

Hosea and Gomer

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Some try to assert that Hosea and Gomer were foreshadows of marriage during this age of grace. Let us see for ourselves what Hosea is about.

God TOLD Hosea to marry a harlot because of Israels constant whoring / idolatry against Him. He was showing, thru this prophet, how Israel was BREAKING the covenant He had made with them, and like a forgiving spouse, He had keep taking her back.

But God did not permit Israel, the nation as a whole, to continue in this. In the book of Zechariah (11:10-11) He fully and finally broke / ended that covenant with them, as a nation. One more prophet came after this, Malachi, then silence from God for over 400 years until John came out of the wilderness.

A brief read through of the first few verses in Hosea shows us clearly that it had nothing to do with all marriages, but was God showing Isreal through the life of this prophet what they had been doing to Him.

The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the LORD. So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son. And the LORD 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. And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel. And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And God said unto him, Call her name Loruhamah: for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away. (Hos 1:2-6)

Those who use Hosea for an argument also need to start doing every other thing in the OT commanded of His prophets. God put away a covenant with a whoring nation and we may put away a whoring spouse, just as Jesus has confirmed .(Matt 5:32 and Matt 19:9)

The fact is Hosea and Gomer are irrelevant in the MDR discussion as NONE of us are directed by God to go marry a harlot. Only if we were could we even begin to apply this situation to our marriage and even then it would ONLY be applicable to that marriage itself, not the hundreds of millions of others in the world today.

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Some use the absurd argument that Hosea and Gomer got back together, so therefore its 'ok' to go against Gods instruction that a DIVORCED woman cannot return to her former husband once REMarried, but the fact is Hosea did not put Gomer away as per the law by giving her a writ of divorce.

Like the example spoken of in Romans 7 where also there is no divorce given, this woman simply went out and joined with other men knowing full well that she was married still to Hosea, so of course being a MARRIED woman giving herself to men NOT her husband she would be called 'adulteress'.

Deut 24:4 does not apply in this case because there was no writ of divorce. The same applies to David and Michals situations where she was Davids lawful wife, yet was given to another man. David simply took back his wife that he had never put away. Hosea is exactly the same.