

HOSEA – LESSON ONE

I. GOD COMMANDS HOSEA TO MARRY IDOLATROUS GOMER (1:1-2:1).

- A. Physical picture of spiritual reality.
 - 1. Gomer unfaithful – three children given prophetic names (1:1-9).
 - a. **Gomer** – Israel: “whoredom” (v.2-3).
 - b. **Jezreel**: God will scatter-overthrow of Jehu’s dynasty (v. 4-5).
 - c. **Lo-ruhamah**: “no mercy” – Jehovah has no more mercy upon Israel (v.6-7).
 - d. **Lo-ammi**:- “Not my people” – utter rejection of Israel (v. 8-9).
- B. Restoration of children of Israel (1:10-2:1).

QUESTIONS:

1. What time in Israel’s history did Hosea prophesy?
2. God commanded Hosea, “take unto thee a _____ of _____.” Why?
3. What was the significance to Israel of the “names” of Gomer’s three children?
4. Where is the valley of Jezreel located?
5. Why was God avenging the blood of Jezreel on the house of Jehu, when God had commended Jehu for his deed against the house of Ahab (cf. 2 Kings 10:30)?
6. How is Judah distinguished from Israel and then connected with Israel in connection with God’s promises?
7. To whom does Paul and Peter, by divine inspiration, apply Hosea 1:10-11?
8. What is the significance in the name changes in 2:1?