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HELPFUL STUDY TOOLS

ARTHUR, KAY

How to Study Your Bible*Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House Publishers, 1994***The New Inductive Study Bible***Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House Publishers, 2000***Hebrew Word Study Tools***(The following is a list of helpful Hebrew Word Study Tools:)*

HARRIS, R. LAIRD; ARCHER, GLEASON L. JR.; WALTKE, BRUCE K.

Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*Chicago, Illinois: Moody Press, 1980*

ZODHIATES, SPIROS

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The Complete Word Study Dictionary Old Testament*Chattanooga, Tennessee: AMG Publishers, 2003*

RECOMMENDED COMMENTARIES

GAEBELIEN, FRANK E.

The Expositor's Bible Commentary, Volume 4*Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishers, 1990*

GARRET, D. A..

The New American Commentary*Nashville, Tennessee: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1997*

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Commentary on the Old Testament*Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers Inc., 1996*

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Logos Bible Software

Powerful search engines and up to 4,000 electronic Bible study resources (commentaries, lexicons, Bible dictionaries etc.) make it fast and easy to do simple and complex searches of multiple sources, then pull materials together for orderly presentation—excellent for word and topical studies based on English or original Hebrew and Greek. Available at www.logos.com.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN WE WANT YOU TO KNOW. . .

Beloved, thank you for joining us in the eighth of our ten-course study in the Kings and Prophets series, *A Love That Will Not Let Me Go*. How we pray that this study of Hosea will help you understand the wonder of God's covenant love to all His covenant people. Remember, the Old Testament was written for our instruction, hope, and encouragement (1 Corinthians 10:11; Romans 15:4).

If you're new to this series, it's important for you to know that the Old Testament books we're studying are a mix of history and concurrent prophecy. We designed this series to give you a full picture of events in Israel during a specific period of history.

While we want you to have the full picture of these times, we also want you to be able to separate out the writings of the prophets should you desire. So we divided this series into ten separate courses. This and the fact that the course does not demand an overwhelming commitment should encourage newcomers to join us without hesitation. We trust that you are about our Father's business recruiting others to study God's Word for themselves!

Remember, Beloved: if God put sixty-six books into His Book, there is a purpose for each one and we need to study each and every one. To ignore the Word of God is to ignore God, which is the height of pride. The Bible is *the Word* of the Creator of the heavens and the earth.

God has spoken, and what He has spoken is absolute truth. He told us we're to live by every word which comes from His mouth (Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4). Therefore we must not neglect the Word of God or prefer the words of men (books authored by human beings) over the very words of God. The content of each book of the Bible is critical to our lives; otherwise, God would not have included it in His eternal Word.

You're doing what you ought to be doing and we're proud of you for disciplining yourself for the purpose of godliness, for adding to your faith, knowledge—the knowledge of the one and only true God, His ways, His history, His commandments, His ordinances and precepts for life.

It's our prayer that you will see how critically relevant Hosea is to our times and to your life so that you'll confidently know and understand that He loves you with a love that will not let you go. May this love cause you to keep His commandments and honor Him for Who He truly is.

How we look forward to your stories about how God uses these courses to teach you more of Who He is, to conform you more into His Son's image, and to prepare you to be the vessel of righteousness He desires to use for the furtherance of His kingdom. And how we would love to see you face-to-face at one of our training workshops, study courses, tours, or conferences!

Blessings untold,



Kay Arthur for all the Precept Staff

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FIRST-TIMERS

Welcome to Precept Upon Precept Inductive Bible studies. We're excited that you'll be studying with us! Inductive Bible study draws you into personal interaction with God through His Word so that your beliefs are based on a prayerful observation and understanding of the Scriptures—truth that will transform your life. Studying this way is summed up in the words of the psalmist: “for You Yourself have taught me” (Psalm 119:102). May the Lord bless you richly as you delve into the treasures of His Word.

The following will be helpful to you as you begin your studies:

OBSERVING THE TEXT

In the lessons that follow, you'll be asked to mark key words or phrases on a particular passage using Observation Worksheets.

- Key words or phrases unlock your understanding of the text. Marking them distinctively with colors or symbols helps you quickly locate the word or phrase, see how it's used and how often.
- It's advantageous to keep markings simple; colors and color combinations are easiest least cluttering.
- You'll find suggestions on the back cover of your Precept book; however, colors and symbols are your choice.
- When you have several words or phrases to mark, it's helpful to read through the chapter more than once, marking a couple of words each time.
- It's also helpful to make a bookmark (e.g., an index card) and list all the key words, marking them the way you want to mark them in the text.

FILLING IN THE AT A GLANCE CHART

As you finish observing a chapter, you'll be asked to record its theme (main subject) on an **At a Glance** chart specifically designed for the book you're studying. This chart provides space to list each chapter's theme and places for recording other pertinent information on the book. When completed, this chart provides a synopsis of the book at a glance.

We have three sources that will show you how to do the above and more (all available at www.precept.org or by calling 800-763-8280):

How to Study Your Bible by Kay Arthur: Chapter 2, “Getting the Big Picture” (p. 27ff.).

The New Inductive Study Bible (NISB). See “How to Use the Inductive Study Approach” (NISB-15ff) and “A System for Marking Key Words... Throughout Your Bible” (NISB-26.)

Discover the Bible for Yourself by Kay Arthur (new), pages 7-19.

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WORD STUDIES

You'll find out how to do word studies by reading the chapter, "It's All Greek to Me," in *How to Study Your Bible*.

There are many helpful computer programs. We highly recommend Logos Bible Software's wide range of products.

We're so thankful you've joined us. You're about to join hundreds of thousands in an exciting adventure that will help you discover truth for yourself in a way you've never done before. Your life will be transformed and strengthened through the Word of God.

However, we want you to remember that it takes time and practice to make these study skills "second nature." And it does not come without spiritual warfare. The only offensive weapon the child of God has is the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. You need to sharpen this sword and not let anyone or anything discourage you. Precept is not difficult; it simply takes time and discipline, but that's what discipleship is about!

QUESTIONS

If you have questions, call your Precept Leader for help. We're sure he/she will help you or connect you with a student who can. We also want to urge you to take our training courses *How to Study Your Bible* and *Studying and Leading Precept*. The second one teaches you basic skills, gives you opportunity to practice, and helps prepare you to lead Precept should God so direct. You can find out more about the training seminars by going online to www.precept.org.

Blessings, Beloved. Welcome to the Precept family.

Remember, you too can say with the psalmist, "I have not turned aside from Your ordinances, for You Yourself have taught me."

LESSON ONE

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THIS LESSON INCORPORATES The following located in the Appendix:
Observation Worksheets of Hosea
“Hosea at a Glance” chart
Jezreel Valley map
“The Rulers and Prophets of Hosea’s Time” chart
Observation Worksheet on Ezekiel 16:1–43, 60–63
Cross-references

How much and how long will You love me, my God?

Surviving the trauma of fractured relationships, the frailty and fickleness of human love make the answer to this question a matter of the greatest security and peace. The study you’re about to embark on could not be more timely or needful.

DAY ONE

If you begin each day’s study with prayer, crying out to the God of heaven for insight, wisdom, and understanding of the pertinence of this book, then God will meet with you in a very profound and personal way. It’s His delight to answer the cry of your heart.

1. Remember the Bible is God’s book, His words—recorded word-for-word under the supervision of the Holy Spirit. So come to God in childlike trust, dear disciple, and listen accordingly. As you learn more and more of His Word, more and more you’ll come to know your God better and watch with amazement and delight as Scripture interprets Scripture and the Spirit teaches you how to live.

Let’s begin our study by reading your Observation Worksheets on Hosea 1–3. Using a pencil, underline every reference to *wife*, *husband*, *mother*. Then write down your first impression of what you think these three chapters are about.

2. Now let’s begin our observations of Hosea 1. Mark the following key words along with their synonyms and pronouns. (As we suggest in other courses, you

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might want to list these words on a card, mark them as you will mark them in the text, then use the card as a bookmark.)

- a. *the Lord first spoke, the Lord said*
- b. *harlotry*
- c. *I will*
- d. *compassion* (If it's a negative phrase, put a slash through it like this \.)
- e. *Israel* (the Northern Kingdom—capital, Samaria)
- f. *Judah* (the Southern Kingdom—capital, Jerusalem)
- g. *the land given by God to Israel by covenant as an everlasting possession*
- h. *name him (her)*_____ and include the name in the marking.

3. Read through Hosea 1 again and:

- a. Mark references to time. Many of us do this with a green clock like this .
- b. Double underline geographical references in green. Places are as important in the Word of God as times are. You will find a map of Jezreel Valley in the Appendix.

4. What do you learn from marking the time phrase “days” in Hosea 1:1? *When* did the Word of the Lord come to Hosea? The answer will give you a clearer understanding of the timing of Hosea’s messages.

5. Let’s see when the kings mentioned in Hosea 1:1 ruled.

- a. Look at the chart “**The Rulers and Prophets of Hosea’s Time,**” in the Appendix. Locate the names of the kings mentioned in verse 1, then list them under the kingdoms they ruled over with the years of their reigns (as recorded on the chart). (If you’ve been doing our Kings and Prophets Series, this is all review for you. Remember, the more you review and repeat things out loud, the more you’ll remember them.)

THE KINGS OF HOSEA 1:1

Kings of Judah	Years ruled	Kings of Israel	Years ruled

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- b. Now, using the same chart, what were the names of the kings of the Northern Kingdom (Israel) who ruled during the reigns of the Southern kings listed in Hosea 1:1?
- c. “The Rulers and Prophets of Hosea’s Time” chart shows that Hosea was a prophet to the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Note the names of the prophets to the Southern Kingdom during Hosea’s time.

6. Great start! You now have the historical setting of Hosea.

Thank you, Beloved, for joining “Preceptors” all over the world who are hungry to discover truth for themselves so they know that they know. What a testimony this bears to the Word of God! Your willingness to discipline your time shows you are serious about knowing Him by studying His Word. Your actions say, “Lord, I believe that I am to live by every word that comes from Your mouth.” That, Beloved, is huge!

DAY
TWO

1. Today we are going to dig a little deeper into Hosea 1:1-9. One of the phrases you marked yesterday was *the Lord first spoke* and *the Lord said*. Look at each place you marked these synonymous phrases. How many times did the Lord speak to Hosea in this first chapter?
2. Now, asking the 5 Ws and H: who, what, when, where, why and how, list everything you learn about God’s messages to Hosea in the order they are spoken by God. Watch the *I wills* of God you marked.

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3. The marginal notes in the *New American Standard Bible (NASB)* give the meaning of the names of the children born to Gomer except for *Jezreel* which means “God sows”; *Lo-ruhamah* means “she has not obtained compassion”; *Lo-ammī* means “not my people.” (The *Lo* is the “not.”)
4. Let’s stop for a moment and think about God’s command to Hosea to name his first son *Jezreel*, “God sows.”
 - a. What were the two reasons given for naming his son *Jezreel*, and when would God sow?
 - b. Now look at *when* God put an end to the kingdom of Israel. Consult the chart “**The Rulers and Prophets of Hosea’s Time,**” and record the year the last part of the Northern Kingdom was taken into captivity. _____
 - c. Second Kings 15:27-29 describes the first captivity of the Northern Kingdom which occurred about 732 B.C. Read it to become familiar with the events. This displacement left Ephraim alone in the Northern Kingdom.
 - d. Now read 2 Kings 17:5-6,18,22-23. These verses sum up the Northern Kingdom’s final exile into Assyria in 722 B.C. Second Kings 17:7-18 tells you *why* God did this.
 - e. Now put on your thinking caps! In light of all you observed, was the birth of *Jezreel* before or after the Assyrian captivity of Israel in 722 B.C.?
5. *Harlotry* is a key word used from Hosea 1 all the way into the ninth chapter. You’ll want to learn everything you can from God’s use of this word since it is used often in connection with His people. What do you learn from marking *harlotry* in Hosea 1?

c. Romans 15:1-3

Well, Beloved, this is enough for today. Since Hosea 1:10 is the beginning of Hosea 2 in the Hebrew Bible, we're going to wait until tomorrow to look at these verses, which fit better with the content of Hosea 2.

Our prayer for you and for us, Beloved, is that our lives will be living testimonies of the One whose name we bear. May the message of His "so great a salvation" be seen fleshed out in us.

DAY THREE

Are you ready to hang on to God's every word? To discover God's purpose in including Hosea's message in His book? To be spoken to, in truth, by the Spirit of God?

Good! Your heavenly Bridegroom, who sits right now at the right hand of the Father, asked the Father, when He was on earth, to sanctify you through His Word. Tell Him you want to be sanctified—to be holy as He is holy—cleansed by the washing of the water of His Word.

1. Begin your study by reading Hosea 1 and 2 straight through. Then since the Hebrew Bible starts Hosea 2 at 1:10, begin your observations at Hosea 1:10 and move all the way through Hosea 2.
 - a. Add *covenant* to your bookmark. Because everything God does is based on covenant, it's always wise to mark this word wherever you come across it in your Bible.
 - b. When you mark references to time, mark *in that day* in a special way. You can still use a clock but give the phrase a special embellishment. As you will see, it truly deserves it!
2. Now look at what you've observed from Hosea 1:10 through chapter 2. Note what's being said in each of the following segments and summarize the content of each.
 - a. Hosea 1:10-2:1

b. Hosea 2:2-7

c. Hosea 2:8-13

d. Hosea 2:14-23

3. Quite possibly after observing Hosea 1 and 2 you've noticed a pattern in God's message through Hosea. First God deals with Israel's sin, then the consequences of the sin, and then their future. This is typical with other prophets.
4. Keeping this pattern in mind, read through Hosea 1 and 2 again. Then think about what this tells you about God. A person is known by his thoughts and actions—even God. God has said some hard things to Israel (called her a harlot), but is He finished with her? If not, what does this tell you about God's dealings with *you*?

5. Finally, read Hosea 1:10 and Hosea 2:23.
 - a. How do the verses compare? What are they saying?
 - b. Did you know God uses Hosea 2:23 in reference to you? Read Romans 9:25-26 and see what He says about you. Record it.

6. As we go through Hosea, we think it will be helpful to memorize one verse a week. This week's verse is Hosea 2:23.

Do you believe God? Are you living accordingly?

DAY FOUR

1. As you have seen, God uses Hosea and Gomer as a visual picture of His relationship to Israel. When Ezekiel comes on the scene, God gives Israel an even clearer explanation of His relationship to His people as a husband to a wife.

In the Appendix you'll find an Observation Worksheet on two segments of Ezekiel 16: verses 1-43 and 60-63. It's a fascinating chapter. As you observe it, mark

- a. references to *God* in one color (say, yellow)
- b. references to *Jerusalem* in another color. Although Ezekiel is prophesying about Jerusalem, by metonymy what is said of Jerusalem is true of the Southern Kingdom (Judah), and of the nation of Israel as a whole. (Metonymy is a figure of speech in which a part substitutes for the whole. This figure of speech is used throughout the chapter.)
- c. *harlot*
- d. *Assyrians*
- e. *covenant*

2. Now, summarize what you learn from this chapter about God and about Jerusalem (Israel). Be as brief as possible.

3. Do you see similarities between Ezekiel 16 and Hosea 1-2? If so, list them.

You've done well, faithful one. We'll call it a day. Tomorrow we'll see how this applies to us.

DAY
FIVE

We've come to our final chapter of study, Hosea 3. It's short but oh so sweet once you understand what God is saying. Ask Him to open the eyes of your understanding so that you will see the wonder of His gracious love.

1. Observe Hosea 3.
 - a. Again, don't miss marking time phrases. As a matter of fact, note the first word in verse 3.
 - b. Mark *even as*—a phrase that introduces important comparisons.
 - c. Mark *return*, *seek*, and *love* distinctively. Add these to your bookmark.
2. List the order of events in this chapter. Then, if there are parallel events with the sons of Israel, record them in the comparison column.

Hosea and Gomer

Comparison with Israel

Hosea and Gomer	Comparison with Israel

3. You may have already recorded these answers, but just so you don't miss them:
 - a. What will happen in the last days and to whom?

 - b. According to what you observed in Hosea 2, where do you think this will happen?

4. What do you think Hosea 3:4 means? Is there a correlation between Hosea 3:4-5 and where Israel is today as a nation?

5. Record the themes of Hosea 1-3 on your "Hosea at a Glance" chart. Also summarize the first message in as few words as possible and record it on the chart.

6. As you think about Hosea and Ezekiel 16, do you wonder how Israel could be so blind and disobedient? How could the wife of *God* ever live this way when there is such a high calling on her?

As you think about this and before you answer, let's look at some analogies. If Israel is the wife of God (as you saw in Ezekiel 16), what is the church to Jesus Christ, and how does God define harlotry? Look up the following passages and record what you learn from them:

- a. 2 Corinthians 11:1-2

- b. Ephesians 5:18-33. List everything you learn about Christ and the Church.

c. 1 Corinthians 6:15-18

d. Revelation 21:9

e. James 4:4

7. Now, if you are a truly are a Christian,
- a. what is your relationship to Jesus Christ according to these verses?

 - b. what constitutes “harlotry” for a believer? (Remember what you saw in James 4:4. Also consider Ephesians 2:1-3 and 1 John 5:19, noting who the ruler of this world is at this present time.)
8. Let’s dig a little deeper. What are you doing if you’re acting immorally *in any way*? What does God call this? (When we say “acting immorally in any way,” we’re talking about God’s definition of immorality (not society’s)—no sexual

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activity outside of marriage. If you're not married, all sexual activity is out of bounds.¹)

9. If you've sinned against God, is all lost? Was all lost for Israel? What did you learn from marking the *I will's* of Hosea 2:14–23 and from observing Hosea 3?

How can these messages be applied to you and to others? Immense pain comes from adultery—both immediate and long-term consequences. What is God's heart toward those who are physically or spiritually unfaithful? Is there hope for reconciliation and redemption? What does it take?

10. Finally, Beloved, in light of what you observed, how much and how long will God love you? And what is your prayer?

Please feel free to consult your commentaries on Hosea.

¹ Kay Arthur has written a very comprehensive book on the subject, *The Truth About Sex*, published by Waterbrook Press. It has been translated into several languages already and is being used not only in churches but in secular schools and universities, among teens and adults. What makes *The Truth About Sex* so powerful is that you mark scriptures that are in the book text, so that you see for yourself exactly what God says. Consequently many lives are being impacted. People are saying, "I didn't know the Bible says this. Why didn't someone tell me sooner?"

HOSEA 1

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

THE word of the LORD which came to Hosea the son of Beeri, during the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and during the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

- 2 When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, “Go, take to yourself a wife of harlotry and *have* children of harlotry; for the land commits flagrant harlotry, forsaking the LORD.”
- 3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.
- 4 And the LORD said to him, “Name him Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will punish the house of Jehu for the bloodshed of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.
- 5 “On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.”
- 6 Then she conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. And the LORD said to him, “Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have compassion on the house of Israel, that I would ever forgive them.
- 7 “But I will have compassion on the house of Judah and deliver them by the LORD their God, and will not deliver them by bow, sword, battle, horses or horsemen.”
- 8 When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and gave birth to a son.
- 9 And the LORD said, “Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not My people and I am not your God.”
- 10 Yet the number of the sons of Israel
Will be like the sand of the sea,
Which cannot be measured or numbered;
And in the place
Where it is said to them,
“You are not My people,”

It will be said to them,

“*You are* the sons of the living God.”

- 11 And the sons of Judah and the sons of Israel will be gathered
together,
And they will appoint for themselves one leader,
And they will go up from the land,
For great will be the day of Jezreel.

HOSEA 2

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

SAY to your brothers, “Ammi,” and to your sisters, “Ruhamah.”

- 2 “Contend with your mother, contend,
For she is not my wife, and I am not her husband;
And let her put away her harlotry from her face
And her adultery from between her breasts,
- 3 Or I will strip her naked
And expose her as on the day when she was born.
I will also make her like a wilderness,
Make her like desert land
And slay her with thirst.
- 4 “Also, I will have no compassion on her children,
Because they are children of harlotry.
- 5 “For their mother has played the harlot;
She who conceived them has acted shamefully.
For she said, ‘I will go after my lovers,
Who give *me* my bread and my water,
My wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.’
- 6 “Therefore, behold, I will hedge up her way with thorns,
And I will build a wall against her so that she cannot find her
paths.
- 7 “She will pursue her lovers, but she will not overtake them;
And she will seek them, but will not find *them*.
Then she will say, ‘I will go back to my first husband,
For it was better for me then than now!’
- 8 “For she does not know that it was I who gave her the grain,
the new wine and the oil,
And lavished on her silver and gold,

Which they used for Baal.

- 9 “Therefore, I will take back My grain at harvest time
And My new wine in its season.
I will also take away My wool and My flax
Given to cover her nakedness.
- 10 “And then I will uncover her lewdness
In the sight of her lovers,
And no one will rescue her out of My hand.
- 11 “I will also put an end to all her gaiety,
Her feasts, her new moons, her sabbaths
And all her festal assemblies.
- 12 “I will destroy her vines and fig trees,
Of which she said, ‘These are my wages
Which my lovers have given me.’
And I will make them a forest,
And the beasts of the field will devour them.
- 13 “I will punish her for the days of the Baals
When she used to offer sacrifices to them
And adorn herself with her earrings and jewelry,
And follow her lovers, so that she forgot Me,” declares the
LORD.
- 14 “Therefore, behold, I will allure her,
Bring her into the wilderness
And speak kindly to her.
- 15 “Then I will give her her vineyards from there,
And the valley of Achor as a door of hope.
And she will sing there as in the days of her youth,
As in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt.
- 16 “It will come about in that day,” declares the LORD,
“That you will call Me Ishi
And will no longer call Me Baali.
- 17 “For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth,
So that they will be mentioned by their names no more.

- 18 “In that day I will also make a covenant for them
With the beasts of the field,
The birds of the sky
And the creeping things of the ground.
And I will abolish the bow, the sword and war from the land,
And will make them lie down in safety.
- 19 “I will betroth you to Me forever;
Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and in justice,
In lovingkindness and in compassion,
- 20 And I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness.
Then you will know the LORD.
- 21 “It will come about in that day that I will respond,” declares the
LORD.
“I will respond to the heavens, and they will respond to the
earth,
- 22 And the earth will respond to the grain, to the new wine and
to the oil,
And they will respond to Jezreel.
- 23 “I will sow her for Myself in the land.
I will also have compassion on her who had not obtained
compassion,
And I will say to those who were not My people,
‘You are My people!’
And they will say, ‘*You are my God!*’ ”

HOSEA 3

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

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.”

- 2 So I bought her for myself for fifteen *shekels* of silver and a homer and a half of barley.
- 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.”
- 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.
- 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.

HOSEA 4
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

LISTEN to the word of the LORD, O sons of Israel,

- For the LORD has a case against the inhabitants of the land,
Because there is no faithfulness or kindness
Or knowledge of God in the land.
- 2 *There is* swearing, deception, murder, stealing and adultery.
They employ violence, so that bloodshed follows bloodshed.
- 3 Therefore the land mourns,
And everyone who lives in it languishes
Along with the beasts of the field and the birds of the sky,
And also the fish of the sea disappear.
- 4 Yet let no one find fault, and let none offer reproof;
For your people are like those who contend with the priest.
- 5 So you will stumble by day,
And the prophet also will stumble with you by night;
And I will destroy your mother.
- 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.
Because you have rejected knowledge,
I also will reject you from being My priest.
Since you have forgotten the law of your God,
I also will forget your children.
- 7 The more they multiplied, the more they sinned against Me;
I will change their glory into shame.
- 8 They feed on the sin of My people
And direct their desire toward their iniquity.
- 9 And it will be, like people, like priest;
So I will punish them for their ways
And repay them for their deeds.
- 10 They will eat, but not have enough;
They will play the harlot, but not increase,
Because they have stopped giving heed to the LORD.

- 11 Harlotry, wine and new wine take away the understanding.
- 12 My people consult their wooden idol, and their *diviner's* wand
informs them;
For a spirit of harlotry has led *them* astray,
And they have played the harlot, *departing* from their God.
- 13 They offer sacrifices on the tops of the mountains
And burn incense on the hills,
Under oak, poplar and terebinth,
Because their shade is pleasant.
Therefore your daughters play the harlot
And your brides commit adultery.
- 14 I will not punish your daughters when they play the harlot
Or your brides when they commit adultery,
For *the men* themselves go apart with harlots
And offer sacrifices with temple prostitutes;
So the people without understanding are ruined.
- 15 Though you, Israel, play the harlot,
Do not let Judah become guilty;
Also do not go to Gilgal,
Or go up to Beth-aven
And take the oath:
“As the LORD lives!”
- 16 Since Israel is stubborn
Like a stubborn heifer,
Can the LORD now pasture them
Like a lamb in a large field?
- 17 Ephraim is joined to idols;
Let him alone.
- 18 Their liquor gone,
They play the harlot continually;
Their rulers dearly love shame.
- 19 The wind wraps them in its wings,
And they will be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

HOSEA 5

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

HEAR this, O priests!

- Give heed, O house of Israel!
Listen, O house of the king!
For the judgment applies to you,
For you have been a snare at Mizpah
And a net spread out on Tabor.
- 2 The revolvers have gone deep in depravity,
But I will chastise all of them.
- 3 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hidden from Me;
For now, O Ephraim, you have played the harlot,
Israel has defiled itself.
- 4 Their deeds will not allow them
To return to their God.
For a spirit of harlotry is within them,
And they do not know the LORD.
- 5 Moreover, the pride of Israel testifies against him,
And Israel and Ephraim stumble in their iniquity;
Judah also has stumbled with them.
- 6 They will go with their flocks and herds
To seek the LORD, but they will not find *Him*;
He has withdrawn from them.
- 7 They have dealt treacherously against the LORD,
For they have borne illegitimate children.
Now the new moon will devour them with their land.
- 8 Blow the horn in Gibeah,
The trumpet in Ramah.
Sound an alarm at Beth-aven:

“Behind you, Benjamin!”

- 9 Ephraim will become a desolation in the day of rebuke;
Among the tribes of Israel I declare what is sure.
- 10 The princes of Judah have become like those who move a
boundary;
On them I will pour out My wrath like water.
- 11 Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment,
Because he was determined to follow *man's* command.
- 12 Therefore I am like a moth to Ephraim
And like rotteness to the house of Judah.
- 13 When Ephraim saw his sickness,
And Judah his wound,
Then Ephraim went to Assyria
And sent to King Jareb.
But he is unable to heal you,
Or to cure you of your wound.
- 14 For I *will be* like a lion to Ephraim
And like a young lion to the house of Judah.
I, even I, will tear to pieces and go away,
I will carry away, and there will be none to deliver.
- 15 I will go away *and* return to My place
Until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face;
In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me.

HOSEA 6
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“COME, let us return to the LORD.

For He has torn *us*, but He will heal us;
He has wounded *us*, but He will bandage us.

2 “He will revive us after two days;

He will raise us up on the third day,
That we may live before Him.

3 “So let us know, let us press on to know the LORD.

His going forth is as certain as the dawn;
And He will come to us like the rain,
Like the spring rain watering the earth.”

4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?

What shall I do with you, O Judah?
For your loyalty is like a morning cloud
And like the dew which goes away early.

5 Therefore I have hewn *them* in pieces by the prophets;

I have slain them by the words of My mouth;
And the judgments on you are *like* the light that goes forth.

6 For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice,

And in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

7 But like Adam they have transgressed the covenant;

There they have dealt treacherously against Me.

8 Gilead is a city of wrongdoers,

Tracked with bloody *footprints*.

9 And as raiders wait for a man,

So a band of priests murder on the way to Shechem;
Surely they have committed crime.

10 In the house of Israel I have seen a horrible thing;

Ephraim’s harlotry is there, Israel has defiled itself.

11 Also, O Judah, there is a harvest appointed for you,

When I restore the fortunes of My people.

HOSEA 7
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Chapter Theme _____

WHEN I would heal Israel,

- The iniquity of Ephraim is uncovered,
And the evil deeds of Samaria,
For they deal falsely;
The thief enters in,
Bandits raid outside,
- 2 And they do not consider in their hearts
That I remember all their wickedness.
Now their deeds are all around them;
They are before My face.
- 3 With their wickedness they make the king glad,
And the princes with their lies.
- 4 They are all adulterers,
Like an oven heated by the baker
Who ceases to stir up *the fire*
From the kneading of the dough until it is leavened.
- 5 On the day of our king, the princes became sick with the heat
of wine;
He stretched out his hand with scoffers,
- 6 For their hearts are like an oven
As they approach their plotting;
Their anger smolders all night,
In the morning it burns like a flaming fire.
- 7 All of them are hot like an oven,
And they consume their rulers;
All their kings have fallen.
None of them calls on Me.

- 8 Ephraim mixes himself with the nations;
Ephraim has become a cake not turned.
- 9 Strangers devour his strength,
Yet he does not know *it*;
Gray hairs also are sprinkled on him,
Yet he does not know *it*.
- 10 Though the pride of Israel testifies against him,
Yet they have not returned to the LORD their God,
Nor have they sought Him, for all this.
- 11 So Ephraim has become like a silly dove, without sense;
They call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.
- 12 When they go, I will spread My net over them;
I will bring them down like the birds of the sky.
I will chastise them in accordance with the proclamation to
their assembly.
- 13 Woe to them, for they have strayed from Me!
Destruction is theirs, for they have rebelled against Me!
I would redeem them, but they speak lies against Me.
- 14 And they do not cry to Me from their heart
When they wail on their beds;
For the sake of grain and new wine they assemble themselves,
They turn away from Me.
- 15 Although I trained *and* strengthened their arms,
Yet they devise evil against Me.
- 16 They turn, *but* not upward,
They are like a deceitful bow;
Their princes will fall by the sword
Because of the insolence of their tongue.
This *will be* their derision in the land of Egypt.

HOSEA 8
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

PUT the trumpet to your lips!

- Like an eagle *the enemy comes* against the house of the LORD,
Because they have transgressed My covenant
And rebelled against My law.
- 2 They cry out to Me,
“My God, we of Israel know You!”
- 3 Israel has rejected the good;
The enemy will pursue him.
- 4 They have set up kings, but not by Me;
They have appointed princes, but I did not know *it*.
With their silver and gold they have made idols for themselves,
That they might be cut off.
- 5 He has rejected your calf, O Samaria, *saying*,
“My anger burns against them!”
How long will they be incapable of innocence?
- 6 For from Israel is even this!
A craftsman made it, so it is not God;
Surely the calf of Samaria will be broken to pieces.
- 7 For they sow the wind
And they reap the whirlwind.
The standing grain has no heads;
It yields no grain.
Should it yield, strangers would swallow it up.
- 8 Israel is swallowed up;
They are now among the nations
Like a vessel in which no one delights.

- 9 For they have gone up to Assyria,
Like a wild donkey all alone;
Ephraim has hired lovers.
- 10 Even though they hire *allies* among the nations,
Now I will gather them up;
And they will begin to diminish
Because of the burden of the king of princes.
- 11 Since Ephraim has multiplied altars for sin,
They have become altars of sinning for him.
- 12 Though I wrote for him ten thousand *precepts* of My law,
They are regarded as a strange thing.
- 13 As for My sacrificial gifts,
They sacrifice the flesh and eat *it*,
But the LORD has taken no delight in them.
Now He will remember their iniquity,
And punish *them* for their sins;
They will return to Egypt.
- 14 For Israel has forgotten his Maker and built palaces;
And Judah has multiplied fortified cities,
But I will send a fire on its cities that it may consume its
palatial dwellings.

HOSEA 9

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- DO** not rejoice, O Israel, with exultation like the nations!
 For you have played the harlot, forsaking your God.
 You have loved *harlots'* earnings on every threshing floor.
- 2 Threshing floor and wine press will not feed them,
 And the new wine will fail them.
- 3 They will not remain in the LORD'S land,
 But Ephraim will return to Egypt,
 And in Assyria they will eat unclean *food*.
- 4 They will not pour out drink offerings of wine to the LORD,
 Their sacrifices will not please Him.
Their bread will be like mourners' bread;
 All who eat of it will be defiled,
 For their bread will be for themselves *alone*;
 It will not enter the house of the LORD.
- 5 What will you do on the day of the appointed festival
 And on the day of the feast of the LORD?
- 6 For behold, they will go because of destruction;
 Egypt will gather them up, Memphis will bury them.
 Weeds will take over their treasures of silver;
 Thorns *will be* in their tents.
- 7 The days of punishment have come,
 The days of retribution have come;
 Let Israel know *this!*
 The prophet is a fool,
 The inspired man is demented,
 Because of the grossness of your iniquity,
 And *because* your hostility is *so* great.
- 8 Ephraim *was* a watchman with my God, a prophet;
 Yet the snare of a bird catcher is in all his ways,
 And there is *only* hostility in the house of his God.

- 9 They have gone deep in depravity
As in the days of Gibeah;
He will remember their iniquity,
He will punish their sins.
- 10 I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness;
I saw your forefathers as the earliest fruit on the fig tree in its
first *season*.
But they came to Baal-peor and devoted themselves to shame,
And they became as detestable as that which they loved.
- 11 As for Ephraim, their glory will fly away like a bird—
No birth, no pregnancy and no conception!
- 12 Though they bring up their children,
Yet I will bereave them until not a man is left.
Yes, woe to them indeed when I depart from them!
- 13 Ephraim, as I have seen,
Is planted in a pleasant meadow like Tyre;
But Ephraim will bring out his children for slaughter.
- 14 Give them, O LORD—what will You give?
Give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.
- 15 All their evil is at Gilgal;
Indeed, I came to hate them there!
Because of the wickedness of their deeds
I will drive them out of My house!
I will love them no more;
All their princes are rebels.
- 16 Ephraim is stricken, their root is dried up,
They will bear no fruit.
Even though they bear children,
I will slay the precious ones of their womb.
- 17 My God will cast them away
Because they have not listened to Him;
And they will be wanderers among the nations.

HOSEA 10
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Chapter Theme _____

ISRAEL is a luxuriant vine;

- He produces fruit for himself.
The more his fruit,
The more altars he made;
The richer his land,
The better he made the *sacred* pillars.
- 2 Their heart is faithless;
Now they must bear their guilt.
The LORD will break down their altars
And destroy their *sacred* pillars.
- 3 Surely now they will say, “We have no king,
For we do not revere the LORD.
As for the king, what can he do for us?”
- 4 They speak *mere* words,
With worthless oaths they make covenants;
And judgment sprouts like poisonous weeds in the furrows of
the field.
- 5 The inhabitants of Samaria will fear
For the calf of Beth-aven.
Indeed, its people will mourn for it,
And its idolatrous priests will cry out over it,
Over its glory, since it has departed from it.
- 6 The thing itself will be carried to Assyria
As tribute to King Jareb;
Ephraim will be seized with shame
And Israel will be ashamed of its own counsel.

- 7 Samaria will be cut off *with* her king
Like a stick on the surface of the water.
- 8 Also the high places of Aven, the sin of Israel, will be destroyed;
Thorn and thistle will grow on their altars;
Then they will say to the mountains,
“Cover us!” And to the hills, “Fall on us!”
- 9 From the days of Gibeah you have sinned, O Israel;
There they stand!
Will not the battle against the sons of iniquity overtake them in
Gibeah?
- 10 When it is My desire, I will chastise them;
And the peoples will be gathered against them
When they are bound for their double guilt.
- 11 Ephraim is a trained heifer that loves to thresh,
But I will come over her fair neck *with a yoke*;
I will harness Ephraim,
Judah will plow, Jacob will harrow for himself.
- 12 Sow with a view to righteousness,
Reap in accordance with kindness;
Break up your fallow ground,
For it is time to seek the LORD
Until He comes to rain righteousness on you.
- 13 You have plowed wickedness, you have reaped injustice,
You have eaten the fruit of lies.
Because you have trusted in your way, in your numerous
warriors,
- 14 Therefore a tumult will arise among your people,
And all your fortresses will be destroyed,
As Shalman destroyed Beth-arbel on the day of battle,
When mothers were dashed in pieces with *their* children.
- 15 Thus it will be done to you at Bethel because of your great
wickedness.
At dawn the king of Israel will be completely cut off.

HOSEA 11
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- WHEN Israel *was* a youth I loved him,
And out of Egypt I called My son.
- 2 The more they called them,
The more they went from them;
They kept sacrificing to the Baals
And burning incense to idols.
- 3 Yet it is I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them in My arms;
But they did not know that I healed them.
- 4 I led them with cords of a man, with bonds of love,
And I became to them as one who lifts the yoke from their
jaws;
And I bent down *and* fed them.
- 5 They will not return to the land of Egypt;
But Assyria—he will be their king
Because they refused to return *to Me*.
- 6 The sword will whirl against their cities,
And will demolish their gate bars
And consume *them* because of their counsels.
- 7 So My people are bent on turning from Me.
Though they call them to *the One* on high,
None at all exalts *Him*.
- 8 How can I give you up, O Ephraim?
How can I surrender you, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart is turned over within Me,
All My compassions are kindled.

9 I will not execute My fierce anger;
I will not destroy Ephraim again.
For I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst,
And I will not come in wrath.

10 They will walk after the LORD,
He will roar like a lion;
Indeed He will roar
And *His* sons will come trembling from the west.

11 They will come trembling like birds from Egypt
And like doves from the land of Assyria;
And I will settle them in their houses, declares the LORD.

12 Ephraim surrounds Me with lies
And the house of Israel with deceit;
Judah is also unruly against God,
Even against the Holy One who is faithful.

HOSEA 12

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

EPHRAIM feeds on wind,

And pursues the east wind continually;

He multiplies lies and violence.

Moreover, he makes a covenant with Assyria,

And oil is carried to Egypt.

2 The LORD also has a dispute with Judah,

And will punish Jacob according to his ways;

He will repay him according to his deeds.

3 In the womb he took his brother by the heel,

And in his maturity he contended with God.

4 Yes, he wrestled with the angel and prevailed;

He wept and sought His favor.

He found Him at Bethel

And there He spoke with us,

5 Even the LORD, the God of hosts,

The LORD is His name.

6 Therefore, return to your God,

Observe kindness and justice,

And wait for your God continually.

7 A merchant, in whose hands are false balances,

He loves to oppress.

8 And Ephraim said, "Surely I have become rich,

I have found wealth for myself;

In all my labors they will find in me

No iniquity, which *would be* sin."

9 But I *have been* the LORD your God since the land of Egypt;

I will make you live in tents again,

As in the days of the appointed festival.

- 10 I have also spoken to the prophets,
And I gave numerous visions,
And through the prophets I gave parables.
- 11 Is there iniquity *in* Gilead?
Surely they are worthless.
In Gilgal they sacrifice bulls,
Yes, their altars are like the stone heaps
Beside the furrows of the field.
- 12 Now Jacob fled to the land of Aram,
And Israel worked for a wife,
And for a wife he kept *sheep*.
- 13 But by a prophet the LORD brought Israel from Egypt,
And by a prophet he was kept.
- 14 Ephraim has provoked to bitter anger;
So his Lord will leave his bloodguilt on him
And bring back his reproach to him.

HOSEA 13
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

WHEN Ephraim spoke, *there was* trembling.

- He exalted himself in Israel,
But through Baal he did wrong and died.
- 2 And now they sin more and more,
And make for themselves molten images,
Idols skillfully made from their silver,
All of them the work of craftsmen.
They say of them, "Let the men who sacrifice kiss the calves!"
- 3 Therefore they will be like the morning cloud
And like dew which soon disappears,
Like chaff which is blown away from the threshing floor
And like smoke from a chimney.
- 4 Yet I *have been* the LORD your God
Since the land of Egypt;
And you were not to know any god except Me,
For there is no savior besides Me.
- 5 I cared for you in the wilderness,
In the land of drought.
- 6 As *they had* their pasture, they became satisfied,
And being satisfied, their heart became proud;
Therefore they forgot Me.
- 7 So I will be like a lion to them;
Like a leopard I will lie in wait by the wayside.
- 8 I will encounter them like a bear robbed of her cubs,
And I will tear open their chests;
There I will also devour them like a lioness,
As a wild beast would tear them.

- 9 *It is your destruction, O Israel,
That you are against Me, against your help.*
- 10 Where now is your king
That he may save you in all your cities,
And your judges of whom you requested,
“Give me a king and princes”?
- 11 I gave you a king in My anger
And took him away in My wrath.
- 12 The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up;
His sin is stored up.
- 13 The pains of childbirth come upon him;
He is not a wise son,
For it is not the time that he should delay at the opening of the
womb.
- 14 Shall I ransom them from the power of Sheol?
Shall I redeem them from death?
O Death, where are your thorns?
O Sheol, where is your sting?
Compassion will be hidden from My sight.
- 15 Though he flourishes among the reeds,
An east wind will come,
The wind of the LORD coming up from the wilderness;
And his fountain will become dry
And his spring will be dried up;
It will plunder *his* treasury of every precious article.
- 16 Samaria will be held guilty,
For she has rebelled against her God.
They will fall by the sword,
Their little ones will be dashed in pieces,
And their pregnant women will be ripped open.

HOSEA 14

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- RETURN, O Israel, to the LORD your God,
 For you have stumbled because of your iniquity.
- 2 Take words with you and return to the LORD.
 Say to Him, “Take away all iniquity
 And receive *us* graciously,
 That we may present the fruit of our lips.
- 3 “Assyria will not save us,
 We will not ride on horses;
 Nor will we say again, ‘Our god,’
 To the work of our hands;
 For in You the orphan finds mercy.”
- 4 I will heal their apostasy,
 I will love them freely,
 For My anger has turned away from them.
- 5 I will be like the dew to Israel;
 He will blossom like the lily,
 And he will take root like *the cedars of Lebanon*.
- 6 His shoots will sprout,
 And his beauty will be like the olive tree
 And his fragrance like *the cedars of Lebanon*.
- 7 Those who live in his shadow
 Will again raise grain,
 And they will blossom like the vine.
 His renown *will be* like the wine of Lebanon.

- 8 O Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols?
It is I who answer and look after you.
I am like a luxuriant cypress;
From Me comes your fruit.
- 9 Whoever is wise, let him understand these things;
Whoever is discerning, let him know them.
For the ways of the LORD are right,
And the righteous will walk in them,
But transgressors will stumble in them.

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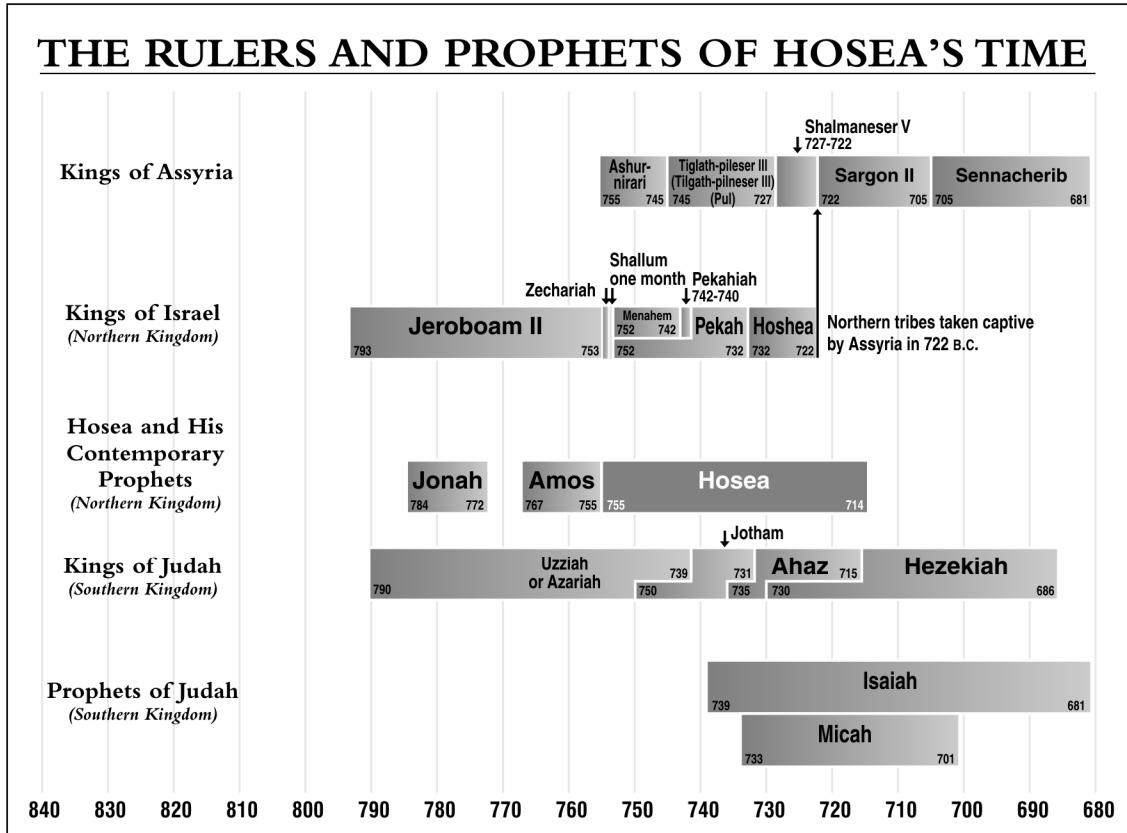
THEN the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

- 2 “Son of man, make known to Jerusalem her abominations
- 3 and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem, “Your origin and your birth are from the land of the Canaanite, your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.
- 4 “As for your birth, on the day you were born your navel cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water for cleansing; you were not rubbed with salt or even wrapped in cloths.
- 5 “No eye looked with pity on you to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you. Rather you were thrown out into the open field, for you were abhorred on the day you were born.
- 6 “When I passed by you and saw you squirming in your blood, I said to you *while you were* in your blood, ‘Live!’ Yes, I said to you *while you were* in your blood, ‘Live!’
- 7 “I made you numerous like plants of the field. Then you grew up, became tall and reached the age for fine ornaments; *your* breasts were formed and your hair had grown. Yet you were naked and bare.
- 8 “Then I passed by you and saw you, and behold, you were at the time for love; so I spread My skirt over you and covered your nakedness. I also swore to you and entered into a covenant with you so that you became Mine,” declares the Lord GOD.
- 9 “Then I bathed you with water, washed off your blood from you and anointed you with oil.
- 10 “I also clothed you with embroidered cloth and put sandals of porpoise skin on your feet; and I wrapped you with fine linen and covered you with silk.
- 11 “I adorned you with ornaments, put bracelets on your hands and a necklace around your neck.
- 12 “I also put a ring in your nostril, earrings in your ears and a beautiful crown on your head.

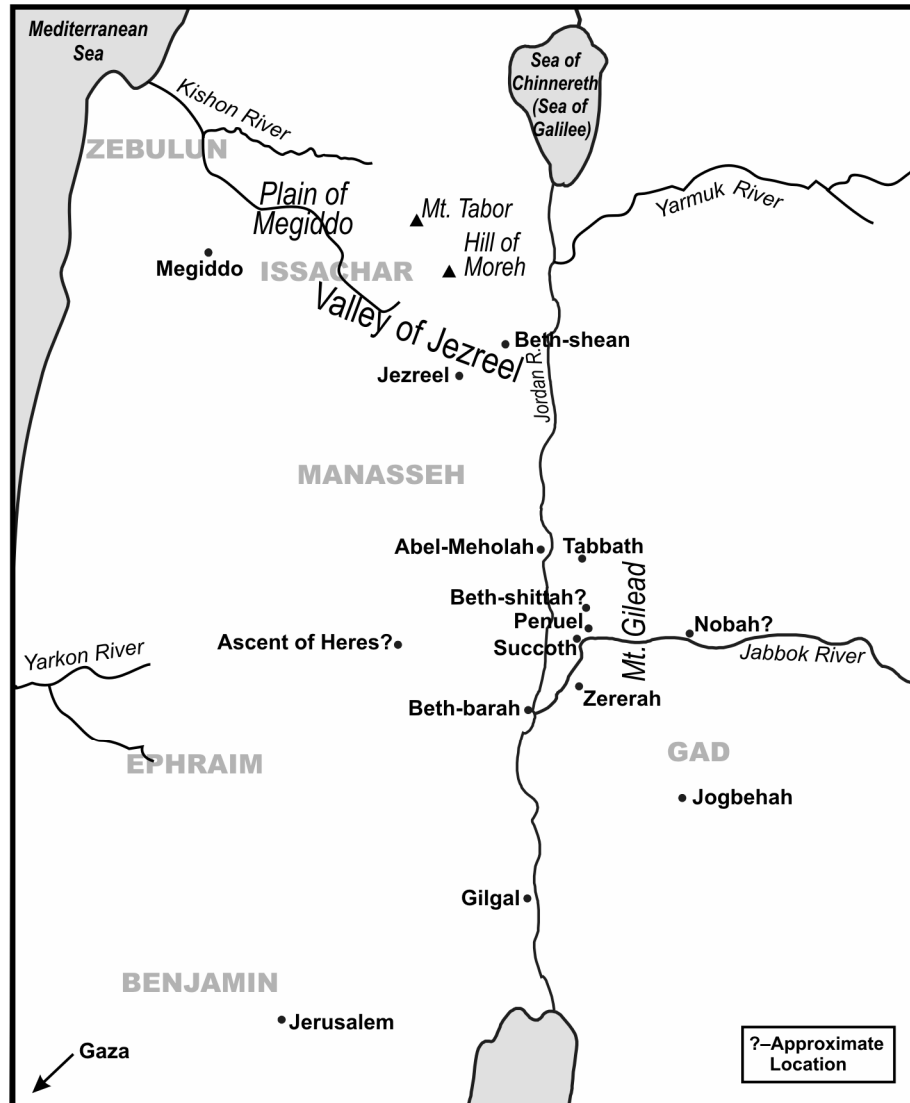
- 13 “Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your dress was of fine linen, silk and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour, honey and oil; so you were exceedingly beautiful and advanced to royalty.
- 14 “Then your fame went forth among the nations on account of your beauty, for it was perfect because of My splendor which I bestowed on you,” declares the Lord GOD.
- 15 “But you trusted in your beauty and played the harlot because of your fame, and you poured out your harlotries on every passer-by who might be *willing*.
- 16 “You took some of your clothes, made for yourself high places of various colors and played the harlot on them, which should never come about nor happen.
- 17 “You also took your beautiful jewels *made* of My gold and of My silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself male images that you might play the harlot with them.
- 18 “Then you took your embroidered cloth and covered them, and offered My oil and My incense before them.
- 19 “Also My bread which I gave you, fine flour, oil and honey with which I fed you, you would offer before them for a soothing aroma; so it happened,” declares the Lord GOD.
- 20 “Moreover, you took your sons and daughters whom you had borne to Me and sacrificed them to idols to be devoured. Were your harlotries so small a matter?
- 21 “You slaughtered My children and offered them up to idols by causing them to pass through *the fire*.
- 22 “Besides all your abominations and harlotries you did not remember the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare and squirming in your blood.
- 23 “Then it came about after all your wickedness (‘Woe, woe to you!’ declares the Lord GOD),
- 24 that you built yourself a shrine and made yourself a high place in every square.
- 25 “You built yourself a high place at the top of every street and made your beauty abominable, and you spread your legs to every passer-by to multiply your harlotry.
- 26 “You also played the harlot with the Egyptians, your lustful neighbors, and multiplied your harlotry to make Me angry.

- 27 “Behold now, I have stretched out My hand against you and diminished your rations. And I delivered you up to the desire of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your lewd conduct.
- 28 “Moreover, you played the harlot with the Assyrians because you were not satisfied; you played the harlot with them and still were not satisfied.
- 29 “You also multiplied your harlotry with the land of merchants, Chaldea, yet even with this you were not satisfied.” ’ ’
- 30 “How languishing is your heart,” declares the Lord GOD, “while you do all these things, the actions of a bold-faced harlot.
- 31 “When you built your shrine at the beginning of every street and made your high place in every square, in disdain of money, you were not like a harlot.
- 32 “You adulteress wife, who takes strangers instead of her husband!
- 33 “Men give gifts to all harlots, but you give your gifts to all your lovers to bribe them to come to you from every direction for your harlotries.
- 34 “Thus you are different from those women in your harlotries, in that no one plays the harlot as you do, because you give money and no money is given you; thus you are different.”
- 35 Therefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD.
- 36 Thus says the Lord GOD, “Because your lewdness was poured out and your nakedness uncovered through your harlotries with your lovers and with all your detestable idols, and because of the blood of your sons which you gave to idols,
- 37 therefore, behold, I will gather all your lovers with whom you took pleasure, even all those whom you loved *and* all those whom you hated. So I will gather them against you from every direction and expose your nakedness to them that they may see all your nakedness.
- 38 “Thus I will judge you like women who commit adultery or shed blood are judged; and I will bring on you the blood of wrath and jealousy.
- 39 “I will also give you into the hands of your lovers, and they will tear down your shrines, demolish your high places, strip you of your clothing, take away your jewels, and will leave you naked and bare.
- 40 “They will incite a crowd against you and they will stone you and cut you to pieces with their swords.

- 41 “They will burn your houses with fire and execute judgments on you in the sight of many women. Then I will stop you from playing the harlot, and you will also no longer pay your lovers.
- 42 “So I will calm My fury against you and My jealousy will depart from you, and I will be pacified and angry no more.
- 43 “Because you have not remembered the days of your youth but have enraged Me by all these things, behold, I in turn will bring your conduct down on your own head,” declares the Lord GOD, “so that you will not commit this lewdness on top of all your *other* abominations.
- 60** “Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you.
- 61 “Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your sisters, *both* your older and your younger; and I will give them to you as daughters, but not because of your covenant.
- 62 “Thus I will establish My covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the LORD,
- 63 so that you may remember and be ashamed and never open your mouth anymore because of your humiliation, when I have forgiven you for all that you have done,” the Lord GOD declares.



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Jezreel Valley map



Jezreel is the name of northern **and** southern cities in Israel. Locate the northern city on the map since this is the one you need to focus on. Look also for the valley of Jezreel. This valley is also called the valley of Armageddon (Har-Magedon) named for the mountains (Har) or city of Megiddo. It is lush, beautiful and green—breathtaking when you look at it from the top of the Tel of Megiddo, one of Solomon’s chariot cities. When Napoleon saw it, he said it was the greatest battlefield he’d seen. It’s awesome to stand there and realize this is where all the nations will someday gather themselves to go to war against Israel and against her God.