

## THE SCANDALOUS LOVE OF GOD

### 1. Prophets Do Strange Things

- \* A sermon 'in action'
- \* Israel's unfaithfulness described
- \* Spiritual whoredom: a major Biblical theme

### 2. In The Beginning ....

- \* Genesis 2:23-4
- Human marriage as a lens for understanding spiritual 'harlotry'

### 3. Israel: Playing The Harlot ....

- \* Exodus 34:10-16
- A jealous God & his call to purity
- \* Deuteronomy 31:16
- Unfaithfulness predicted
- \* Judges 2:16-17
- Israel whores after other gods !
- \* Judges 8:27, 33
- 'Respectable' whoring: Gideon's golden ephod

### 4. Israel: Committing Great Harlotry ....

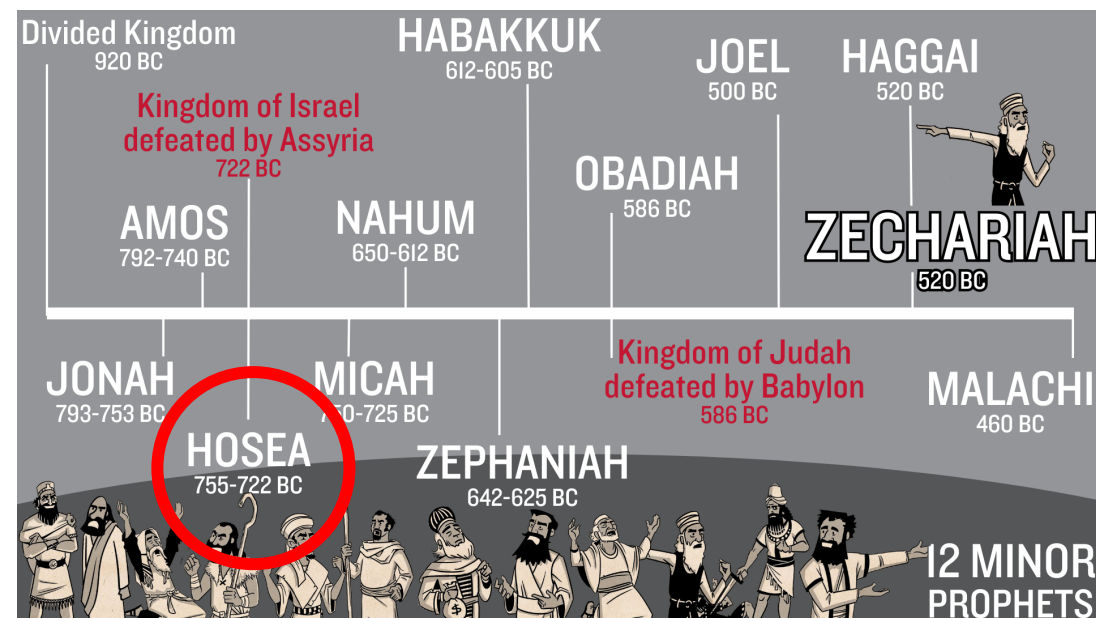
- \* Punishment declared (1:3-9)
- Jezreel
- Lo-Ruhamah ['No Mercy']
- Lo-Ammi ['Not My People']
- \* Reconciliation Promised (1:10-2:1)
- \* Hosea 2: A pattern repeated
- \* Hosea 3: God's **steadfast** love

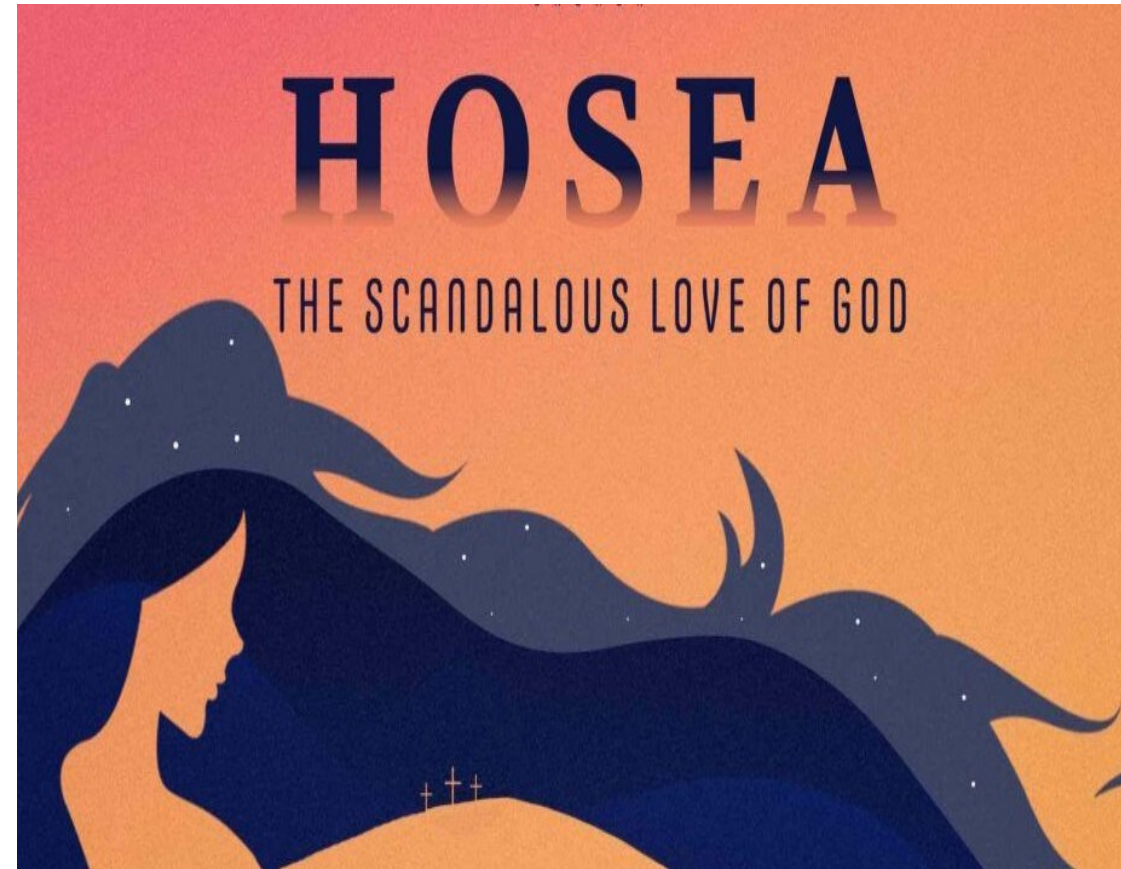
### 5. Israel: A Repeat Offender

- \* Matthew 12:38-9 / Mark 8:38

### 6. Jesus: The Bridegroom Who Restores

- \* John 3:28-30
- \* 2 Corinthians 11:1-3
- \* Revelation 21:1-3; 9-10





# A Journey through the 12 Minor Prophets

## Hosea

27 July  
AD 2025