

Relentless

A Series on Hosea



GO GET A WIFE!

- “of harlotry, and have children of harlotry”
 - She was faithful and became so...
 - Our choices/acts are a testimony – Rom 15:4
- When God asks hard things...
 - Gomer, daughter of Diblaim
 - Too much info here for symbolism...



FIRST CHILD -

- “bore him a son” – Jezreel
- Punish the house of Jehu – He had punished Ahab, Jezebel, false prophets... for the wrong motive and reason (note 1Ki 16:2)
- Break the bow – power to defend/fight
- Valley of Jezreel – judgment



NAMES MEAN SOMETHING!

- Lo-ruhamah – (daughter)
 - not loved, no mercy (Rom 9:25; 1Pt 2:10)
 - No compassion, no forgiveness...
 - And yet...
- Vs 7 – Judah
 - Delivered without battle (i.e. 2Ki 19)
 - “Lord their God”



NAMES MEAN SOMETHING!

- Weaning mentioned...
- Lo-ammi – (son) not my people (vs 9)
- Pictures of judgment and loss
 - Context becomes all important...
- “I will not be yours” lit. Hebrew
 - They had chosen to make other things 1st



AN AGE OF PROMISE

- For a great promise follows! (10-11)
 - “sons of Israel” – all of them!!!
 - Restored to days of the promise
 - “In the place” not at the time...
 - “Sons of the Living God”
 - One Leader, One people... no division
 - “go up” – out of the land of sin, captivity
 - “day of Jezreel” a future event - “God will sow”



GOD'S HEART

- God's idea of Justice...
 - He responds to our actions...
 - Repentance brings mercy, forgiveness
 - Rebellion brings judgment, devastation
- This is not a change on God's part...
- But rather a response to our change...

