

The Bible Jesus Used

A Gospel-Centered Glance at
the Old Testament

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God's Love & Sin's Horrific Nature

- ❖ **The frame and its significance**
 - ❖ **Texts:**
 - ❖ Hosea 1:2. Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD.
 - ❖ Mal 1:2. “I have loved you,” says the LORD. But you say, “How have you loved us?”
 - ❖ **Sin is not just the violation of a norm; it is the desecration of the ultimate relationship.**

❖ **Adultery, not just idolatry**

- ❖ **Hos 2:13. I will punish her for the feast days of the Baals when she burned offerings to them and adorned herself with her ring and jewelry and went after her lovers and forgot me.**

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❖ Hos 4:1. There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land.

❖ No knowledge (Hos 4:4–6:3)

❖ No steadfast love/covenant loyalty (6:4–11:11)

❖ No faithfulness/truth (11:12–14:8)

❖ **An ugly heritage resulting in tragic divorce**

❖ **3 children:**

❖ **Jezreel (1:4)** – “God scatters”

❖ **No Mercy/Love (1:6)** – God will no longer show compassion

❖ **Not My People (1:9–10)** – the covenant relationship is broken

❖ **A public divorce (2:2–13)**

❖ **Sin . . . Therefore, entrapment, lack of guidance, abandonment (2:6–7)**

❖ **Sin . . . Therefore, lack of provision, public shame, helplessness, misery, waste (2:10–13)**

❖ **A hopeful future**

❖ **Sin . . . Therefore, covenant renewal! (2:14–23)**

❖ **Renewed courtship and hope (2:14–15)**

❖ **Restoration of marriage, including:**

- ❖ A complete rejection of past sin (2:16–17)
- ❖ A new creation covenant (2:18)
- ❖ Global peace and security (2:18)
- ❖ Eternality of relationship (2:19)
- ❖ True knowledge of God, as righteous, just, covenantally loyal, merciful, and faithful (2:19–20)
- ❖ Renewal of covenant triangle: God-people-land (2:21–23) – Jezreel (“God sows”); Mercy; My People

Hos 11:8–9. How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

- ❖ **A marriage renewal (3:1–5)**
 - ❖ **Israel’s sinful state in exile (3:1)**
 - ❖ **Gomer, the unfaithful wife and slave**
 - ❖ **Israel, the slave of sin**
 - ❖ **The initial restoration as a picture of husbandly mercy (3:2–4)**
 - ❖ **Hosea’s merciful redemption of Gomer**
 - ❖ **Yahweh’s loving discipline of Israel**
 - ❖ **New covenant restoration (3:5)**
 - ❖ **Gomer’s response (not mentioned)**
 - ❖ **Israel’s restoration in the “latter days”**

❖ **The Challenge:**

❖ **In Malachi's day, right in the midst of initial restoration, most of the province of Judah did not recognize Yahweh's love.**

❖ Mal 1:2. "I have loved you," says the LORD. But you say, "How have you loved us?"

❖ **May we not be so blind.**

❖ 1 John 4:10. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.