Hosea's Warning

Summary

Yahweh commanded Hosea to marry "a wife of whoredoms" — a strange instruction that becomes a vivid picture of an entire nation's unfaithfulness, and of the judgment and restoration still to come.

- Hosea's prophecy to "Ephraim," identified with the modern British Commonwealth nations.
- Hosea's marriage to a literal "wife of whoredoms" as a symbol of Israel's spiritual unfaithfulness.
- A coming "second captivity" at the hands of a reunified "Assyria" (modern Europe, possibly Germany), with no help from Britain's allies.
- An eventual national repentance and restoration, alongside themes of personal character-building and Yahweh's enduring, faithful love.

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The prophets Isaiah, Amos, Micah and Hosea delivered their prophecies to the nation of Israel at the same time. It was about 30 years before the nation went into captivity. The book of Hosea was written about 790 B.C. and it is unique among the other prophecies to Israel, in that it concentrates on "Ephraim", or as Yahweh has revealed through His Holy Spirit to His Elect, the modern nations of the British Commonwealth. Hosea mentions Ephraim 37 times in the prophecy.

Hosea also has much to say about building character. All of Yahweh's people must be concerned about building character. Without character, we will not enter into the Kingdom of Yahweh - to rule the earth and the universe, with the Messiah.

The name "Hosea", means "salvation". This is Yahweh's goal for all mankind. He wants to save us! This chapter discusses the coming downfall of the British Commonwealth *(Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and others, herein called "Britain"),* in the fast-approaching Great Tribulation. The book of Hosea is a grave warning to Britain, but it is also a message of great hope to all who are willing to "hear" it and repent.

So what has happened to the once, all-powerful, world-dominating Britain? Why have her nations degenerated so quickly? Because we have taken for granted our vast wealth and power, not recognizing that it was all given to us as promised by Yahweh to the patriarch, Abraham. We are reaping the benefits of having lived as a thankless, self-righteous, arrogant and selfish people.

"The word of Yahweh came to Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel" *(Hos. 1:1)*. These verses give us a clear time frame, as well as re-confirming the SEPARATE identities of Judah *(Jews)* and Israel. Yahweh's word, here came to Hosea, and through the Bible with the aid of His Holy Spirit, Yahweh has entrusted His Word to us, His Elect. Guarding Yahweh's Word is our individual, as well as our collective responsibility.

Yahweh also *(symbolically)* entrusted the Throne of David *(the one the Messiah will sit on at His return)* to Ephraim (Britain), to preside over until Messiah's return, but something very tragic has happened. We, as nations, have rebelled against Yahweh's Word, and grave punishment is coming upon us!

The book of Hosea is also unique in its story flow. There is not another book like it. Yahweh commanded Hosea to do some very unusual things to illustrate His hurt feelings, resulting from our rejection of His Way. "The beginning of the word of Yahweh by Hosea. And Yahweh said to Hosea; `Go, take unto thee a

wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from Yahweh'" *(Hos. 1:2).*

How would you like the job that Hosea had? Imagine! Yahweh required Hosea to marry a practicing harlot, to show Israel and especially Ephraim, how deeply corrupt they were in the past, and in our present time. Hosea was commanded to have the most intimate relationship with a harlot, and allow her to have bastard children as his heirs. This was symbolically to show Yahweh's great emotional rejection, when His people, either the physical nation, or the spiritual Congregation, stray *(commit spiritual adultery)* from His Law.

Yahweh has feelings, and He is here providing us a vivid example of how deeply we have hurt His feelings. We know how we would feel if our mates acted that way toward us! It would be very difficult to live with that type of betrayal. That is precisely how Yahweh feels! He has blessed us with the greatest national blessings of health, and wealth in the world, and we, because of our own self-centeredness, have in a most ungrateful manner, completely forgotten Him and His Ways.

"And Yahweh said unto him; Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the House of Israel" *(Hos. 1:4).* Yahweh uses one of the bastard children to show what is going to happen to Israel, especially Britain, as a result of their sin. All the nations of Israel *(including America)* are going to come to a bloody end. It will be the same for the nations of Israel as it was for Naboth, when Ahab and Jezebel killed him in the city of Jezreel, to steal his vineyard *(1 Kings 21:1-16).* Yahweh says that Britain is going to suffer that SAME WAY!

Yahweh is going to cause the king to "cease". "And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel" *(Hos. 1:5).* It is next to impossible for our nations today, to accept the fact that they are going to be destroyed in the coming Tribulation. We think that our great military power will protect us. It won't! The word "bow", is symbolic of military might *(Ezekiel 39:1-4).* America and Britain have won their last major war!

"And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And Yahweh said unto him; `Call her name Lo-ruhamah: for I will no longer have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away'" *(Hos. 1:6).* The time is coming on the nations of Britain when Yahweh will not have mercy on them. He says, "I will utterly take them away", meaning He will cause us to be destroyed and taken into a second captivity - to be imprisoned in our own homelands!

"Now when she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bare a son. Then Yahweh said; `Call his name Lo-ammi: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God'" *(Hos. 1:8,9).* This is the reality that Israel must face. Yahweh is coming to the point of rejecting us!

"Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea,...and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them; Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them; Ye are the

sons of the Living God" *(Hos. 1:10).* It is sometimes difficult for us to realize, that Yahweh is plunging us into the Tribulation, in order that we may finally see that we are potential "sons of the Living God". If it takes the Tribulation to get us acting like Sons of Yahweh and to quit acting like Satan, then that is what we will endure! There is a very positive message here in the midst of all this punishment.

"Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel" *(Hos. 1:11).* Here is a wonderful prophecy of our near future.

Judah *(modern Israel)* and Israel *(modern Britain and U.S.)*, are going to be reunited under one head - the resurrected King David. This has not been the case since Jeroboam and Rehoboam. Judah and Israel *(the Lost 10 Tribes),* have been divided from the time of these two kings, and will remain so, until Messiah's return.

"For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal" *(Hos. 2:8).* It is amazing that America and Britain have had all this power and wealth, and yet remained unaware that it came from Yahweh! Even people around the world, ask why these nations have such vast wealth and influence. Yahweh has GIVEN IT to us because of Abraham's obedience, and we have turned around, and used it to serve Baal - the pagan sun god! The god of Easter, Christmas, "Sun"day worship, and all of our other national "holi"days.

"Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness. And now will I discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of my hand. I will cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her *[false]* sabbaths *[pagan "holi"days]* and all her solemn feasts" *(Hos. 2:9-11)*. It is not going to be our enemies that expose our SPIRITUAL lewdness, rather it will be our heathen allies *(lovers)* such as modern Assyria *(Europe, and possibly including Germany).*

"Then said Yahweh unto me; `Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of Yahweh toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine'" *(Hos. 3:1).* Hosea was instructed to marry a whore! She had bastard children, and then Yahweh COMMANDED Hosea to LOVE THAT WOMAN! That was a difficult thing to do. His wife was still committing adultery at the time! She had not yet repented. But this is symbolic of how Yahweh is dealing with our nations, who have continually committed adultery by following Satan's myriad of false gods. But Yahweh STILL LOVES US!

That kind of love is not natural for human beings. It IS natural for Yahweh! When we are seriously wronged, we strike back. Could we still love our mate under such conditions as Yahweh has loved Israel? When we sin Yahweh does not stop loving us! He does correct, or punish us, as any loving father should, but always in love! We need to learn what Yahweh's love is - we need to start living by every word of the Bible - by the law of Yahweh which is Yahweh's Love *(and character)* in written form. We need to learn how

to react in love when someone mistreats us, and not to react out of our carnal instincts. We need to understand how much forgiveness Yahweh has extended to us, and to learn to show that same love and forgiveness to our mates and to others.

"So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver, and for an homer of barley, and an half homer of barley. And I said unto her; thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for another man: so will I also be for thee" *(Hos. 3:2,3).* These are the only personal words of Hosea in the entire book. There is a giant lesson here for us to learn.

It is as if Yahweh is saying, that before we can go out and teach the whole world, we must first learn to live and love the way Yahweh does. If we cannot love the way Yahweh does, then we will have no place as rulers in Yahweh's Kingdom! It really does not matter how much ability we have - if we do not rely on Yahweh's Love living in us, our abilities will inevitably lead us in the wrong way. One important way to build character, is to have your heart in Yahweh's Word and in His Work - "for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" *(Matt. 6:21).*

"Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I also will reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy Yahweh, I will also forget thy children" *(Hos. 4:5,6).* Yahweh is going to destroy our nations because we have REJECTED HIS KNOWLEDGE! If we reject Yahweh's knowledge now - in this mortal lifetime, Yahweh says we cannot be His priests in the Kingdom! We are all being "tested" right now - to see if we are the truly Elect, that cannot be deceived into "forgetting His Knowledge".

"Ephraim *[Britain]* is joined to idols: let him alone. Their drink is sour: they have committed whoredom continually: her rulers with shame do love..."*(Hos. 4:17,18).* Today's spiritual condition in Britain is at an all-time low. Yahweh says we are bonded to our idols - totally ensnared with the man-made, material pleasures of this world. He tells us to get out of her sins - to "let him alone".

Who is primarily at fault? "Hear ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ye ear, O house of the king; for judgement is toward you, because you have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor. And the revolters are profound to make slaughter, though I have been a rebuker of them all. I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, and Israel is defiled" *(Hos. 5:1-3).* Yahweh is putting the blame squarely where it belongs - on the priests - the false religion, orchestrated by the false ministers under the approval of the Royal Family!

"They will not frame their doings to turn unto their Yahweh: for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they have not known Yahweh. And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them" *(Hos. 5:4,5).* The spirit of whoredoms has thoroughly perverted our nations. The people like to act religious, but they have no desire to know Yahweh. The people are growing worse and worse. So Ephraim is going to "fall" hard and fast "in

their iniquity". And the nation of Judah - modern-day Israel, is going to fall with them. This is prophecy for our time. Anciently, Ephraim and Judah did not fall together.

Ephraim fell in 721 B.C., and Judah fell in 585 B.C. This verse speaks of a time when Ephraim, the other nations of Israel and Judah will all fall together! "They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek Yahweh; but they shall not find him; he hath withdrawn himself from them. They have dealt treacherously against Yahweh: for they have begotten strange children: NOW SHALL A MONTH DEVOUR THEM with their portions" *(Hos. 5:6,7)*. When the Tribulation strikes Britain, the people will seek Yahweh, but will not be able to find Him *(His "place of safety"),* because He will have withdrawn Himself! Physically, it will be too late, they have waited too long. Hosea shows that our nations will be destroyed in one month!

Yahweh tells His Elect what we are to do: "Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah: cry aloud at Bethaven, after thee, O Benjamin" *(Hos. 5:8)*. Yahweh expects us all to be part of a work of warning - of declaring the Truth. We should all want to be part of this warning effort to Britain and America. It is our demonstration of Yahweh's Love. We should not bury our heads in the sand and hope only to protect ourselves. We should not be ashamed to stand up, even if only by ourselves or with a few like-minded believers, wanting to deliver Yahweh's warning message, to our nation's people, our leaders, and our false religious authorities.

"Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be. The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound: therefore I will pour out my wrath upon them like water. Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgement, because he willingly walked after the commandment" *(Hos. 5:9-11)*. When Yahweh plunges Britain into the Tribulation, it will be made desolate. This has never happened to nations such as England, Canada, Australia and others in the history of the Commonwealth. This tragedy will catch the nations completely off guard, but, Yahweh says that He will not allow such devastation without first giving a warning, and a chance to repent and save themselves from this utter destruction.

"When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound" *(Hos. 5:13)*. When the great crisis becomes obvious, Britain and Israel will look to Assyria *(Europe, and possibly including Germany)* for help. Assyria is mentioned ten times in this book. It is interesting that Europe will be of no help, and that as other prophecies show us, America will not even be asked for help by Britain, because it will already be very weak, or even collapsed by this time.

"They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges; all their kings are fallen: there is none among them that calleth unto me. Ephraim is a cake not turned" *(Hos. 7:7,8).* The phrase "hot as an oven", refers to Britain's corruption. There is no true justice left in the land. Our nations "appear" to be good on the surface, but we are all burned out, like a "cake unturned", our societies lack any real substance.

When the Tribulation strikes, our nations will be taken off-guard. "Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth it not" *(Hos. 7:9).* Our British nations have lost their strength. When modern Assyria attacks, there will be no financial or military strength left to resist!

"Set the trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of Yahweh, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law" *(Hos. 8:1).* Understanding these prophecies, obligates us to get involved in the warning Work of Yahweh! It is our job to warn Britain that modern Assyria is about to swoop down on them like an eagle - and then the nightmare will begin.

"When Ephraim spake trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died. And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them; Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves" *(Hos. 13:1,2)*. Britain relies on its "craftsmen" for protection, rather than on Yahweh. They worship their technical ability, and "kiss the calves" of their achievements.

"For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up" *(Hos. 8:7).* We all need to learn that the consequences of national sins are extremely painful. "I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing" *(v. 12).* We had the great things written in Yahweh's Holy Bible, but nationally, we have rejected them!

"The days of visitation are come, the days of recompense are come; Israel shall know it: the prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred" *(Hos. 9:7).* Britain and America will finally come to know that their former religious authorities were fools and madmen! Today there are so many different religions, all with their own creative "interpretations" of what the Bible says - created in such a manner as to support their various fear and money driven doctrines. It is literally mass confusion!

"My God will cast them away, because they did not harken unto him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations" *(Hos. 9:17).* Our nations have never learned the amazingly simple and obvious lesson, that we exist solely for Yahweh's purpose! We shall have to suffer at the hands of our captors in foreign countries before we will finally "get it"!

"For I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue him. I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early" *(Hos. 5:14,15)*. Verse 14 illustrates what our allies will do for our nations when we ask for help - nothing! Verse 15 shows that the outcome will eventually be very good. Israel will finally, in their affliction, turn back to Yahweh and repent of their ways.

"Come, and let us return to Yahweh: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight" *(Hos. 6:1,2).* Our nations will have a much different attitude after the Tribulation. In humility, they will return to Yahweh. They will know that Yahweh authorized both their punishment and their healing.

"When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt...How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? How shall I deliver thee, Israel? How shall I make thee as Admah? How shall I set thee as Zeboim? Mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together" *(Hos. 11:1,8).* This depicts how Yahweh feels about us. We were as a son to Yahweh. And Yahweh's heart and emotions are churning deeply because of our *(Ephraim's)* national sins.

"Yet I am Yahweh thy God from the land of Egypt *[land of sin],* and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no saviour beside me...O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help" *(Hos. 13:4,9).* After the lessons of the Tribulation are learned, Yahweh will finally be able to work with His people.

"I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him. I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon ...Ephraim shall say; What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him, and observed him: I am like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found. Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? Prudent, and he shall know them? For the ways of Yahweh are right, and the just shall walk in them; but the transgressors shall fall therein" *(Hos. 14:4,5,8,9).*

Yahweh will renew His Love for Britain and all Israel. We will have learned our lessons, and Yahweh will restore our former glory - only this time it will be far greater - the people will be enjoying their respective roles in the new Kingdom forever!

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