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well welcome brethren to another wednesday night bible study hearing during the feast of unleavened bread and

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i pray that you've had a wonderful start to this feast season with uh passover the night to be much observed and now

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these days of unleavened bread and as we're counting also toward the feast of pentecost what an

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amazing god we serve how privileged we are to understand the things that we

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understand and to be in relationship with jesus christ and god the father so welcome uh this evening we're starting a

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new book and uh god willing what i want to do is cover the first three chapters of

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this book uninterrupted as they do form a unit and they form the basis for the

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rest of the chapter the hosea or god through hosea sets up a metaphor

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and it's a little bit difficult it's certainly unique in all the bible um but i think if we read it as a unit and then

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use that as the foundation through which we will see the rest of the book i think is going to be uh very very helpful to

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us so let's open with a word of prayer hopefully you can hear me uh loudly and clearly i'm assuming that's the case

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we'll open with a word of prayer and then let's get into this uh interesting uh scroll of the book of hosea

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our heavenly father we're coming before you lord god almighty just ever so grateful to you lord

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just amazing as we see the world around us just accelerating it's it's collapse

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into darkness and yet father each day you give us more and more light

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you you put this desire in our hearts to want to understand your word and to study it line up
online so we

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thank you so much father and we pray that you will bless now as we uh

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open this scroll of the fourth of the eighth century prophets and and help us to understand

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what this message is that you sent through hosea to your people

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and what it means to us today we praise you father we thank you for hosea we thank you for all
your faithful

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servants from the beginning and even now and we thank you that we have each other

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and father most of all we thank you for jesus christ in whose name we pray amen so we are uh
let me just check here

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i think i'm assuming that uh the sound is good i don't see anybody saying otherwise so that is
great

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and uh just what a blessing it is for us to be studying these scriptures uh line

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up online so let me go ahead and share my screen and before we get into hosea what i want

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to do is just take us back to the torah just let's go to moses

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and and he's the the prophet of all the prophets uh with the exception of christ of course

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and he sets home and then all these other prophets are really repeating amplifying

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adding high definition to what moses laid down so let's just round ourselves in the prophecy of
moses

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and here in deuteronomy 31 and verse 28 before israel even goes into the

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promised land moses is not going to go there with them he's going to die and they're going to

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cross over with joshua but here at the end of his life he knows he's not going into the promised
land listen to his

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message to israel gather unto me all the elders of your tribes and your officers so do i want all
the

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leaders to come to me that i may speak these words in their ears

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and call heaven and earth to record against them he's speaking to the leaders for i know

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so so mooses did everything he could to keep the children of israel on track on target

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repentant focused on god and now he knows he's dying what does he say to them for i know that after my death

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you will utterly corrupt yourselves and turn aside from the way which i have

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commanded you so he was a good leader he commanded them and he's saying you know i'm dying now and i know that after i

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die you will utterly corrupt yourselves and turn aside from the way which i have

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commanded you and evil will befall you in the latter days because you will do evil in the sight of

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the lord to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands so this man led them out of egypt

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and he did all he could to keep them on track they were difficult but he was a strong leader and now he said he calls

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all the leaders and says i'm dying now you're going into the promised land and this is one thing

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i know for sure that after i die you will utterly corrupt yourselves and you will provoke the lord to anger and

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you'll do evil in the sight of the lord and and you're gonna have you're gonna have catastrophe

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in the latter days this is this is his parting message to them now in deuteronomy 30

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this to me is sort of my go-to scripture and i know i take us back here quite a bit it's just sort of very foundational

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to understand the pattern i think people get confused as they're reading the prophets

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and it just sometimes it seems like everything's going so horribly and then

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all of a sudden it seems like things are going to be wonderful and millennial and it can be very confusing for people

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to understand what's going on here well i think just these first six verses of deuteronomy 30 give us the pattern

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and once we understand this pattern we can understand the prophets so moses says here in deuteronomy 30 that it

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shall come to pass when all these things are come upon you he just finished pronouncing

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the blessings deuteronomy 28 and the curses deuteronomy 29

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and or 28-29 so they hear all of these blessings that

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are to come upon them if they obey the covenant and all of these curses to come upon them if they break the covenant and

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then immediately after pronouncing the blessing and the curses moses says it's going to come to pass

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that when all these things have come upon you the blessings and the curses both are going to come upon you which

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i've said before you and you shall call them to mind among all the nations where the lord your god

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has driven you so he says evil is going to come upon you you're going to be scattered to all the nations you're

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going to be without land and without god and and in that state you're going to remember what i taught

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you after you've enjoyed the blessings you're going to enjoy all these curses that i've outlined

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and and you shall return or repent unto the lord your god and you will obey his

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voice according to all that i command you today so these commands that i've given you you're actually going to take them seriously once you've experienced

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the catastrophe and the consequences of disobeying them you and your children

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with all your heart and with all your soul and that brothers and sisters is holy spirit

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language the hypocrisy will be gone the the you know the simulation

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the deceptiveness the deceptiveness of the human heart all of that is gone because these folks have gone through

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the washing machine that are rough and tumble and they've learned their lesson and they've come out and now they've

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accepted god and they are truly repentant and and god is able to give them the

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holy spirit so that they can obey him with all their heart and with all their soul and moises is foreseeing this before

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they even step foot in the promised land that then the lord your god will will

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end your your slavery so they're going to be scattered and enslaved but this is when god will end the slavery

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and have compassion upon you and will return and gather you from all the nations where the lord your god has

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scattered you so there's uh the establishment of the nation the blessings that come with the

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establishment of the nation the abundance that comes with that and then with that abundance comes corruption

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something we've seen firsthand in the western nations the abundance that we've had instead of us turning to god and

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being grateful for these blessings we turn to the devil we turn to vanity

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we pursue corruption with with an incredible passion and zeal it's like we

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hate the abundance and we want to destroy it well no different thousands of years ago

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with uh ancient israel so they're going to be scattered

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but in that scattering and enslavement god is going to have compassion on them and gather them from the scattering this

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is the pattern that moises is laying down if any of yours be driven out to the utmost parts of heaven

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even from there god knows who they are so once they are descendants of jacob it doesn't matter

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where on the planet they are god is gonna god knows who's who has the dna of jacob and he's going to gather

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them if any of yours be driven out to the uttermost parts of heaven from there will the lord your god gather you

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and from there will he fetch you and so we know in matthew 24 when christ returns his angels go to the four

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corners of the earth to gather the elect that just doesn't come out of nowhere

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that's coming from moses god's god's faithfulness to his word

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and the lord your god will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed and if you were with us through isaiah this just was so crystal

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clear that that from the four corners of the earth they're actually going to be brought back to the land

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the the promised land so the moses isn't going with them but they're going to go into this land they're going

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to possess it they're going to lose it because of their corruption they're going to be scattered and then they're going to be brought back to the land

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the land the covenant is not without land the covenant is not just this

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personal relationship that we have with god it's it's a real estate covenant

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it involves real estate and so this this promise that god has that they will be established in the

land they're going to break it so they're going to be scattered and then god is going to fulfill it and he's going to bring them back into the land

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which their fathers possess lest we think it could be you know uh it's going to be canada it's going to be america or

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or south africa or or england no it's the land which jacob possessed

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that that's the land the land of abraham isaac and jacob they're going to go back there and

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they're going to possess that land and you shall possess it and he will do you good and multiply you above your father so

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you're going to start with the blessings tremendous blessings you think of where the where the nation was when when solomon took over and all the nations

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all around the world looked and were blessed by it and were and admired it and then they lost it all

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but in the end time the way this these nations or these tribes will be blessed will far exceed

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that in the same land and the lord your god will circumcise

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your heart this is holy spirit language the lord your god will circumcise your heart and the heart of your seed

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to love the lord your god with all your heart and with all your soul

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that you may live that you may live forever god is the god of jacob abraham isaac and jacob forever

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so so that's the pattern now one more thing from torah before we get into uh the the this um opening in the book of

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hosea and it's from levticus 19. um actually sorry i want to go to ezekiel 2. just one verse two verses in

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ezekiel uh levticus 19 verse 29 the clear instruction

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do not israel you're going into these corrupt nations don't follow them do not

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prostitute your daughter to cause her to be a

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lest the land fall to whoredom and the land become full of wickedness so this is just a

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very clear principle family matters raise your children with very high standards of morality

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and don't allow them to to prosp to become prostitutes look at our society today which once was

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a godly society the western nations were really built based upon christianity and the

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christian work ethic and the christian moral code where are we today

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maybe you have a 12 or 13 or a teenage daughter go shopping see if you can find a modest piece of

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clothing we are prostituting never mind our teenage daughters go into the kindergarten classrooms

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and find out what the state is teaching young girls so little girls and little

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boys in kindergarten

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there is there is rightly so catastrophe is coming

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and and we own we have only ourselves to blame we have brought this upon ourselves what happens when when these

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human beings are brought up with absolutely no moral compass

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no ability to bond with another human being no ability to to honor marriage and

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family what happens to a society then so we have completely violated leviticus 19 29

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but you know what nothing's new under the sun we're going to go into hosea and we're going to see that there was a man

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that prostituted his daughter that allowed his daughter to to grow into a prostitute and the whole land was doing

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this now final thing i just want to establish a couple of things here ezekiel 23 and i

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covered this on sabbath i don't if you were with us on sabbath ezekiel 23 is an important chapter it

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ties into what we're doing here ezekiel comes after the captivity so isaiah

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micah amos and now we're studying hosea these are all pre-exilic prophets so they're

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they're they're warning of the exile that is to come ezekiel is part of the exile uh and so

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he has an analysis of what happened as well that totally marries what we see

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here or what we're about to see in hosea but he says the word of the lord came to me again saying

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son of man there were two women the daughters of one mother and he goes on

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to then say the corruption that was in these women so he says and

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they committed whoredoms in egypt they committed whoredoms in their youth

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there were their breast pressed and there they bruised the teats

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of their virginity so they started out as virgins they started out pure but they corrupted themselves thoroughly as

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prostitutes two women that is israel and judah the nation was split the kingdom to the

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north as well as the kingdom of the south in fact ezekiel makes it clear that the southern kingdom

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saw what happened to the north because of their corruption and what god did to them because of that

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corruption and instead of repenting the southern kingdom was worse

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than the northern kingdom and so they had to be punished as well but remarkably god did not end his

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covenant with them he maintained that covenant in that bond with the southern kingdom so let's uh

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let's go into hosea now hosea uh hosea hoshea

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joshua yeshua all the same name meaning

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yah saves jehovah saves this is this is his name means salvation so as ugly

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as this scripture is going to get in parts it's going to be beautiful because of

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the salvation god saves man doesn't save god saves and and

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hosea is really the embodiment of christ's love

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yeshua so what we see in in in how isaiah is commanded to behave

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we're actually picturing the love of jesus christ the the abused husband who

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is just totally faithful and steadfast and and he wills himself to love his wife regardless this is true

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agape agape love is not dependent on what the recipient does

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so i'll love you if you love me you know i'll make you feel good if you make me feel good but the minute you don't make

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me feel good i'm out that's not agape agape is this this

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decision to will yourself to bless the other and that that is what yeshua he we we

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love him because he first loved us even when we were his adversaries he loved us

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and this is why we love him so hosea the word of the lord

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that came unto hosea meaning salvation the son of berry and

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i'm not sure what this means seems like that's more of a location or a well of a well but this was his father berry the

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son of barry and then he's dated us and this is how we know he's a contemporary with isaiah

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with micah and with amos because he's in the same time they date their prophecy

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and their ministry according to these kings in in judah in the days of uziah jotham

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ahaz and hezekiah kings of judah so we don't know if hosea was an israelite or

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if he was jewish i think he was jewish like amos was a jew but he prophesied in the north

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that's what i think and it's possible entirely that he's an israelite i just feel the the the my

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sense is god continued to work with judah and warn the north because the true worship

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was in judah and in any case it was important to the editors maybe to hosea himself that

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his prophecy is dated according to the reign primarily according to the reign of the kings of judah and in the days of

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jeroboam the son of joash king of israel and all the kings of israel were corrupt

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jeroboam the first was the first king of israel corrupted himself set up a and a

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competing worship system in order to gain to maintain control and every single king after him

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maintained and built their power on that corrupt competing

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uh duplicitous worship system so the kings of israel were just a

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complete write-off the kings of judah mostly you know mixed this um

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story where some were good kings some were evil kings and some were mixed

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good and bad but the true worship system remained in judah

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so this is when he prophesies we know he's a contemporary to isaiah to micah to amos

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the beginning of the word of the lord by hosea okay this is the word of the lord this comes

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from god what is the word of the lord and the lord jehovah said to hosea

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go take unto you a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms

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for the land has committed great whoredom departing from the lord

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very very difficult uh passage so what we're seeing here is

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this prophet is being told to find a wife of corrupt moral

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character and you know she's not it's not that you

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find her with a ready-made family it's not that he finds her and she has children uh from whoredoms and then he

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marries this wife this woman with children it's he's going to marry her and he's going to have children

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but these children are going to be children of whoredoms and as well the wife it could be that she's

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an active prostitute that he goes and marries or it could be that she's just a loose

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moral morally unsound woman who when he marries her she then becomes

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unfaithful either way i think the fact that god says that this is a pattern or a

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reflection of israel might indicate that because moses says you're going to go into the land

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and after you're going to corrupt yourselves so initially they're not corrupted but they're going to corrupt themselves so it could be that he

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marries her and then she corrupts herself but either way she's a wife of whoredoms and then he's going to have

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children of hoarders so he went and he took gomer the daughter of

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diblaim so this man is being called out

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he should have brought up his daughter to have high moral standards according to torah he did not

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so he's called out and so this is the woman that he chose gomorrah which conceived

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and bare him a son so she bore him the first child and it's

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a son and the lord said unto him call his name israel

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it says israel which sounds a lot like israel

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so this is his name call his name israel for yet a little while

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and i will avenge the blood of jezeel upon the house of jehu so we'd have to

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go into uh second kings i believe it's chapter 15 but there's a story there where jehu

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is avenging the king ahab for his wickedness but he just goes wild it's like the

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devil overtakes him and he goes wild with slaughter and slaughters the entire family and just it's just extreme

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violence way beyond the pale and and god all these years later god is saying to to jehu in the house of jehu

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he hasn't forgotten and that bad blood and pastor murray actually gave a sermon i think two sabbaths ago

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uh actually sorry it wasn't a sermon it was in our it was in our observance of the night of the lord

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and he talked about the blood of abel and how that blood cried out to god human blood human

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beings made in his image when they're when they're sacrificed that blood when it spills god takes notice

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and and jehu went in and he just slaughtered blood blood everywhere and god is saying he hasn't forgotten

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and he's going to avenge the blood of jezebel upon jehu and he will cause

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he will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of israel so so

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this house of jehu is going down and the the kingdom of israel will cease to exist so we know it's going to be

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scattered by assyria and it's just going to be just disbanded

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and it shall come to pass in that day that i will break the bow of israel in

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the valley of jezebel and uh hear jezebel that the name

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actually means to to sow to scatter so so it's kind of a play on words that israel will be scattered

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and he's going to break the bow of israel in the valley of jezebel so their military might will be shattered

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so that's the first child so god is going to avenge there's going to be a catastrophe

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on on israel and god is avenging the the blood on the house of jehu for what

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happened in the valley of jezebel and she conceived again

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and the language here is interesting because the first time she bears a son

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to hosea this time she she bears a daughter but

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if you just look at the language there the first time when she when she bears a son

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he says she bear him a son she bear him a son

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she doesn't say she bear him a daughter just that she bear a daughter remember these are

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children of whoredoms so it's quite possible it's not i'm not saying this is so but it's quite

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possible through her whoredoms she became pregnant and this child actually is not jose's so she conceived

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again a very daughter and god said unto him call her name lo meaning not

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my people have mercy for i will no more have mercy upon the house of israel but i will

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utterly take them away so so this this covenant mercy that they've enjoyed but they've shattered

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the covenant god is saying okay deuteronomy 28 29 curses to be employed

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but even though now he's going to strike at israel and have no more mercy upon them in verse 7

he says but i will have

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mercy upon the house of judah and will save them by the lord their god

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so this is very interesting and again we have to go to mooses go to torah understand this eternal nature

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of the covenant that god has entered into and the south has or sorry the

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north had completely departed from from jeroaboam from their foundation they departed and went into this um idolatry

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the south had the proper worship system located in uh and centered around jerusalem and god is maintaining the

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covenant even though the south ends up corrupting themselves as well god is committed to this covenant this

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eternal covenant he's not going to break it and so to ensure that the covenant is held he says he will have mercy on the

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house of judah and will save them by the lord their god and then he says this

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and will not save them by bow or nor by sword nor by battle by horses

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nor by horsemen so this is basically saying that judah also is going to be

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attacked by assyria so syria is going to wipe out the north they're going to come to the south and begin the military

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campaign against the south but judah will be saved and not with military might it'll be a

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supernatural power and i think this we covered this when we covered uh isaiah but i think it's second kings 19

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where 185 000 soldiers were just wiped out

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by the angel of the lord so it was not by military power they woke up and they

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were just they had to run for their lives because of the supernatural intervention

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now when she had weaned lohu rama she conceived and bear a son and again

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it doesn't say that she bear a son uh to hosea but possible with woman who's

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loose like this he just they didn't have uh what do they call it a one two three and me uh or our

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ancestry.com so we just we don't know but she's she's a loose woman uh she conceived she has now a son

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then said god call his name lo meaning not ami my people

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for you are not my people and i will not be your god and that sort of uh supports

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that it's probably a child of whoredom that is this is not his son he's not not

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his child god said call his name lo ami for you are not my people and i will not be your

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god and again this is kind of confusing for people because there's this real anger

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that god has followed by this incredible grace and mercy so although you're not my people god

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says in verse 10 which we have to understand his commitment to the covenant and what moises laid down

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yet although you're not my people and i'm not gonna have mercy on you anymore and i'm gonna scatter you

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yet the number of the children of israel shall be as the sand of the sea this is

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covenant language this is this is abrahamic uh covenant language this is this is god's promising

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to jacob that his descendants will just have no no end so even though these people have

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corrupted themselves they've caught they've invoked the covenant curses

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and yet if we don't understand the covenant fully in god's commitment to the covenant which he's demonstrating

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through hosea through the act of marriage jose hosea yeshua

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the same god that came to earth and when he taught his disciples if you look at matthew 19 when he taught his disciples

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about the the depth of the commitment of marriage their their response was well it doesn't who can get married and he

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said well it's not for everybody so this hosea is demonstrating god's

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view of marriage and he says here and the covenant yet

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yet he says that despite their corruption yet the number of the children of israel shall be as the sand

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of the sea which cannot be measured nor numbered and it shall come to pass that in the

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place where it was said unto them you are not my people in that very place

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there it shall be said unto them you are the sons of the living god

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so this is uh we just have to understand the pattern again when you look at this whole concept of replacement theology it

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falls apart right here you look at what christians have conceived in terms of their religion

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it's just the church forget about ancient israel you look at the arabs with following muhammad and what they've

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come up with that they are now replacing israel none of it could possibly be true it all makes god a liar

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what is true is god is a god of covenant and he has covenanted with jacob

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and so no matter what god is going to fulfill the covenant and that's what he's saying here which is

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what mooses laid down that you're going to go in you're going to corrupt yourselves but that process of the

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curses is going to bring you to repentance and god is going to bless you beyond your fathers you and your

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children so so the whole world is going to be saying these are the sons of the living

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god and we've gone through that with isaiah micah and amos then shall the children of judah and the

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children of israel be gathered together so jezeel means they're going to be scattered

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god that means to be sown and scattered but now it also means in a way that they're going to be gathered they're

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being sown so that they can blossom and come back and and be a blessing and a mercy and a

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light to the whole world that that the ezekiel talks about this as well that

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the stick of judah and the stick of ephraim will be joined together to become one stick and that is in fact how

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israel comes back into the covenant then shall the children of israel and children of judah and the children of

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israel be gathered together and appoint themselves one head and they shall come up out of the land

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for great shall be the day of jezeel or israel so this is this is fascinating

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so this very thing where god says i haven't forgotten i'm going to avenge the the blood in the valley of jezeel

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and at the same time i'm going to turn jezeel into a tremendous blessing because of his covenant commitment

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say you unto your brethren army my people and to your sisters

33:02

mercy grace and so all of this is going to come together as one people and bless the whole world god is god is committed

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to this process despite the frailty of men he goes on now

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plead with your mother plead for she is not my wife

33:21

neither am i her husband so they've she's broken the covenant let her therefore put away her whoredoms

33:28

out of her sight and her adulteries from between her breasts i find this interesting that

33:34

uh the the sort of to the children to plead with their mother

33:40

because the children are children of whoredom and and spiritually i think we need to

33:45

see this that the israelites are children of an unfaithful mother

33:51

and even we now who are who are grafted into this covenant we are children of an unfaithful mother

33:57

and as we come into maturity and we come into realization we have to plead with israel

34:04

we have to plead with her and and and show her her her faithlessness her unfaithfulness

34:09

and and and call her to repent so cry aloud spare not to who to the mother

34:17

uh lest i strip her naked and set her as in the day that she was born

34:23

and make her as a wilderness and set her like a dry land and slay her with thirst so obviously she's prospering

34:31

and she's doing very well and looking very nice and be attractive but god is saying all of this is an

34:37

illusion and i can take it all away and strip her naked and make her dry

34:43

and i will not have mercy upon her children for they be the children of whoredoms

34:49

for their mother has played the harlot she that conceived them has done

34:54

shamefully for she said i will go after my lovers that give me my bread and my water

35:02

my wool and my flax my oil and my drink this is just it was very very difficult

35:09

you know when i was a young man i was i was 19 years old and i have some friends we were all kind

35:16

of very philosophical and religious and they were a bit older but one of them was unfaithful to his wife

35:22

and i happened to be there when she found out and i'll tell you

35:28

i i don't i don't think i've ever seen so much pain in a woman like it was worse than the pain of

35:34

childbirth this this thing just cut her in two and she just wailed and she was just

35:40

just totally uh just uncontrollable and unconsolable

35:46

and i'm looking at this just thinking this is incredible pain i've never seen this before

35:52

but but unfaithfulness is very damaging and some of you may even be

35:57

victims of this sort of unfaithfulness in the marital bond you can imagine hosea's pain

36:04

as he's looking at this woman that he's loved he's showered with with attention and provision and she's just

36:12

hopelessly unfaithful and yet he's committed to her

36:19

because he's representing christ's commitment and and christ's instructions around

36:25

marriage and today marriage means nothing marriage divorce is so easy just

36:31

fornication adultery is sexual impropriety is everywhere

36:36

i think we have to fight the other way we have to show that marriage is a great life that we just we we just live far better

36:44

than than people who don't take marriage seriously we we we have a blessed life with a a blessed wife a blessed spouse

36:52

faithful spouse we can build up but if we have been damaged if our if our um marriages have been

37:00

rocked by such a corrupt society uh and the spouse is sorry truly sorry and wants to work

37:07

things out i think it can be worked out if there's true repentance i think the desire on

37:12

both sides should be to work it out that the commitment to the marriage but

37:18

i think the offending party has to really go overboard like you have no secrets

37:25

no private passwords hand over your phone at any time be totally transparent because you've got

37:31

to do everything you can now to restore broken trust and as i said i'll just i'll just never forget uh the

37:39

pain that i saw in this woman when she found out her husband was unfaithful to her

37:44

this is such a uh you're playing with fire when you play with the covenant of
37:50
marriage but here hosea suffered this pain and he says that she she has done
37:56
shamefully and and you know spiritually this is true for the church
38:03
so so it was spiritually true for israel and they were they were in the land that
38:08
god rescued them from egypt and brought them into the land and and fully provided for them
38:15
and then they're engaged in all of this some canaanite sexual practices
38:21
in order to cause it to rain and then when it rains they're giving credit to ba'al
38:27
and asherath instead of realizing the god of israel has been looking after them all this
38:33
time he freed them took them through the wilderness and provided for them miraculously
brought
38:38
them into the promised land and set them up and now they're involved in these canaanite
practices
38:44
and giving credit to baja so this is a spiritual disaster but even
38:50
now in the church we can see the same thing we can be in great high paying jobs
38:58
and we don't need god we think that it's our talent that is causing us to be wealthy
39:05
or you know it's it's fizer and drug companies that cause us to be healthy
39:11
so as soon as a baby is born we gladly hand them over to a corporation to inject into the baby an
immune system or
39:18
a defense system so that that baby now will depend on a corporation for the
39:24
rest of its life for its immune system i i think that's a slap in the face
39:30
to our god who heals our diseases who looks after us who provides for us who protects us
39:35
not to say that we can't seek medical help of course we can but where is our trust
39:40
and i think injecting a baby and turning a baby's immune system over to a corporation i don't
think our trust is
39:47

in god it's hard it would be hard for me to accept an argument that i'm injecting a newborn baby
39:54
with the serum of a profit-making corporation where it will now depend on that profit
39:59
corp making corporation for the rest of its life be hard to argue successfully to me anyway that
that's trusting god
40:07
so so when we go after our lovers and say they're the ones who give us bread
40:13
and water and and and clothing and and christ says like this is this is
40:18
this is how gentiles operate they prioritize physical provision
40:24
and then they end up worshiping the master satan who bribes them with this
40:30
provision instead of trusting god just you know what i trust god let the chips fall
40:36
where they may so she ran after her lovers therefore behold
40:41
i will hedge up your way with thorns and make a wall that she
40:46
shall not find her paths so she's going to be cut off and confused and she shall follow after her
lovers
40:54
but she shall not reach them so god is going to frustrate her she was going down the wrong path
now she's
41:00
going to end up with nothing and she shall seek them but shall not find them then she will
41:06
say i will go and return to my first husband for then was it better with me then now
41:13
what a selfish piece of work this is what what's selfishness
41:18
so now when she realizes these lovers are useless they can't help me you know
41:23
what my husband was good to me he really did look after me i think i'll
41:28
go back to my husband because he was good to me and i have nothing now after i've been used
up and given myself
41:34
to everybody now i'm going to go back to my husband incredible for she did not know
41:41
that i gave her corn and wine and oil and multiplied her silver and gold
41:47

which they prepared for ba'al so god is the one who blessed them they took these blessings and worshiped by all and made

41:54

sacrifices to be all with the very blessings like god is financing it's so

42:01

bizarre god is financing the worship of his enemy

42:08

therefore will i return and take away my corn in the time thereof and my wine in the

42:14

season thereof and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness

42:21

and to me this verse spells famine and and we look at the western nations

42:26

and just how prosperous we have been and and we have not given glory to god

42:33

and and now god is saying you know what i'm gonna take it all away and and we we get to live in this time

42:39

where we'll we'll be able to tell the story we'll we'll be able to tell the story that we were alive

42:46

during the greatest economy it's those of us who live in the west we were alive

42:52

and especially in north america and especially in america we'll be able to tell the story we were

42:58

alive in the greatest economy the world has ever seen

43:04

there has never been an economy that soared and and enabled so much prosperity as

43:10

what we witnessed firsthand and then we'll be able to continue the story

43:15

and say and we were alive in the greatest economic disaster ever

43:21

we saw a level of poverty that just beggars the imagination

43:27

that we were not able to imagine the the poverty

43:33

and the famine and the desperation and and what that does to human beings

43:38

we we just it wasn't possible if we didn't see it firsthand we would never believe it but we were there we saw both extremes we

43:46

had everything we spat on it we spat in god's face he took it all away from us and we saw

43:53

the consequences of of of idolatry and turning our back

43:58

on god and not acknowledging him and so this is god takes away the blessings

44:04

and now i will discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers all these uh

44:10

combatant nations israel is going to expose her underbelly

44:15

to them i will discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers and none shall deliver her out of my hand

44:23

he's talking of the nation i will also cause her mirth to cease so we're on the cusp of this

44:30

you know enjoy every day that we can every day that we get up and everything we can enjoy some blessings

44:36

just really just savor the blessings because god is going to cause all this mirth to cease

44:42

it's all in motion now and i can't see how it comes back from what's in play i will also cause her mirth to cease

44:49

listen to this now her feast days her new moons

44:55

and her sabbaths and all her solemn feasts so these people were in a you know in a

45:01

worship system they were they were keeping these feast days and the sabbaths and the the the

45:07

new moons and god is saying i've had it i'm taking it all away it's all false

45:12

worship and and yet by engaging in these practices the people felt very righteous

45:17

indeed and the question is can this happen to the church

45:23

we're keeping these feast days right now this feast of unleavened bread but can be can we be keeping these days

45:30

in a way that does not please god that god god feels the need to take them away from us

45:35

or are we keeping them in a way praise god that he is pleased with us he sees that we really understand

45:42

their significance he says and i will destroy her vines and her fig trees

45:48

whereas she said these are my rewards that my lovers have given me again they've come into the land of canaan

45:55

instead of driving out the people they've adopted the practices of the people and mixed with the people and

46:01

been corrupted by the people and and engaged in these uh lewd

46:06

behaviors in order to make it rain and when it rains they credit

46:11

ba'al instead of acknowledging that god is the one who's looking after them

46:18

so he says i'm going to destroy everything these are my rewards that my lovers have given me and i will make them a forest

46:25

and the beasts of the field shall eat them so they're going to be fully destroyed

46:31

and i will visit on her the days of baalim wherein she burned incense to them so

46:37

these balls these false gods she's worshipping them and worshiping jehovah

46:42

it's all mixed up confusion and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels

46:48

so she's beautifying herself she looks attractive but she has no character

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when she burned incense to them and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels and she went after her lovers and

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forgot me says the lord so she's made herself as attractive as possible to her lovers and today you know it's

47:06

interesting to see how if we look at i just i'm just astonished by america i really am it's the greatest

47:13

nation empire the world has ever seen and it's just collapsing fast and to see the leader of that country

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going to countries like iran and begging them for oil and saying we'll give you billions of

47:26

dollars and going to saudi arabia and going to venezuela and trying to be attractive to

47:32

these nations and and bend over backwards to please them instead of being the leader they

47:37

completely for completely forgotten god you know this uh easter weekend that just passed

47:44

i i really haven't seen very very very little mention i haven't seen like i could almost say

47:50

i've seen no mention of jesus christ wherever i have seen

47:55

a mention of easter it's like it's like a joke they used to take easter seriously

48:02

now it's just easter bunnies and it's just ridiculous it's just a easter these bunnies that just make no sense

48:10

if they mention it at all they mention it with easter bunnies it's just it's just a ridiculous

48:16

blatantly pagan worship but come ramadan oh they'll mention that oh ramadan is so important they'll bend

48:23

over backwards to honor ramadan but they won't honor jesus christ even in their misunderstanding that's all

48:29

gone so they've the nations have forgotten god the very nations that were built

48:35

with the bible in hand they've forgotten him therefore behold

48:41

and again this is the the you have to understand mooses so although they deserve absolute destruction and they

48:47

will they will earn absolute destruction it will come to pass at the same time god says this so we

48:53

know assyria is going to come in and just so that historically it's already happened completely disband and

48:58

slaughter this nation but then hosea says therefore behold

49:04

i will allure her and bring her into the wilderness and speak comfortably unto her

49:11

this this is the unfaithful wife but this is what covenant means the fact that israel breaks the covenant

49:18

doesn't mean that the covenant is broken it means that they've broken their part of the covenant it means that they've

49:24

invoked the curses of the covenant but in no way does it end the covenant

49:30

it's not like okay throw that covenant away let's let's get a brand new covenant there's no brand new covenant

49:38

instead there's a covenant that's eternal uh there's a covenant with abraham that's eternal and god then acts through

49:45

the mosaic covenant to fulfill this promise made to abraham

49:51

they completely shatter and break and violate this covenant so god takes it then and he renews it

49:58

jeremiah 31 he renews it he's still going to fulfill the abrahamic covenant he's going to do

50:04

it now a different way and so that's what we observed with passover as christ now institutes the

50:11

renewal of this covenant you with through the holy spirit and through us as first fruits but

50:17

ultimately all of israel will the fall harvest will be brought in as well

50:22

he says that's why we see that holy spirit language by mooses therefore behold i will allure her

50:29

and bring her into the wilderness and speak comfortably unto this unfaithful woman

50:35

that's this is what this is god wants us to understand covenant what does it mean when you covenant with

50:40

somebody and and they break their end of the bargain he says and i will give her vineyards from there

50:48

so he takes the vineyards away but then he's going to give her vineyards and all the prophets see this

50:53

as well this millennial setting and i will give her vineyards from there and the valley of accor

51:00

for a door of hope so this is interesting this is uh when joshua went into the promised land

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and uh there was unfaithfulness and the the uh person i forget his name now i think was

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aiken who was unfaithful and then you know the the

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property that they seized that was supposed to be sacred and devoted to the lord he stole from it was found out and

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all of his family was stoned to death and burned and they put a heap there all of that was done in the valley of the court so it'd be like saying um

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a chernobyl will be a place of abundant blessings or

51:38

hiroshima so what if i say to you hiroshima does anything but but horror come to

51:44

mind or if i say chernobyl does anything but horror come to mind

51:49

well this is in the day if we said akor we would just think of the horror of a core and god is saying i'm going to make the

51:55

valley of a core a door of hope that people will go to a corps and just see like wow the blessings of the lord

52:02

he's turning disaster around and making it a blessing and she sells she shall

52:07

she she shall see she sells seashells by the seashore i should have practiced that

52:14

and she shall sing there and she shall sing there in the valley of a core

52:20

as in the days of her youth and as in the day when she came up out of the land of

52:26

egypt so there is going to be this second exodus god is going to gather israel from all the nations and bring

52:31

them to the promised land and there's going to be this great joy all the prophets see this so all these um

52:37

pre-exiled prophets they prophesy of the exile and while in the very breath that

52:43

they're prophesying of the exile they prophesy of this millennial rule and this this salvation even the prophet's

52:49

name hosea god saves so there's going to be the second exodus and there's going to be great singing we

52:55

saw this already through isaiah maika and amos and it shall be at that day

53:01

says the lord that you shall call me ishi and shall call me no more ba ali

53:07

so you call me husband no more master for i will take away the names of the baa haleem out of her mouth

53:14

so this this corruption that she's she's engaged in she's given her whole heart and soul to it

53:20

god is saying i'm going to restore her because i'm i'm covenanted with her i'm covenanted so i'm going to restore

53:26

her and i'm going to take these names out of her mouth and they shall no more be remembered by their name

53:34

and in that day i will make a covenant for them with the animals of the field

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and with the fowls of heaven and with the creeping things of the ground so isaiah talks about this where

53:46

the wolf will lie down with the lamb so god is going to make all of the surroundings totally millennial for them

53:54

and i will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth and again isaiah talks

54:01

about this that they'll beat their um swords into plowshares and their their

54:06

swords into pruning hooks so this this piece is going to break out all over the earth because god is going to make this

54:12

happen there's their spears into pruning hooks and i will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth

54:19

and i will make them to lie down safely this is his wife

54:24

he's covenanted with her and despite all of this corruption and lewd behavior and whoredoms

54:32

that doesn't change god's covenant commitment and so he's covenanted with these people

54:38

they're going to be they've invoked and activated the covenant curses so god is faithful and all of the catastrophe

54:45

is part of his faithfulness but that catastrophe is not the end of israel

54:50

that catastrophe is not the end of judah because the covenant cannot be broken by god

54:56

he says and i will betroth you unto me

55:01

forever who israel so we cannot engage in this replacement

55:08

theology otherwise we make god a liar hosea or god says through hosea to these

55:15

people that they shall be married to god forever and the word of god cannot be broken

55:22

so if we have an ideology if we have a doctrine that dismisses this that parks it that

55:29

says forget about it forget about it i'm now israel

55:35

what god meant when he promised this through hosea to the ancient israelites what he meant was

55:42

nothing of what he said what he actually meant was that i would come along

55:48

and he'll be betrothed to me forever and he'll completely forget these people

55:54

that's not what the prophet is saying that's not what god is saying through this prophet he's saying despite all these hoarders

56:02

he is in covenant and he's going to clean her up he's going to restore her

56:08

he's going to renew her and he's going to fulfill his promise to abraham isaac and jacob

56:14

and he's going to marry her forever we are the first fruits

56:20

of this harvest but it's all one harvest and we're not replacing the harvest

56:27

we're the first fruits that point to the harvest and the whole earth is going to be

56:33

blessed by this betrothal and i will betroth you unto me forever

56:39

yes i will betroth you unto me in righteousness you you

56:44

you prostitute of a woman you prostitute of a wife god is in god is married to israel

56:52

you prostitute of a wife you lewd woman i'm going to betroth you in

56:57

righteousness this is what moises is talking about you're going to go into the land moises was talking to these people again

57:04

we can't make god a liar you the people who god addressed are going to go into the land you're

57:10

going to utterly corrupt yourselves you're going to be scattered

57:15

and then you who corrupted yourselves are going to be brought back

57:21

and you're going to enjoy the blessings of the lord forever not because of anything you've done

57:27

but because of the righteousness the holiness the truthfulness the faithfulness of yeshua

57:34

he says i will even he rejust repeats this betrothed betrothed betrothed and we

57:40

throw this out the window yeah i know god said that but he didn't really mean it i'll tell you what god meant

57:48

let's just read the scroll and accept it for what it says these corrupt people this nation

57:55

of corrupt people who were idolaters god says to them i will betroth you

58:01

idolaters corrupt people unto me forever

58:08

yes i will be yeshua hosea god saves

58:14

betrothed betroth betrothed i will betroth you unto me in righteousness

58:20

and in judgment and in cassette in lovingkindness and in mercies

58:26

i will even betroth you unto me in faithfulness it's astonishing

58:31

this is an astonishing act there's no god like this god you we we could never

58:39

come up with a god so faithful so so

58:45

forgiving so committed to his word that when he speaks he's committed to it the human mind could never come up with this

58:51

god we it has to be revealed to us

58:57

and then we need to accept it i will even betroth you unto me in faithfulness and you shall know the lord

59:05

all the prophets speak of this time and it shall come to pass in that day

59:10

i will hear says the lord this is what moises said

59:16

it shall come to pass in that day i will hear says the lord i will hear the heavens and they shall hear the earth

59:22

and the earth shall hear the corn and the wine and the oil and they shall hear jezeel so the same as the the valley of

59:30

a core is turned around to become a blessing jezeel or israel will become a blessing

59:37

and this sowing will become a blessing so so now the the sowing at first there was a curse i'm going to scatter you the

59:44

way i sow seed but then everywhere you've been scattered you're going to be a blessing and i'm

59:49

going to bring you back you will you'll flourish and i will bring you back and i will sow her unto me in the earth

59:56

so when christ returns he gathers her from the four corners of the earth and i will sow her unto me in the earth

1:00:02

and i will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy so again

1:00:08

who is he going to have mercy on the church that is full of grace and mercy

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he'll have mercy on the church upon whom he's had mercy is that what the scripture says

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or does the scripture say i will have mercy upon her that had not obtained

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mercy lohurama that same lokurama

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i will have mercy upon her and i will have mercy upon her

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that had not obtained mercy so the catastrophe that she suffers and and will revisit again it's the time of

1:00:42

jacobs trouble it's a time of trouble though the likes of which the world has never seen that

1:00:47

jacobs god says i'm going to have mercy upon her. so so

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all of this catastrophe is not an end and i will say to them which were not my people

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so is this to the church i will say to them that we were not my people you are my people and they shall

1:01:06

say you are my god yes indeed

1:01:11

then said the lord god then said the lord unto me go yet

1:01:16

love a woman beloved of her friend yet an adulteress

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according to the love of the lord toward the children of israel so uh poor hosea

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this is incredible so he's got to go and find this woman she's entangled in in in uh

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an illicit relationship he's got to go and find her and bring her back

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because this is this is rep this is symbolic representation of

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god's love for israel israel is entangled in idolatry

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she's totally unfaithful god has blessed her with everything and she's turned her back on him

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and yet he loves her and he's going to restore her and he wants her to understand that so

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in order to communicate this to israel he says to hosea go find this prostitute

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who's entangled in an illicit relationship and win her back so that israel can understand just how much

1:02:22

i love her then said the lord unto me go yet love a woman beloved of her friend yet

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an adulteress according to the love of the lord toward the children of israel so again when we

1:02:36

do this replacement theology thing we must anger god

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it must anger god because god went through great lengths

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to show the people through hosea that his love is is it can't be removed

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his love is consistent and he's committed and he wills to love israel and then we come along and say yes

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scratch all of that god loves me throw israel away i i think that must

1:03:06

just horrify god and anger him he says

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go find this adulterous woman and love her we win her back according to the love of the lord toward

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the children of israel who who look to other gods and love flagons of wine

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so then uh hosea explains so i bought her to me

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for 15 pieces of silver and for a homer of barley

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and half a homer of barley so you get the sense here was a lot of

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money that he had to put down you get the sense that she was owned by somebody she was in some sort of sexual

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slavery and he had to go to this master that she was entangled with

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and by her so he knows that she's entangled in this sexual slavery that's his wife

1:04:01

and he's got to go to this person and say how much do you want for her

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and he names the price and hosea gathers this money and gives it to this slave master sex the slave

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master gives the money to this master so that he can redeem her

1:04:18

and in all of that this is like a real life event israel must have been horrified watching

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this but he's a prophet of god and there's a message in this

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and it's a message that we cannot forget he says so after he does this i said unto her

1:04:37

you shall abide for me or with me many days

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you shall not play the harlot and you shall not be for another man

1:04:48

so will i also be for you so we're gonna we're gonna come back to our marriage vows you're going to behave yourself

1:04:56

just i bought you now you know you're in a relationship with me you're free from the sexual slavery

1:05:03

stop being with other men be faithful to me and i'm gonna continue to be faithful to

1:05:08

you and this is he's told to do this because it reflects the love that god has for israel

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and then he says for the children of israel shall abide many days without a king so this is

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symbolic that she just has to be uh many days and just stop playing the

1:05:26

harlot and just be faithful but just be in in this state he says um he says

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the children of israel shall abide many days without a king and without a prince

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and without a sacrifice and without an image and without an ephod

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and without terrified after that shall the children of israel return

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again we go back to moyses you're going to be scattered you're going to be humiliated you're going to be you're

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going to lose everything and in that process you're going to come to your senses and you're going to be crying out for

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god and then finally when the process is complete god is not going to destroy you

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completely he's going to punish you according to the covenant because he's faithful to the covenant but then he's going to restore you because he's

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faithful to the covenant so afterward shall the children of israel return and

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again this this replacement theology just kills me we've got to stop it we've got to be faithful to the to the

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word of god we've got to preach the word of god so this is speaking now of the end time

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this this is ahead of us that afterward despite what's happened to israel what

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what assyria did to israel in in the 8th century as

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hosea was predicting it came to pass but despite that our

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teaching must be the word of god that in the future ahead of us now

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the children of israel shall return they're going to be joined to judah they're going to be one people they're

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going to be established in the land and the whole land is going to be in awe

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of this nation of these peoples afterwards shall the children of israel return

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and seek the lord their god we we read this in moyses this is exactly what moyses said

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you're going to go into the land you're going to utterly corrupt yourself you're going to bring catastrophe upon

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yourself and after all of this god is going to restore you

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afterwards shall the children of israel return and seek the lord their god with their whole heart and with their whole

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soul and david their king that's how we know this is future this hasn't happened yet

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david their king so they're going to seek the lord their god and david their king so david will be right there in jerusalem

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and they shall fear the lord and his goodness in the latter days so this is uh the

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book of hosea an amazing book and what we're seeing here is the

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faithful of faithful faithfulness of god and this really does establish a pattern

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this is a metaphor it's this poor man again i saw pain i saw the pain of

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adultery when i was a young man and boy oh boy it's painful it is terrible

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and hosea suffered this pain but god told him to do this because god has suffered this pain

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and despite this pain that god has suffered god god has emotions despite this pain that god has suffered

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he is faithful to the covenant he is he is he has to punish them because the covenant says so he's faithful to the

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covenant but he's also going to restore them because he's faithful to the covenant the question is are we going to

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be faithful teachers of the word of god and and correct

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christians when they teach that they replace israel are we going to take them to the book of

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hosea so this lays the foundation and god willing uh there's another 11 chapters we want to get

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through god willing we'll get through these now and do a bit more detailed analysis and now that we understand the

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metaphor the context of this book uh it's a hard book i really do feel it for hosea but at the

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same time it's a wonderful book because it demonstrates just how deeply god loves

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and we are grafted into israel and we inherit this deep covenant love we've

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been reading about it in the psalms we inherit this deep covenant love and we're a part of this story what a

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wonderful god we serve stay committed to your observance of these feast of unleavened bread
and we

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look forward on the high day we'll have pastor murray bringing us the the main message and
then immediately after on

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the sabbath uh deacon jan will be bringing us the main message we hope you'll join us hope you
were blessed by

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the study tonight and uh god willing that you'll be blessed as we complete the book of hosea
god bless you what a

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mighty loving god we serve god bless

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you