Hosea Chapter 3

The Latter Days

Hosea 3: 1-5 NASB

- Hos 3:1 Then the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by her husband, yet an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the sons of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love raisin cakes."
- Hos 3:2 So I bought her for myself for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a half of barley.
- Hos 3:3 Then I said to her, "You shall stay with me for many days. You shall not play the harlot, nor shall you have a man; so I will also be toward you."
- Hos 3:4 For the sons of Israel will remain for many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar and without ephod or household idols.
- Hos 3:5 Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king; and they will come trembling to the LORD and to His goodness in the last days. Heb. acharit-hayamim.

Hosea Chapter 3 Intro

■ IN the previous chapter, the prophet conveyed to the Jewish nation the Almighty's depiction of the glorious fate that is to be theirs in the end of days. Now, however, he reverts to his castigation of the people of his generation for their misdeeds. This is in line with the practice of the prophets who often alternate between words of rebuke and those of comfort. (Radak)

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- 3:3–4 You must dwell as mine has the force of a command. The segregation of Gomer/Israel will lead to her purification, rededication, and renewal. This segregation will be an extensive, though undefined, time of the absence of those things that constituted Israel's apostasy, namely, king and prince (v. 4), who failed in keeping Israel faithful to the Lord (cf. 1:4; 8:4); sacrifice, which they offered to the Baals (cf. 11:2; 13:1–2); the cult pillar (cf. 10:2), popular in Canaanite religion; the ephod, which degenerated into a tool for magical rites; and household gods, idols prohibited from Israel's religion (Judg. 17:5; 18:14; 2 Kings 23:24; Zech. 10:2). The Lord's purging, far from being incompatible with his love, is a major aspect of it. During this time the phrase so will I also be to you (Hos. 3:3) is reassuring and resonates covenant promises and divine support. The Lord God doggedly persists with his people during these trying times. But Israel must not play the whore (v. 3). The lesson having been learned, Israel will be restored beyond all expectation (Deut. 30:5). Romans 11:23 expresses a like sentiment ("they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in").
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■ 3:5 To call David their king is significant for the northern kingdom, which has been in revolt against the house of David for two centuries. They must return in order to be full participants in God's covenant—in other words, God intends to honor the covenant with David (2 Sam. 7:8–16). It is from the house of David that the ultimate king for God's people will come, as indicated in the term the latter days (see Isa. 2:2). God has a glorious future in store for his people.

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■ References to God and (human) kings are not rare in the Tanakh. Still it is important to note that the book in its final form tells its readers of a northern (Israelite) prophet who, even though the Israelite monarchy is at its political zenith, not only perceives that its end is near, but also that the Israelites will turn back to David their king, the dynasty of the Southern Kingdom. (See similarly the final version of the conclusion of Amos.)

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Timeline of Israel's
Exiles –
Jewish
Calendar

King David born	2854
King Solomon born	2912
King Solomon builds the Holy Temple	2928
Rebellion of the Ten Tribes; kingdom is split into two kingdoms: Israel of ten tribes, and Judah of two	2964
Israel conquered by Shalmanesser, Israel exiled to places unknown	3205
Holy Temple destroyed; Judah exiled to Babylon	3338
Holy Temple rebuilt. End of Era of Prophecy; beginning of Mishnaic Era – Time of Yeshua's first coming	3408
Second Holy Temple destroyed – 70 A.D.	3828

Israel's
Latter Day
Restoration
To The
Land

Hitler comes to power in Germany	1933
Final solution formulated by the Nazis	1942
Partition of Palestine by the UN	1947
State of Israel Declared	1948
War of Independence	
PLO Founded	1964
Six Day War and Reunification of Jerusalem	1967
Israel celebrates 70 years back in the land	2018
Signs of Yeshua's Second Coming – Matthew 24	

Hosea Chapter 3 – Trei Asar

- Hos 3:1 Then Adonai said to me: "Go again! Love a woman who is loved by a companion and committing adultery—just as Adonai has loved the Bnei-Yisrael, while they were turning to other gods and loving raisin cakes."
- Hos 3:2 So I bought her for myself for fifteen shekels of silver and an omer and a half of barley.
- Instead of loving the Torah of Hashem and its statues and involving themselves constantly in loving dedtication to their study and fulfillment, they have chosen to indulge constantly in physical pleasures, and to party and drink away their days (Rashi; Radak)
- Trei Asar Page 31

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- Hos 3:3 Then I said to her: "For many days you must stay with me. You must not practice prostitution. You must not have a man, and I will be the same toward you."
- Hos 3:4 For Bnei-Yisrael will remain for many days without king, without prince, without sacrifice, without sacred pillar, and without ephod or teraphim.
- Trei Asar Page 32-24
- Abarbanel interprets theses two verses as the prophet's encouragement to the Jewish people to withstand their tribulations in exile, secure in their awareness that the tragedies of exile along with the ultimate redemption are both predicted in Scripture.
- Also, verse 4 describes the loyalty to the Almighty that the Jewish people will retain in exile

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- Thus I have already established this with her by means of the fifteen prophets, who foretold the final redemption and for the fulfillment of whose prophecies the Jewish people year – Psalm 84:3
- King David (in Psalms)
- > Isaiah
- > Jeremiah
- Ezekiel
- Hosea
- > Joel
- > Amos

- Obadiah
- > Micah
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Daniel
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- > Malachi

In addition the tribulations you undergo have also been foretold in the Torah itself- in the 98 curses expressed in Deuteronomy 28 and the 49 stated in Leviticus 26. Trei Asar Page 33

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- Hos 3:5 Afterwards, Bnei-Yisrael will return, and they will seek Adonai their God and David their king. Then they will turn in awe to Adonai and to His goodness in the last days.
- Numbers/Bamidbar 24:14FF
- Deuteronomy/D'varim 4:30FF
- Deuteronomy/D'varim 31: 29FF
- The Sages state R'Shimon bar Yocai said; The Jewish nation despised three things in the days of Rehoboam.
- The Kingdom of Heaven
- The Kingdom of David
- The Temple (when they split off into a second kingdom and appointed a separate king, and ceased to come to worship in the Temple)

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- After many years of exile, when the day of the final redemption arrives (Radak; Metzudos David) the Children of Israel shall repent their infidelity to Me and devote themselves to My service with a full heart (Abarbanel). At the same time, they will seek the kingdom of the Messiah, from the house of David, to whom they will turn for guidance in all their affairs.
- It is written in Isaiah 33:14 The sinners tremble in Zion (while here it is written; And they shall tremble for Hashem and for His goodness (in the end of days)

- 1. False Bible teachers would be money hungry. They would be smooth talkers, have many followers, and slur the Christian faith (2 Peter 2:1-3)
 - 2. Homosexuality would be increasingly evident at the end of the age (2 Timothy 3:3)
 - 3. **Earthquakes** would be in diverse places (Matthew 24:7)
 - 4. Stress would be part of living (2 Timothy 3:1)
 - 5. Many wars would erupt (Matthew 24:6)

- 6. People would forsake the Ten Commandments/Torah as a moral code, committing adultery, stealing, lying, and killing (Matthew 24:12)
 - 7. There would be a **cold religious system**, in denying God's power (2 Timothy 3:5)
 - 8. Men would **substitute fantasy in place of Biblical truth** (2 Timothy 4:4). This is so evident at Christmas (when the birth of the Savior, which is not December 25th, but celebrated by Christians and who do not understand the Feasts, is lost behind the myth of Santa Claus.)
 - 9. **Deadly diseases would be prevalent** (Matthew 24:7). The worldwide increase in AIDS deaths is almost inestimable. Over 160,000 Americans die of cancer each year.
 - 10. The fact that God once flooded the earth (the Noahic flood) would be denied (2 Peter 3:5-6). There is a mass of fossil evidence to prove this fact, yet it is flatly ignored by the scientific world because of its uncanny implication.

■ 11. The institution of marriage would be forsaken by many (1 Timothy 4:3)

12. There would be an **increase in famines** (Matthew 24:7)

13. There would be a cry for peace (1 Thessalonians 5:3)

14. The possession of Jerusalem would be at the center of international turmoil (Zechariah 12:3)

- 16. **Knowledge would increase** (Daniel 12:4)
 - 17. There would be hypocrites within the Church i.e. Pastors (false Shepherds) who deny the Word, don't believe in God and tickle peoples ears with myths and lies and endorse immorality. (Matthew 13:25-30)
 - 18. There would be an increase of religious cults/false teachers, satanism and occult practices. (Matthew 24:11 & 24)
 - 19. The future would seem fearful to many (Luke 21:26)
 - 20. Humanity would become materialistic (2 Timothy 3:4)

- 21. There would be many involved in travel (Daniel 12:4)
 - 22. The Gospel of Messiah/Besora would be preached as a warning to all nations (Matthew 24:14)
 - 23. Yeshua said **Believers in Yeshua would be hated** "for His name's sake" (Matthew 24:9)
 - 24: And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. (Luke 21:25-26).
- 25. Global threat of Radical Islam taking over countries

- 25: Youth would become rebellious. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy (2 Timothy 3:2)
 - 26: Men would mock the warning signs of the end of the age saying, "for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." (2 Peter 3:4). The Bible even reveals their motivation, they love lust (verse 3). They fail to understand that a day to the Lord is as a thousand years to us. God is not subject to the time that He created. He can flick through time as we flick through the pages of a history book. The reason He seems to be silent, is because He is patiently waiting, not willing that any perish, but that all come to repentance.
- 27. Anti-Semitism against the Jewish people would rise up again-Hatred of God's Chosen People See article Rise of Anti-Semitism.
- 28. Romans 1 Hearts hardened. Moral decline due to hardness of hearts
- 29. The rise of Islam Threat to entire world- Anti Messiah Spirit

Positive End Time Events

- The Jewish people returning to Israel (1948) and bringing the land back to life!
- Christians returning to their Jewish Roots in Messiah and keeping the Feasts, Shabbat and Torah
- Greater understanding between Christians and Jews and reconciliation
- Many Jewish people coming to faith in Yeshua

Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

- Eze 28:25 Thus says Adonai Elohim: "When I have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered and show my holiness through them in the eyes of the nations, then they will live in their own land which I gave to My servant Jacob.
- Eze 28:26 They will live safely there, and they will build houses and plant vineyards. They will live securely when I have executed judgments on all those around them that treated them with contempt. So they will know that I am Adonai their God."
- Read Tim Hegg Commentary of Ezekiel