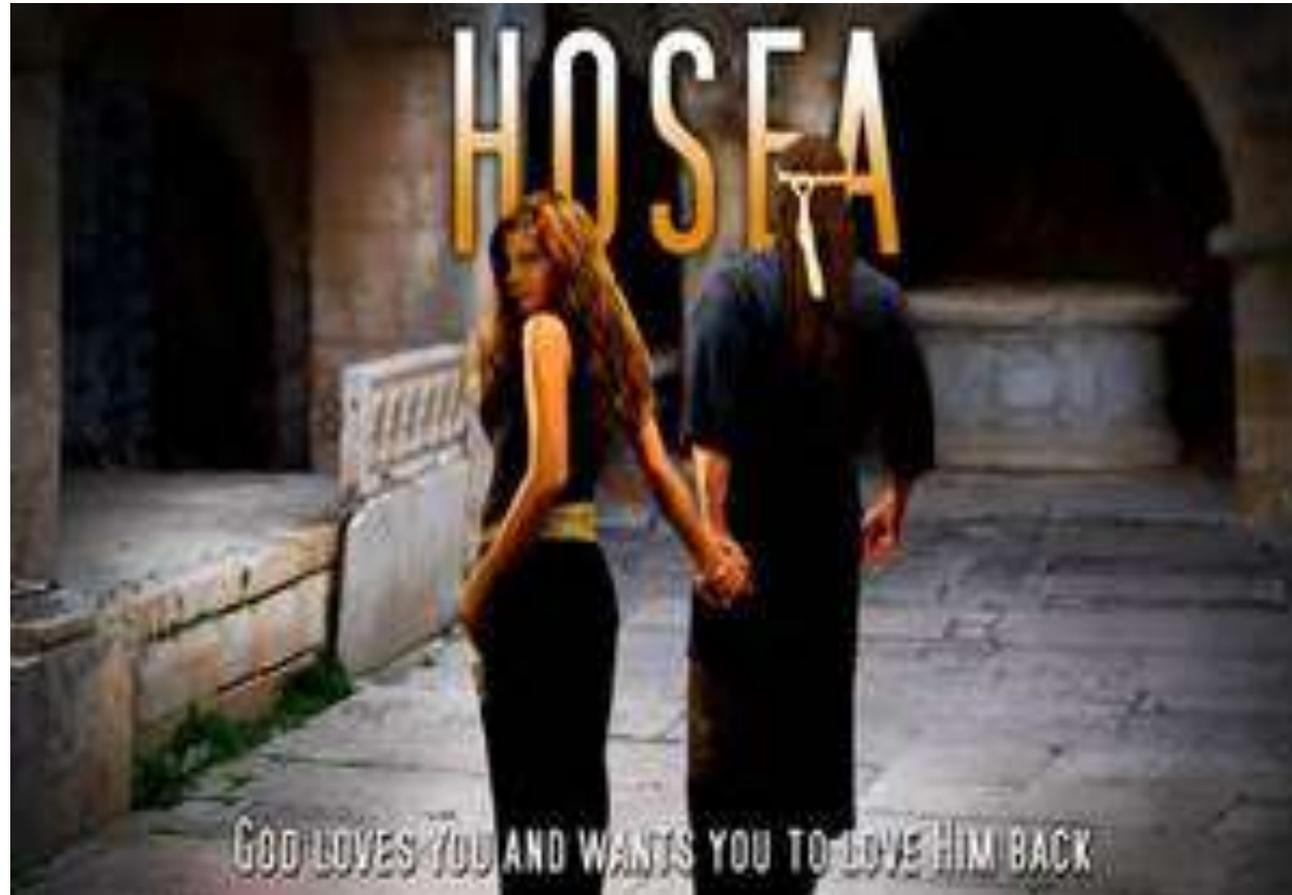


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# Jezreel

- Means God will scatter, or God will sow.
- It is the name of a valley in Israel.



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- 2 Kings 9:6-7 **6**And he (Elisha) arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, **I have anointed thee (Jehu)** king over the people of the LORD, *even* over Israel. **7**And **thou shalt smite the house of Ahab** thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel.

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- However Jehu went too far when he murdered Ahaziah, the king of Judah and several of his family members.
- 1 Kings 9:27 And Jehu followed after him, (king Ahaziah) and said, **Smite him** also in the chariot.
- 2 Kings 10:13-14 **13**Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, *Who are ye?* And they answered, *We are the brethren of Ahaziah; and we go down to salute the children of the king and the children of the queen.* **14**And he said, *Take them alive.* And **they took them alive, and slew them** at the pit of the shearing house, *even* two and forty men; neither left he any of them.

# Gomer's second child – not Hosea's

- **Hosea 1:6** And **she conceived again**, and bare a daughter. And *God* said unto him, Call her name Loruhamah: for I will **no** more have **mercy** upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away.
- Hosea 2:4 And I will not have mercy upon her children; for **they be the children of whoredoms**.

# Gomer's third child, not Hosea's

- **Hosea 1:8-9** 8Now when she had weaned Loruhamah, **she conceived**, and bare a son. 9Then said *God*, Call his name Loammi: for *ye are not my people*, and I will not be your *God*.
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Understandably, Hosea's initial reaction was anger.

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- **Leviticus 20:10** And the man that committeth adultery with *another* man's wife, *even he* that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress **shall surely be put to death.**

By the time of Hosea, the Jewish community had adopted the practice of stripping the adulterous women before they were executed: This practice was not written in the Law of Moses.

- ***Ezekiel 16:38-40*** 38And I will judge thee, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will give thee blood in fury and jealousy. 39And I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thine eminent place, and shall break down thy high places: **they shall strip thee also of thy clothes**, and shall take thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare. 40They shall also bring up a company against thee, and **they shall stone thee with stones**, and **thrust thee through with their swords**.
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- Hosea 2:5-8 **5**For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give *me* my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink. **6**Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths. **7**And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find *them*: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then *was it* better with me than now. **8**For **she did not know that I gave** her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, *which* they prepared for Baal.

# Sin is ugly



- Apparently she had lost her youthful beauty, she was now an older prostitute. No longer did anyone want to pay for her services. She was totally ignorant that it was her husband who had been paying the hire for her immorality.

# Hosea's noble attempt to win back his wife.

- Hosea 2:14-17 14Therefore, behold, **I will allure her**, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her 15And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the **valley of Achor** for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. 16And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, *that* thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali. 17For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.

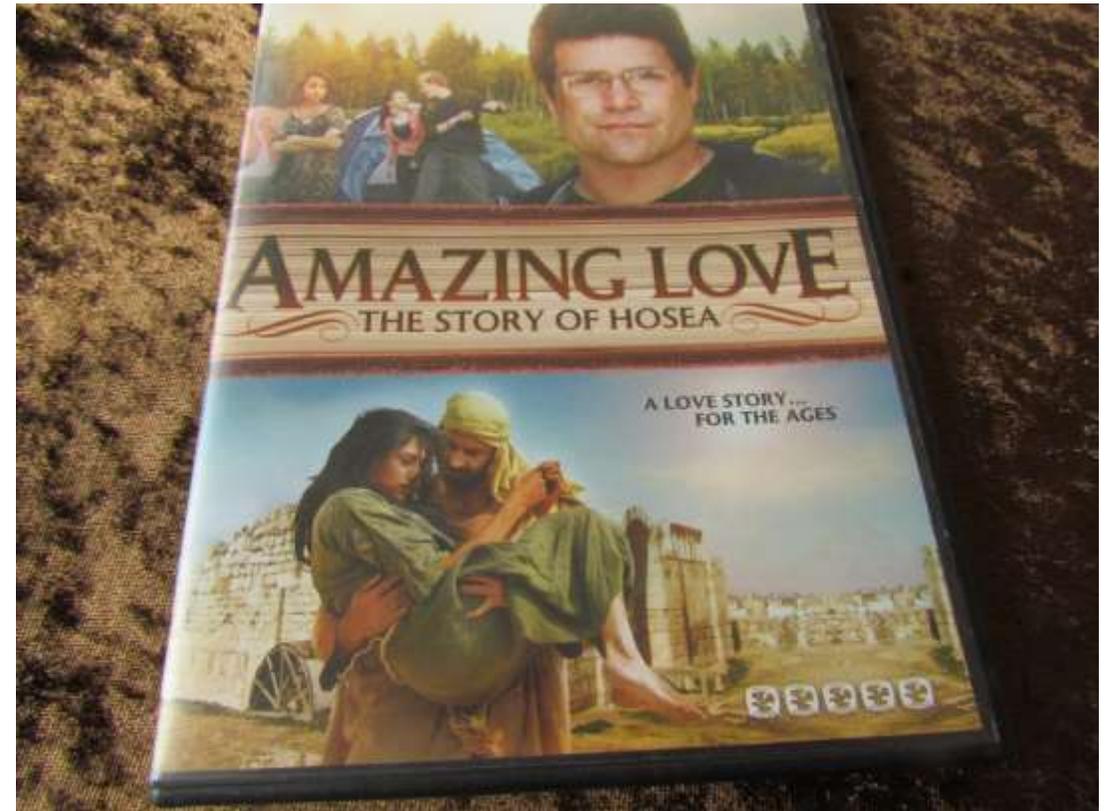
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- **Ezekiel 16:1-5** 1Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations, 3And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto Jerusalem; Thy birth and thy nativity *is* of the land of Canaan; thy father *was* an Amorite, and thy mother an Hittite. 4And *as for* thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple *thee*; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. 5None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the lothing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born.

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# The desperate cry.

- ***Ezekiel 16:6-7*** 6And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood, **Live**; yea, I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood, **Live.** 7I have caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments: *thy* breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou *wast* naked and bare.

# Spoiled rotten

- **Ezekiel 16:8-14** **8** Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time *was* the time of love; and **I spread my skirt over thee**, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine. **9** Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil. **10** I clothed thee also with brodered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk. **11** I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck. **12** And I put a jewel on thy forehead, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head. **13** Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment *was of* fine linen, and silk, and brodered work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil: and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom. **14** And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it *was* perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD.

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- **Ezekiel 16:15-22** **15** But **thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot** because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was. **16** And of thy garments thou didst take, and deckedst thy high places with divers colours, and playedst the harlot thereupon: *the like things* shall not come, neither shall it be so. **17** Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images of men, and didst commit whoredom with them, **18** And tookest thy broidered garments, and coveredst them: and thou hast set mine oil and mine incense before them. **19** My meat also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey, *wherewith* I fed thee, thou hast even set it before them for a sweet savour: and *thus* it was, saith the Lord GOD. **20** Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. *Is this* of thy whoredoms a small matter, **21** That thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through *the fire* for them? **22** And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, *and* wast polluted in thy blood.

# The pain and ugliness of sin.

- ***Ezekiel 16:30-34*** **30**How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord GOD, seeing thou doest all these *things*, the work of an imperious whorish woman; **31**In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire; **32***But as a wife that committeth adultery, which* taketh strangers instead of her husband! **33**They give gifts to all whores: **but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirest them**, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom. **34**And the contrary is in thee from *other* women in thy whoredoms, whereas none followeth thee to commit whoredoms: and in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee, therefore thou art contrary.

# How does God react to sin?

- 1) It angers him:
- Romans 1:18 For the **wrath of God** is revealed from heaven **against all ungodliness and unrighteousness** of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;



# How does God react to sin

- It hurts him, because it is ugly.
- Luke 19:41-44 [41](#)And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, [42](#)Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things *which belong* unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. [43](#)For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, [44](#)And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.



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- He shows amazing love and compassion.
- Ezekiel 16:60-63 **60Nevertheless I will remember my covenant** with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant. **61**Then thou shalt remember thy ways, and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder and thy younger: and I will give them unto thee for daughters, but not by thy covenant. **62**And I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD: **63**That thou mayest remember, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when I am pacified toward thee for all that thou hast done, saith the Lord GOD.



# That love was demonstrated in the person of Jesus the messiah.

- Romans 5:6-8 **6**For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. **7**For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. **8**But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.



# Application:

- Hebrews 2:3 **How shall we escape**, if we neglect so great salvation;
- And can it be that I should gain  
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- John 10:8-11 **10**When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? **11**She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, **Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.**

