband instead of master (baal)), purity, 17.
3. The Covenant, 18-20. Peace for world, 18 (animals and warfare incld). Grace for people, 19-20. Hosed in 20 19 (lovingkindness). Includes eternal relatn, 19; secure relatn, 19, intimate relatn, 20. (know me).
4. The Crop, 21-23. Hear means respond. On earth prosperity, 21-22. For people prosperity, 23.

Redemption

D. Her ~~Ekuskrakka~~, 3:1-3.

1. The Command, 1. Loved of friend=her paramour. Wine lit cakes of raisins involved in rites of Baal.
2. The Cost, 2. Price of slave 30 shekels of silver, Ex 21:32. Hosea redeemed her half in money and half in grain.
3. The Chastisement, 3. Sec~~u~~tion for many days. Forgiveness may involve punishment and restriction.

E. Her Illustration, 3:4-5.

1. Isra~~e~~l forsaken, 4. Without kg or prince (civil govt), without sac (place to do it), image, lit pillar used in pagan worship, ephod part of HP attire (Ex 28:6-14), without teraphim or household gods (Gen 31:19,34). No false objects to tempt them in captivity.
2. Blessed, 5. Return, revival, kingdom, in end of days.

II. THE PRODIGAL PEOPLE, 4-14

1. The Charge, 1-8. a. Against people, 1-3. No truth, no kindness, no knowledge, 1. Swearing, lying, bloodshed. Result: 3, drought.
 - A. The indictment, 4:1-19
 - b. Against priests, 4-8. V4 difficult-prob "they that rebel, o priest". Thy mother, 5 is Israel. Rejected knowledge and as priests increased, sin did, 7. V8 means priests ate sin offering of people and grew fat.
 2. The Chastisement, 9-10. On people and priest (no exemption bec of position).
 3. The Characteristics of sin, 12-19. a. No brains, 11. b. Divination (staff landed on ground certain ways). c. Worship idols, 13. d. Daughters and brides prostitutes. But no punishmt to them, 14-rather to men. e. Stubborn, 16 (not backsliding)-16b is rhetorical ?-Can the Lord...No. f. Idolatry, 16. g. Har~~o~~try, 17. Result, 18-sudden destructn
- Text diff v 17-18. Try RV

B. The Verdict, 5:1-15

1. On priests and kings, 1-7. Reasons, 1-5. V 2 prob "the apostates have gone deep in corrupting and the pit of Shittim have they made deep" (where shrine was). V4-their doings will not allow them to turn to God. Delusion, 1. Apostasizing, 2. Evil, 3. Departure from God, 4. Pride, 5. Results, 6-7. God leaves them (when come with sacrifices they find it is too late, 6). Judgmt comes in a month, 7.
2. On people, 8-15. Ephraim=Israel.
 - a. Warning, 8. Blow trumpet.
 - b. Those included, 9-10. Ephraim (Is) and Judah.
 - c. Reason or Basis, 10-11. Judah moved boundary marker, Deut 19:14; 27:17=lowest form of stealing. Ephraim, Idols
 - d. Results 12-15. Complete destruction, 12. Attempt to find help from Assy but without success, 13-14. Abandonment, 15..

C. The Plea, 6:1-3. When judgmt comes Is will plead.

1. Confession, 1. Return acknowledges that they had left.
2. Confidence, 2. In a short time is all meant by 2,3 days
3. Commitment, 3.

D. The Response, 6:4-11.

1. I tried, 4-6. V 4 morning cloud which soon disappears and dew which soon evaporated. Their god efforts like these. Sent prophets. Desired hesed, 6.
2. You refused, 7-11. By transgressing cov, 7. ~~By~~ Man may be Adam in v 7. By gross sin as illus in Gilead and road to Shechem, 8-9. By idolatry, 10; 11.

E. The Sins of Is 7:1-16. Samaria capital of Ephraim

1. Universal, 1.
2. Condoned, 2. Say not to heart=no pricks of conscience.
3. Rejoiced in, 3.
4. Insatiable, 4. Illustrated, 5-6. V 6 sleepeth=burneth. Lust smolders and then breaks loose.
5. Unbrideled, 7. 3 kgs assassinated during Hos's life.
6. Vain or weakeneing, 8-12. Sin saps strength, 8-10 with result that they sought help from allies, 11, but eventually will bring judgment of God, 12.
7. Against God, 13-16. All sin is this.

F. The Judgment, 8:1-14.

1. Announcement, 1. 2. Reaction, 2. Basis, 3-14. Idol worship, 3-7. Alliances, 9-10. False worship, 11-13. Reliance on fortified cities, 14.

G. The Exile Foretold, 9:1-17.

1. Characteristics, 1-5. a. No harvests, 1-2. v1-reward=harlot's hire. After harvest had festival to celebrate incld harlotry. No more bec no more crops
- b. No home, 3. Have to eat unclean food in Assyria.
- c. No sacrifices, 4-5.
- ~~dxNaxjyxxk~~ 2. Consequences, 5. a. Some would go to Egypt, 2 Kg 25:26. b. Cities (pleasant places for silver-treasure cities) would grow up with thorns.
2. Certainty, 7-9. a. Announcement, 7. b. Reaction, 7-8 v Swatchman of Ephraim is Hosea prob. ~~1/1000000000~~
9. Judges 19-21 and led to almost complete dest of Benjamin. Jud 20:46-48.
4. Cause, Above. Corruption. Started in wilderness, 10, Numb 25. Culminated at Gilgal, Hos 4:15; 12:11. Results in barrenness, 11-12 for individuals and barrenness of nation, 16-17.

H. Destruction foretold, 10:1-15.

1. Of Baal worship, 10:1-8
- a. The Attitude of the people, 1-5.
 - (1) Make better idols, 1 when wealth increased.
 - (2) divid~~d~~ allegiance, 2. Or heart smooth, slippery
 - (3) Unkept promises, 4.
 - (4) Concern for their idols' safety, 5.
- b. The Action of God, 6-9.
 - (1) Deportation, 6. Idol given to king of Assy
 - (2) Humiliation, 6.
 - (3) Extermination, 7. King killed and Is ended.
 - (4) Devastation, 8.
2. Of the nation, 9-15
 - (1) The precursor, 9, Jud 19. Is took vengeance but seeds of the sin grew in Is.
 - (2) The Prediction, 10-11.
 - (3) the Plea, 12. Grace still held out.
 - (4) The Plot, 13-15. Plow-plot, 13. Shalman may be Shalmaneser V, 727-22BC.

I. The Love and Mercy of God 11:1-11

- a. Past, 1-4. Birth, 1; infancy, 3; manhood, 4.
- b. Present love, 5-8. Esp 8. Cities of plain that were destroyed with Sodom and G.
- c. Future, 9-11. Mercy in judgmt, 9. Return promised, 10-11. Roar to summon young.

J. The Sins of the Prodigal People, 11:12-14. 13:3

1. Lying, 12. Trans Judah is yet wayward with God, and toward the Holy One who is faithful.
2. Duplicity, 1-6. Judah played both ends ag middle, 1. Judah will be punished in Baby cap. V 3, Gen 25:26. V 4, Gen 32:22. God who spoke to Jacob at Bethel is identified in v 5. Call to repentance, 5.
3. Cheating, 7-10. Wicked business practices.

Judgment-9-live in tents bec cities will be destroyed. Can't plead ignorance bec of prophets, 10.

4. Idolatry, 11. Jacob being brot back to Pal from serving Laban in Syria and Egyptian deliverance gives glimmer of hope tho doom announced in 14.
5. Bull-worship, 13:1-3. Formerly when Is spoke nations listened but power sapped by Baal worship, 1 Kg 19:18. Result, v 3-Is dispersed like morning cloud, 6:14.

K. Destruction of Is, 13:4-16.

1. In spite of past, 4-6. Deliverance, 4. Sustenance, 5-6
2. As lion--devour, 7.
3. As a leopard, 7--sudden springing on unprepared people
4. As bear bereaved, 8-ferocious, 2 Sam 17:8.
5. Defenceless, 9-11. v 10=where is your king.
6. Just, 12-16. God offered fellowship and life, 13 but Is like a baby that refuses to come out of womb (idolatry) into life (fellowship).
7. Irrevocable, 12-16. Esp 15-16. and end of 14.

L. Conversion and Pardon of the Prodigal, 14:1-9.

1. The Plea, 1-3. Still hope if return to Lord. v. 1 fallen=stumbled by sin. Involves confession, 2. and realization of dependence on Lord, 3.
2. The Pardon, 4-8
 - a. Extent, 4-healing
 - b. Basis, 4-freely. Suggests grace.
 - c. Accompaniments, 5-flourishing, 5-6. Desire of others to associate with Is, 7a. Renunciation of idolatry, 8.
3. The Path, 9.

The Sins of Israel as seen in Hosea

1. Religious syncretism. Fusion of views. Canaanite rel..
 - a. Deities. Baal, male, owned land, controlled fertility. Asherah, consort of Baal. Goddess of fertility. Sex emphasis. This cycle and productivity of nature very imp't.
 - b. Prostitution. Spring came bec Baal and Ash intercourse; to encourage them, men and women should do this. Is's year tied to agricultural year as Canaan's was; so very easy for Is to fuse Can rel into theirs. 1 Kg 12:28 Jerob put calves to worship in N kgdm. Soon people didn't distinguish bet Jer's calves and Baal's bulls.
 - c. Results of.
 1. Vain images, 10:10; 4:15; 8:5; 9:15; 10:5.
 2. Profaned centers. 4:13; 8:1; 10:1-2, 8.
 3. Ineffectual sacrifices. 4:13; 5:6; 6:6.
 4. Sexual immorality. 4:13-14.
2. Political confusion. Self-reliance, 5:5; 7:20; 8:14; 10:13. Foreign alliances. 8:9-10; 12:1; 7:11.
3. Social immorality. 4:10; 7:4. Drunkenness, 4:11; 7:3-7. Lawlessness, 6:9-7:1. Materialism, 12:8-9. Dishonesty, 5:10; 12:7. Complete iniquity, 10:13.