

Hosea 1-2



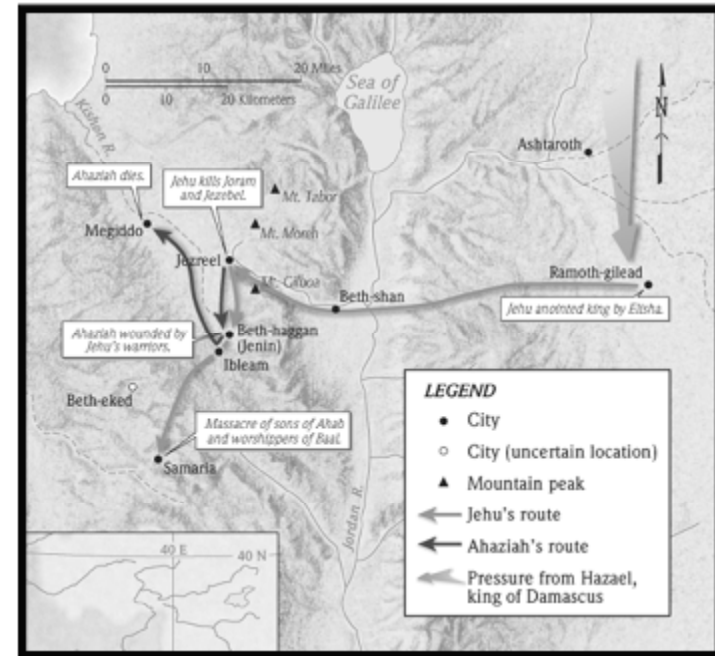
Kings of Israel & Judah with Prophets

Israel	Judah
Jeroboam II (793-753)	Uzziah (792-740 BC)
Zechariah (753)	Amos (c.764-750)
Shallum (752)	Hosea (c.755-717))
Menahem (752-742)	Jotham (750-731)
Pekahiah (742-740)	
Pekah (740-732)	Ahaz (735-715)
Hoshea (732-722)	
Fall of Israel (722 BC)	Hezekiah (729-686)

Hosea, the Prophet

- Hosea means “salvation,” suggesting his father was a man of faith.
- He preached primarily to Israel.
- Hosea was warning the last generation of the Northern Kingdom (Israel) before judgment fell.
- The Assyrians defeated Israel in 722 BC, killing many and taking many captive to other lands.

- Go and shout this message to Jerusalem. This is what the Lord says: “I remember how eager you were to please me as a young bride long ago, how you loved me and followed me even through the barren wilderness. In those days Israel was holy to the Lord” (Jeremiah 2:2-3a, NLT).



- Nevertheless, the LORD said to Jehu, “Because you have done well in carrying out what is right in my sight and have done to the house of Ahab all that was in my heart, four generations of your sons will sit on the throne of Israel” (2 Kings 10:30).

- Hosea 1:4b could be translated “I will bring the bloodshed of Jezreel on the house of Jehu.” (same punishment)
- Yet Jehu was not careful to follow the instruction of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart. He did not turn from the sins that Jeroboam had caused Israel to commit (2 Kings 10:31)—worshiping the gold calves that were in Bethel and Dan (2 Kings 10:29).

- Lo-ruhamah—“no compassion”
- “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the LORD of hosts” (Zechariah 4:6).
- Lo-ammi—“not My people”
- “I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people” (Leviticus 26:12).—NO LONGER!

Baal with Thunder & Lightning



Ancient Canaanite Jewelry



Therefore (2:6, 9, 14)

- God will block her paths.
- God will take back her blessings.
- God will allure (court) her.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

- New Covenant in the Future
- I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it.
- I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
- They will all know Me.
- Their sin I will remember no more.

Hosea 2:22-23

- Jezreel—God plants them in the land.
- Ruhamah—God has compassion.
- Ammi—”You are My people!”
- The people reply, “You are my God!”

Final Thoughts

- We can break God’s heart.
- He wants us to be faithful, to put Him first. What idols do we have?
- He said, “My spirit shall not always strive with man” (Gen. 6:3).
- Now is the time to get right with God!