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# Listening to the Prophets-Part 2

## Lesson 5

### Chapter 6-Hosea

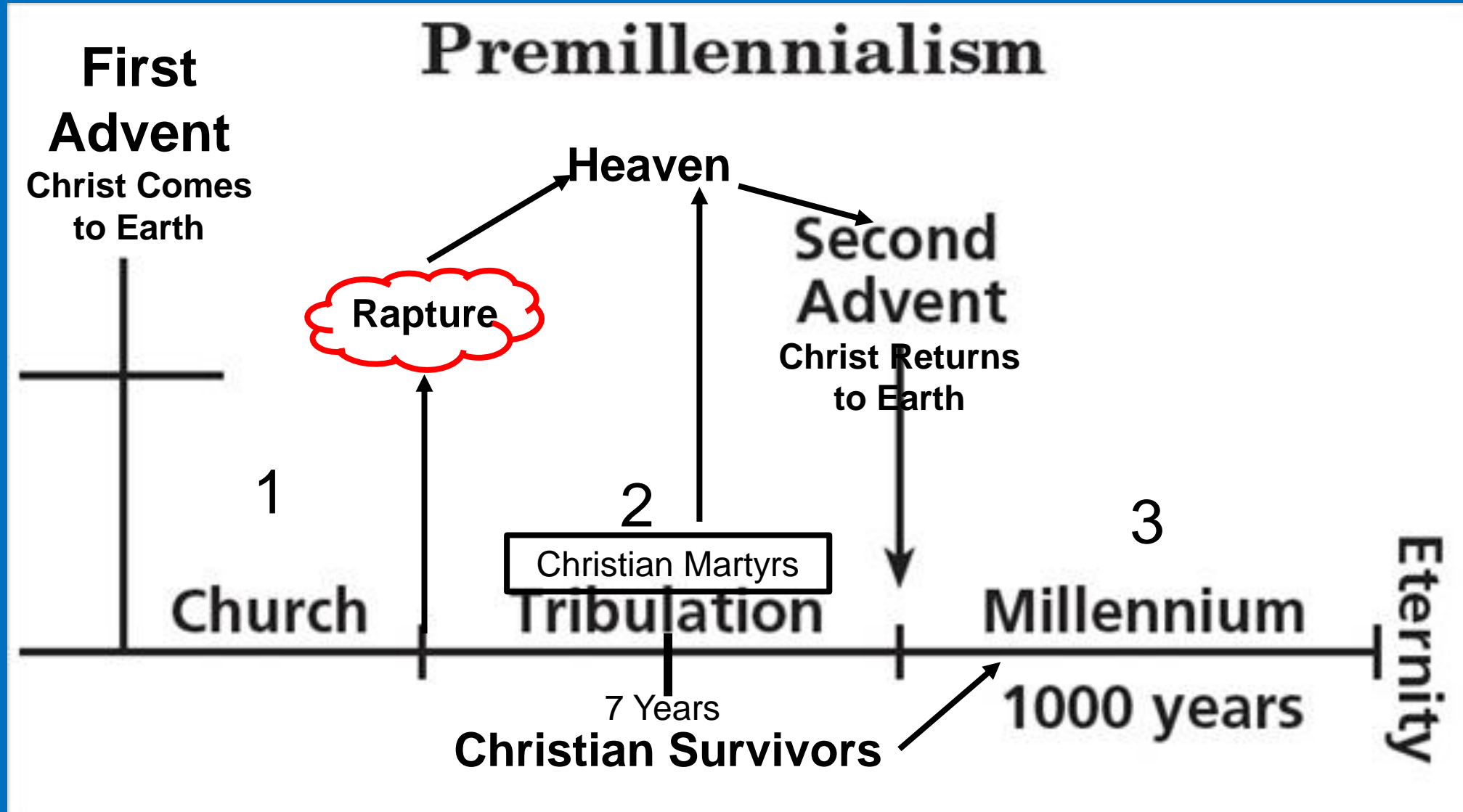
Hosea

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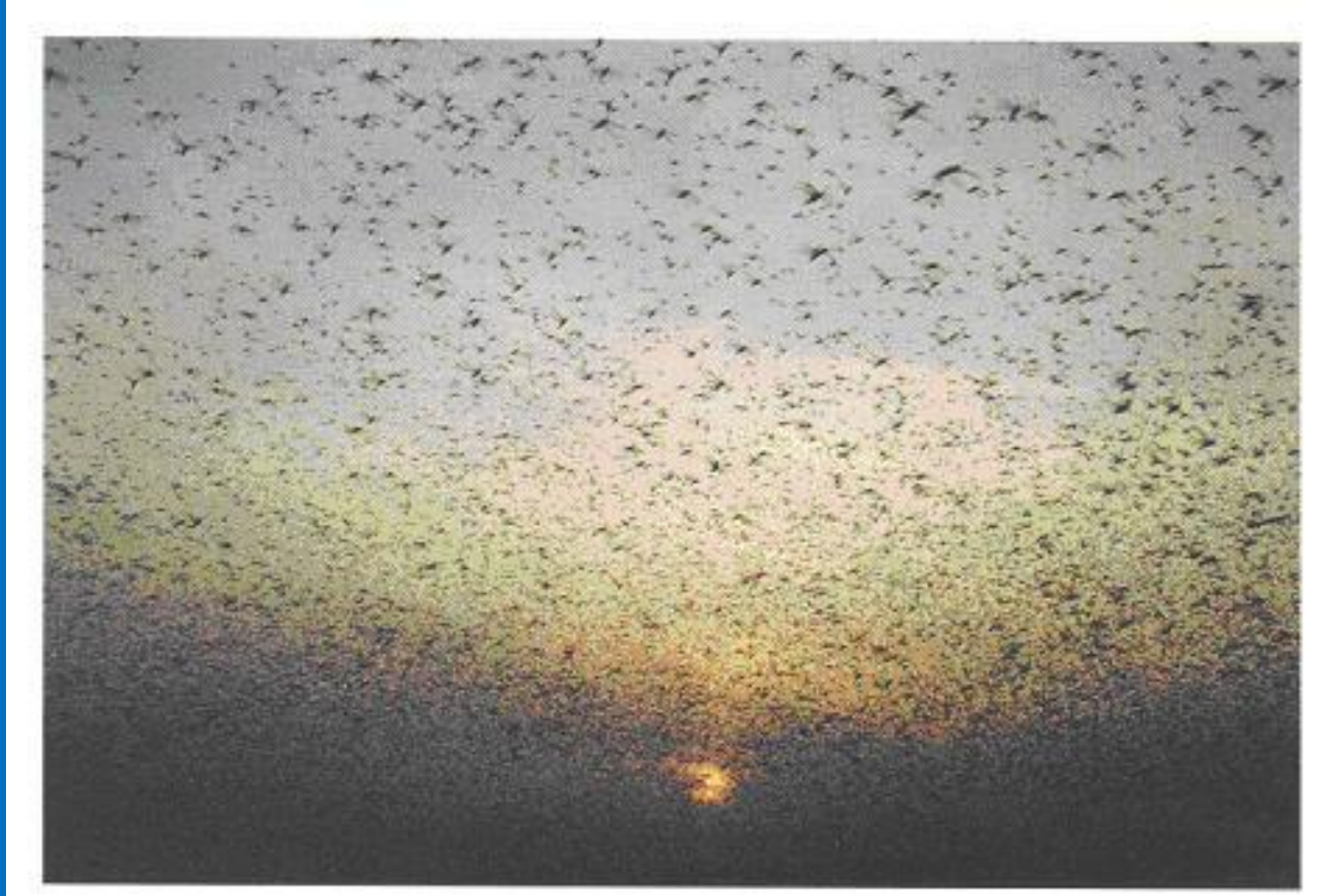


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# Lesson 3-Jonah-Judgment on Nineveh



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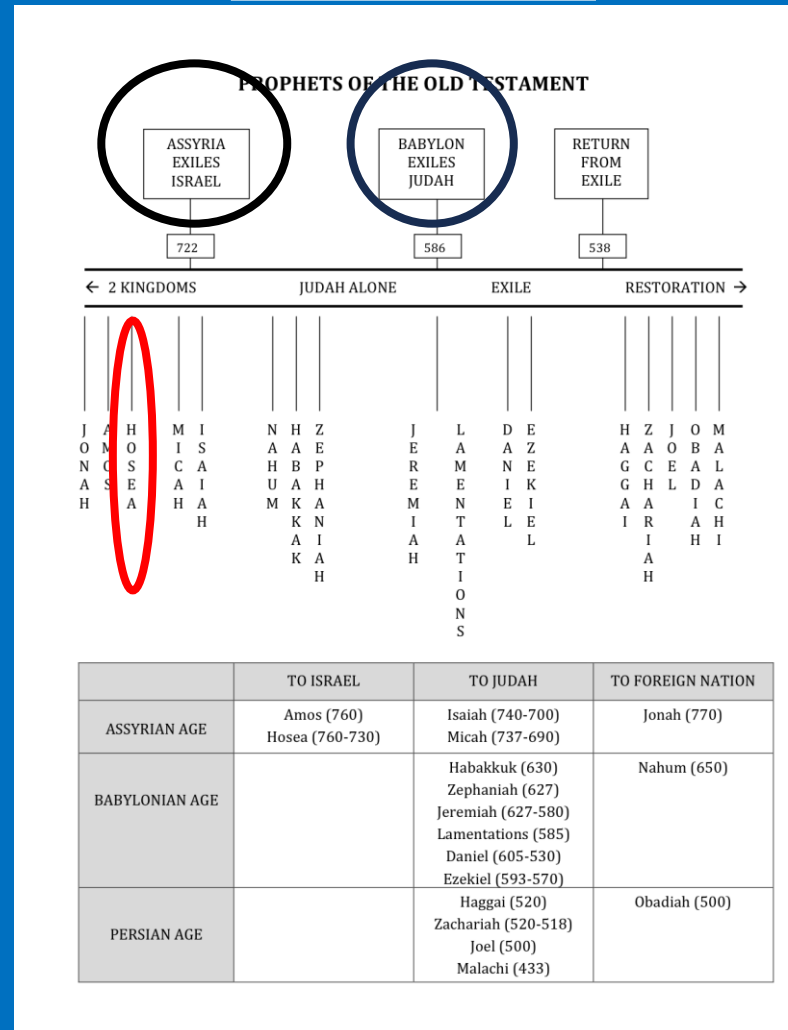
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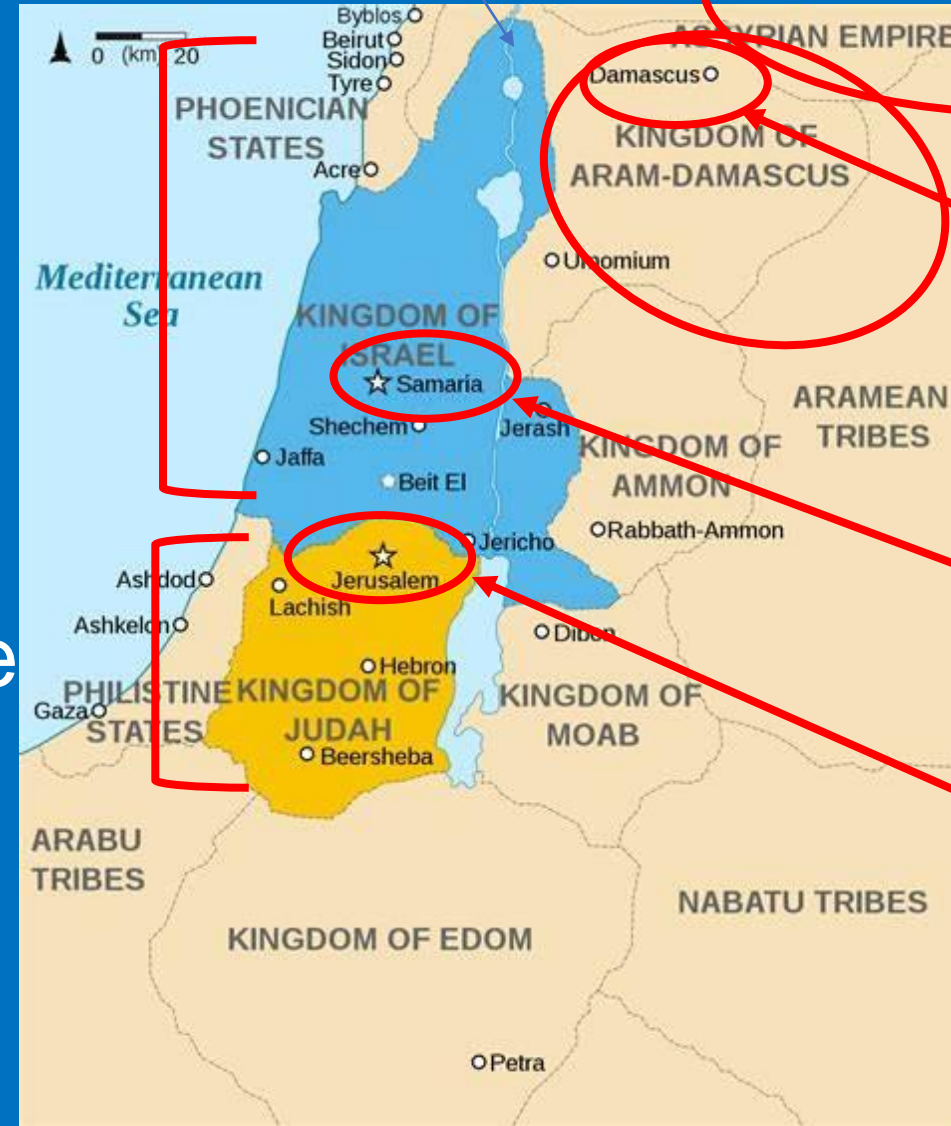
## Warning to Israel- God Who Restores



Nineveh-Capital of the Assyrian Empire

## Introductions

- Hosea, like his contemporary, Amos, prophesied to Israel (the Northern Kingdom).
- Hosea prophesied around 732 B.C. The Assyrian Empire conquered Israel in 722 B.C.=10 years from Hosea's prophesies.



Damascus-Capital of Syrian Empire

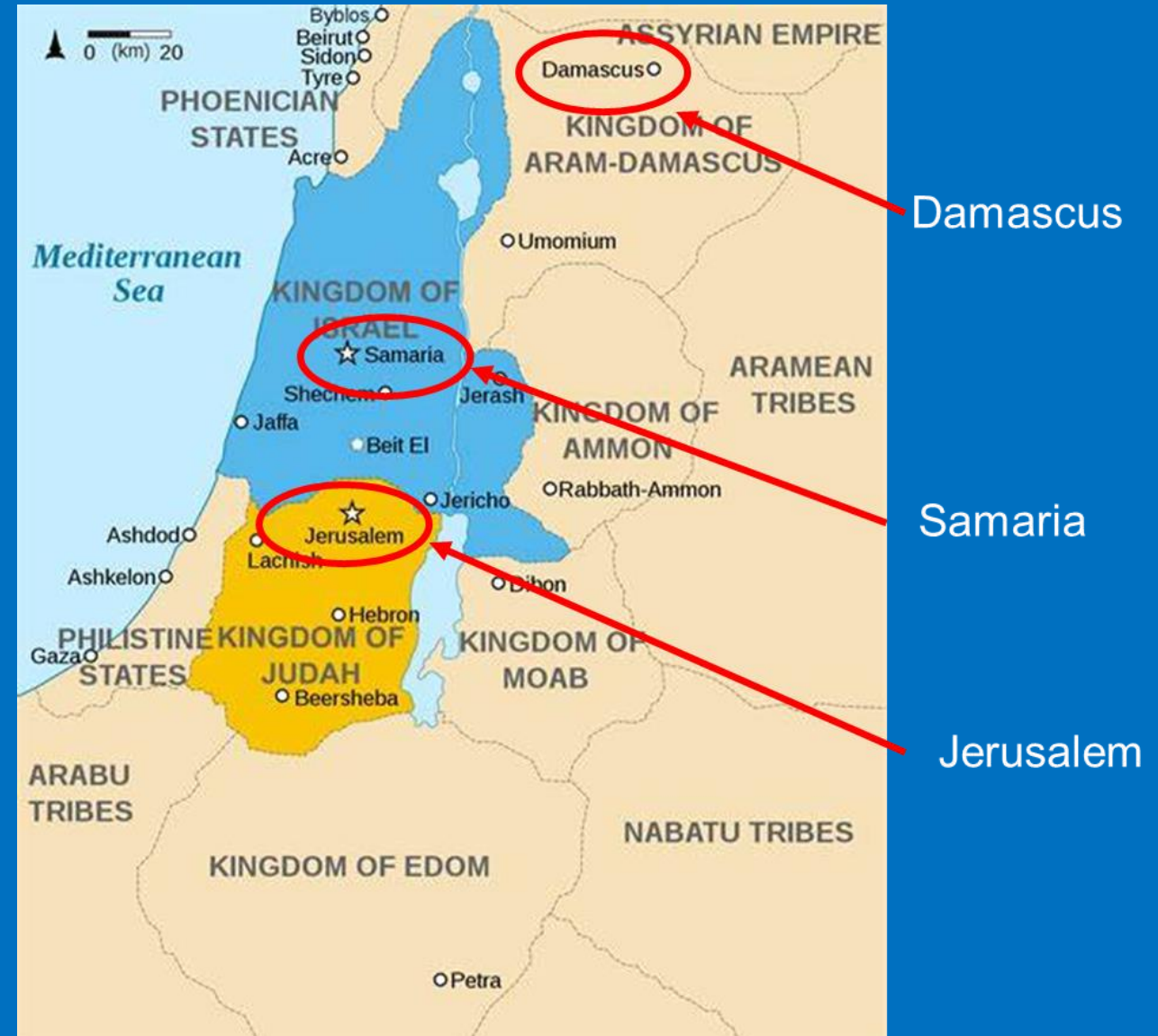
Samaria-Capital of Israel

Jerusalem-Capital of Judah



- By 732 B.C. Damascus had fallen to the Assyrians and by 722 Samaria, the capital of Israel (Northern Jewish Kingdom), fell which resulted in the Jewish deportation.
- Isaiah and Micah were ministering to the Southern Kingdom (Judah) during this time.

Nineveh-Capital of the Assyrian Empire



# Chapters 1-3-Hosea's Personal Life

- God told Hosea to take a prostitute for a wife (Gomer) 1:1-3. [ ]
- Bible scholars debate whether Hosea's wife was a prostitute before the marriage or if she became one after the marriage. Either way, God ordained this marriage (1:1-2).



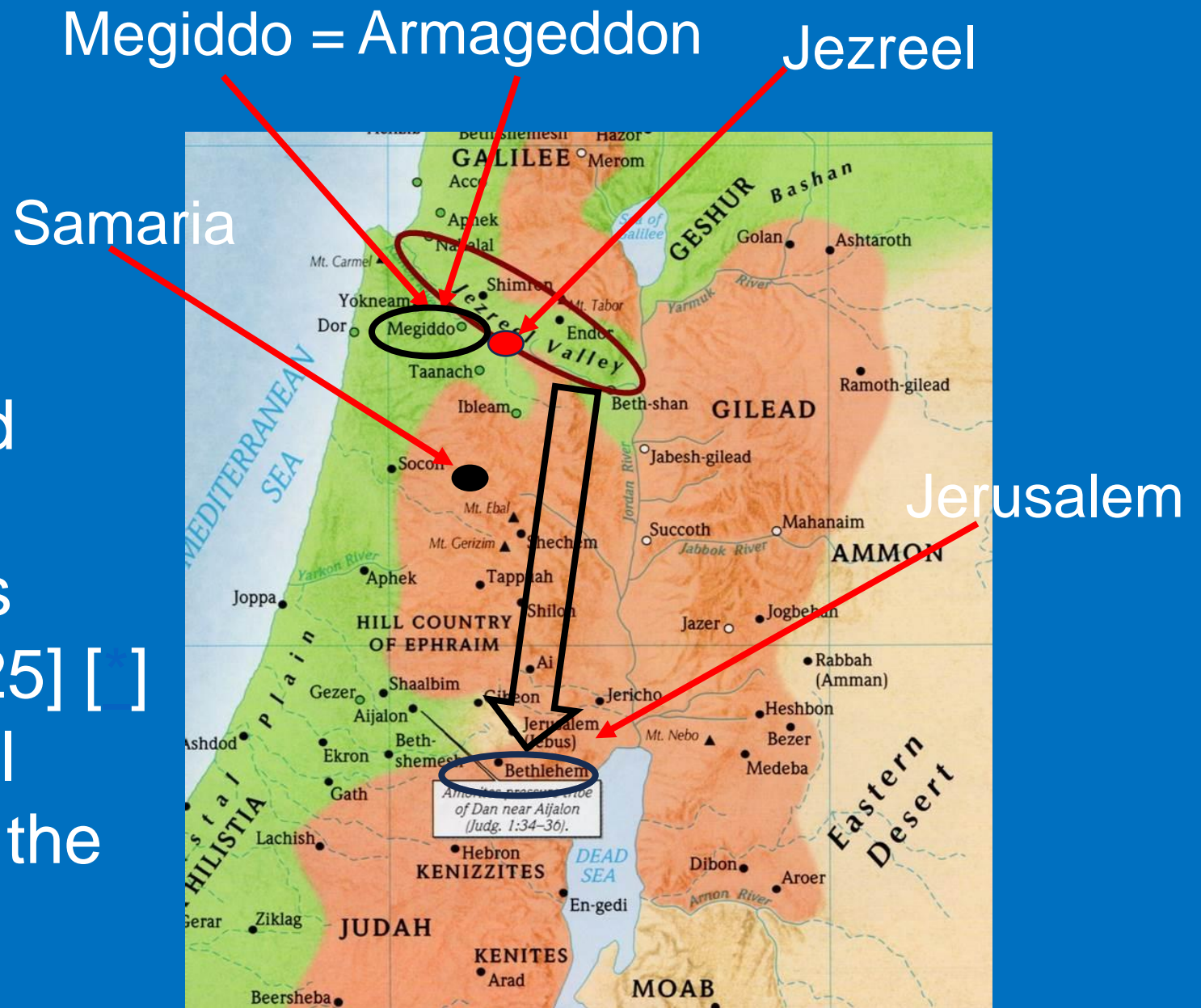
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- Hosea's marriage illustrated Israel's unfaithfulness toward God.



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- Jezreel-”God Sows” (Hosea 1:4-5) [\*] This verse held symbolic meaning as Jehu murdered the sons of Ahab in this valley and Naboth was killed by Jezebbel. See 1 Kings 21:1-7, 27-29; 21:23-25] [ ]
- Significance of Jezreel Valley-possible site of the battle of Armageddon.

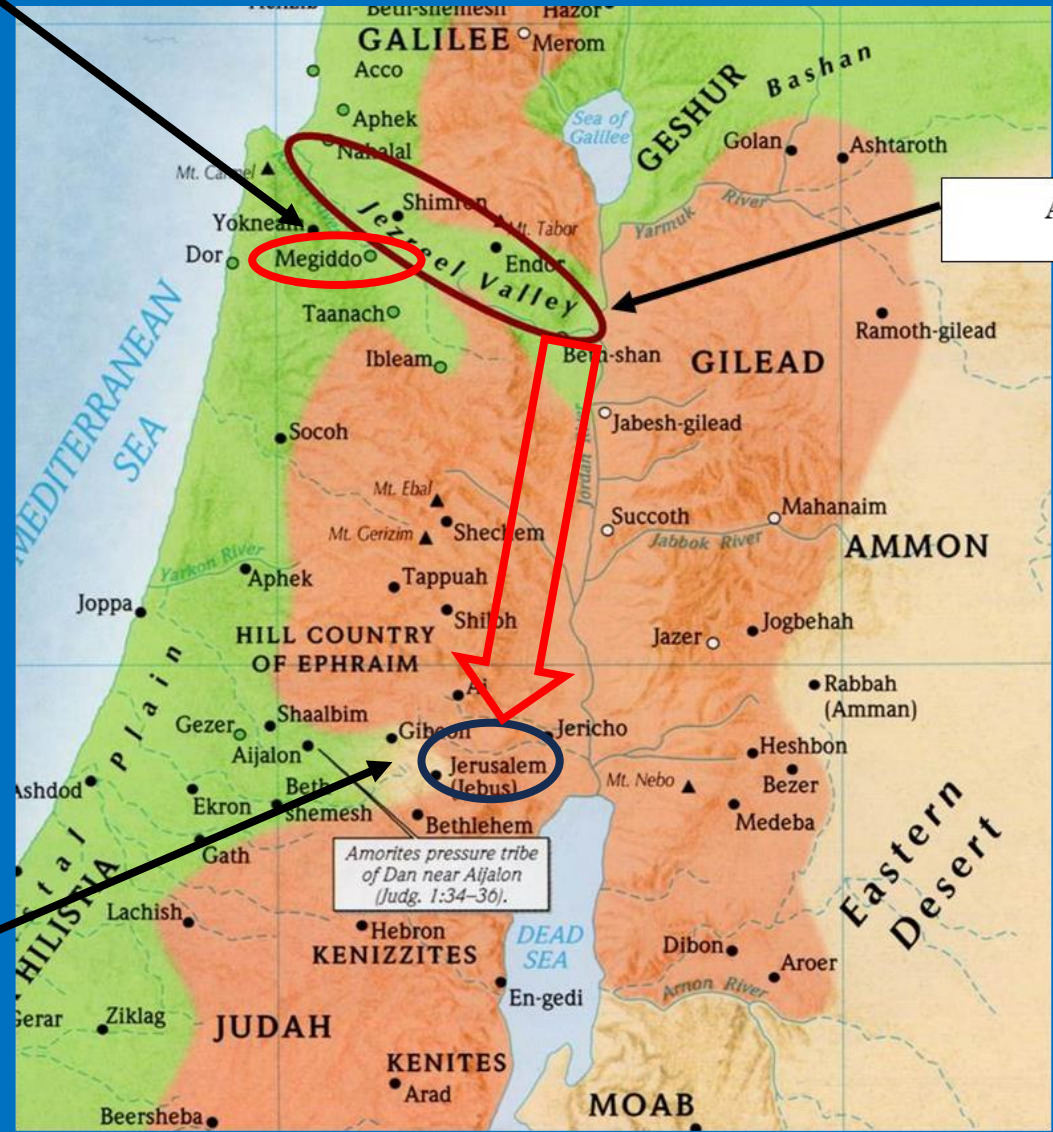


- God promised to restore Jezreel during end times (1:10-11). [ ]
- **Armageddon** will possibly take place in the valley of Jezreel (Revelation 16:12-16). [ ]

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Armageddon

Jerusalem



- While Assyria captured Israel, God promised Jerusalem's deliverance from Assyria. However, the deliverance would not occur by Jerusalem's own strength.
- When Sennacherib destroyed Israel, God prevented him from destroying Jerusalem. [ ]



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- Gomer, Hosea's wife, pursued other lovers and remained unsatisfied.
- Gomer eventually returned to Hosea.
- Gomer's return foreshadowed Israel's ultimate return to God during the Millennium (2:7-8; 3:1-5). [ ]



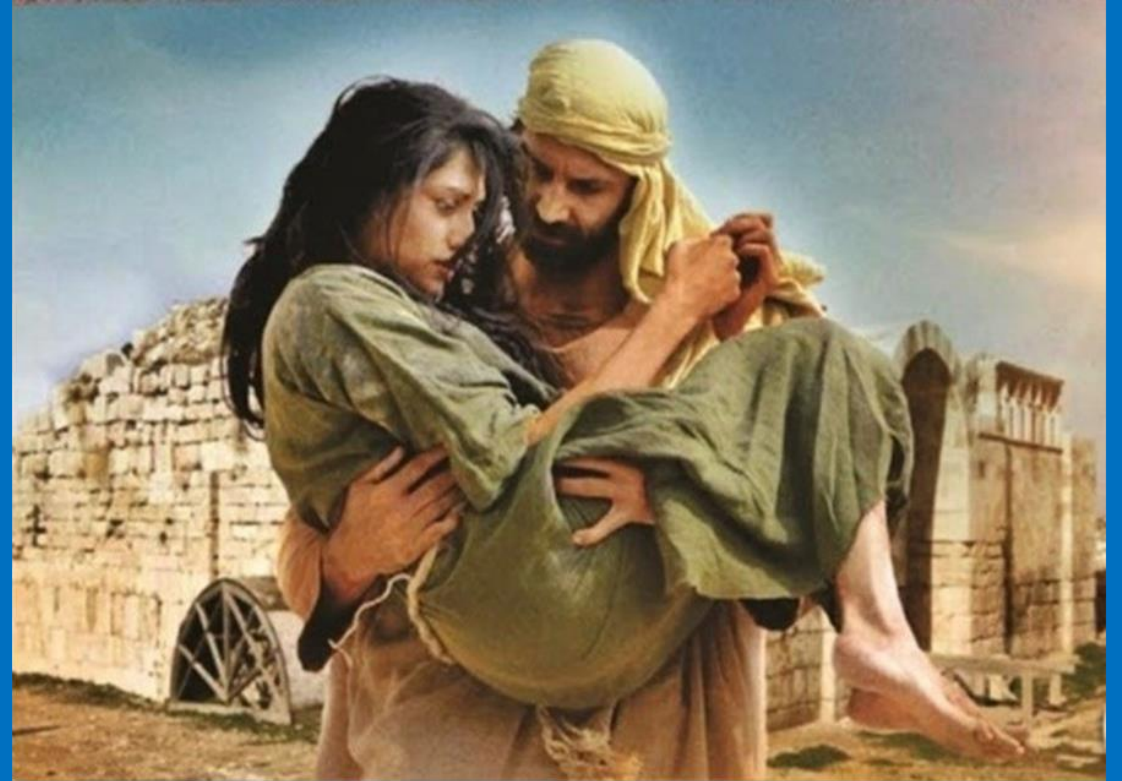
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- Not only will God restore Israel to their land during the Millennium, He will also cause the beasts of the field and the birds of the sky to have peaceful relations with Israel (2:18; see Isaiah 11:6-9). [ ]





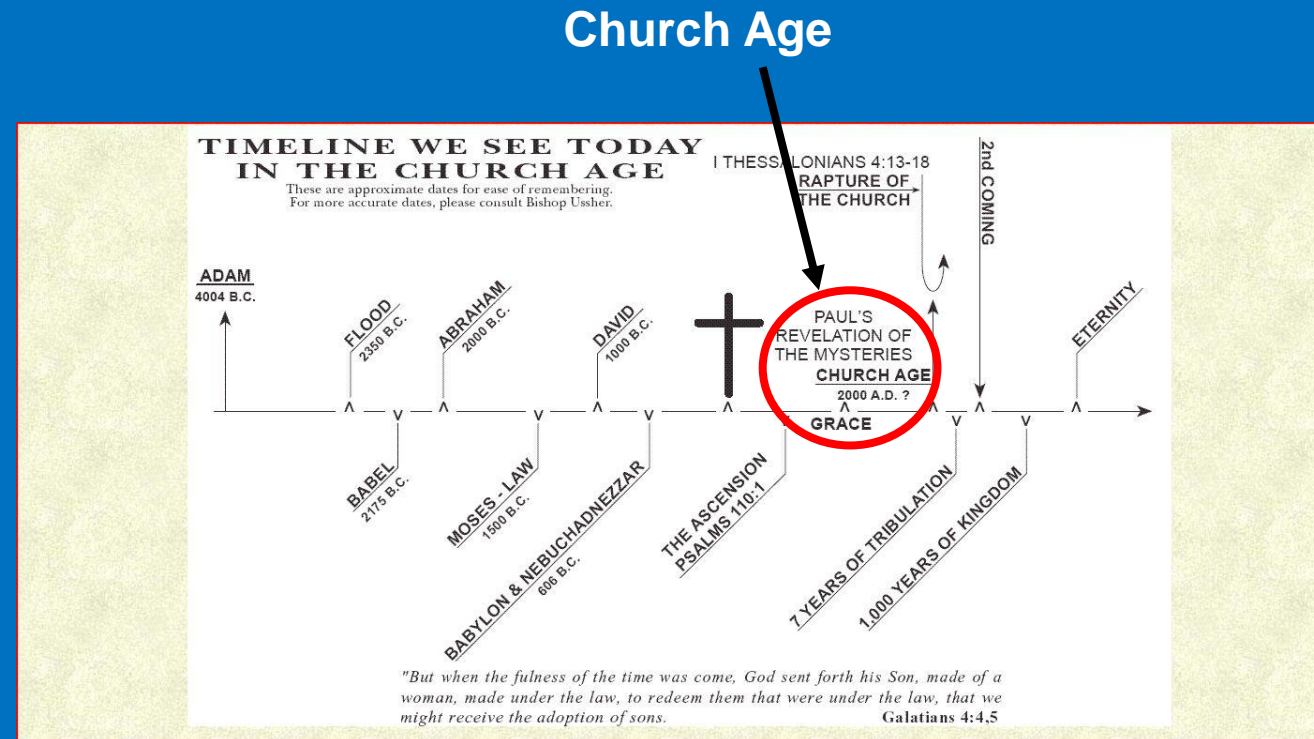
- Hosea redeemed his wife for fifteen shekels of silver. 30 shekels of silver represented the price of a slave. Half was paid in money and half in grain (Matthew 26:14-16; Exodus 21:32). [ ]



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# Chapters 4-14-Hosea Prophecies Against Israel

- Hosea told the people of Israel that lack of knowledge would cause their downfall. (4:6). [ ]
- God ordained the Church (today's Christians) as God's messenger before Christ's second coming.



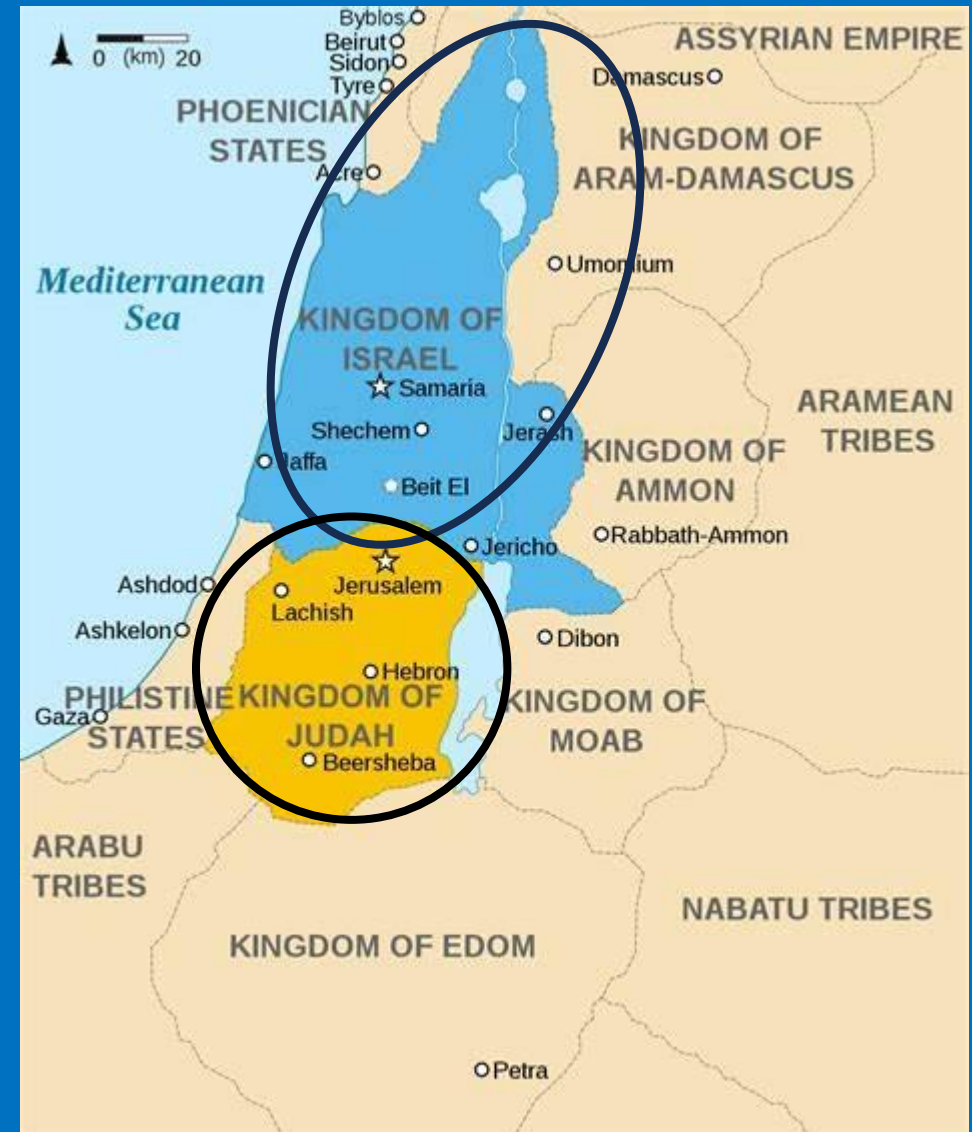
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- God warned Judah to stay away from Israel (4:15-17). [ ]
- It must sadden God when one's heart turns so hard they refuse to repent (4:3-4). [ ]
- Sin blinded Israel's eyes as it sought help from Assyria (5:13). [ ]



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- Assyria ultimately destroyed Israel and ultimately Babylon defeated Judah.



Above picture: Clay tablet.  
The Akkadian cuneiform  
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- Jesus quoted Hosea 6:6 when talking to the Pharisees (Matt. 9:13). [ ]
- Hosea prophesied Assyria's take-over (8:1, 8-11; 9:3). [ ]
- God reminded Israel of its harlotry years before entering the Promised Land (9:10). [ ]



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- God never forgot Israel's betrayal when they asked for a king (9:15). [ ]
- Matthew uses 11:1 to make an analogy between Israel and Jesus (Matthew 2:15). [ ]
- Hosea prophesied Israel's ultimate restoration (11:9-11). [ ]



<https://bibleprophecyfortoday.com/2015/10/17/desecrating-the-tombs-of-the-patriarchs/>

# Chapter 14-Hosea Prophecies Israel's Future Restoration

- Blessings will come to Israel during the Millennium (14:4-8) [ ]





## Summary

- Hosea 14:9 gives a summary of Hosea's prophecies. [ ]
- They who seek God will find Him and receive God's blessings.
- Those who turn from God will ultimately stumble.
- **God is a God who restores!**
- [End---]

## Hosea 1:1-3

1 The word of the Lord which came to Hosea the son of Beerī [Be-e-ri], during the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and during the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

2 When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, “Go, take for yourself a wife inclined to infidelity, and children of infidelity; for the land commits flagrant infidelity, abandoning the Lord.” 3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim [Da-blīm], and she conceived and bore him a son. [ ]

## Hosea 1:4-5

4 And the Lord said to him [Hosea], “Name him [son of Gomer and Hosea] Jezreel [God who sows or God who scatters]; for in just a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the bloodshed of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. 5 On that day [present time] I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel.” [This happened in 722 B.C. when the Assyrian Empire defeated Israel] [ ]

Hosea 1:10-11

10 Yet the number of the sons of Israel  
Will be like the sand of the sea,  
Which cannot be measured or counted;  
And in the place  
Where it is said to them,  
“You are not My people,”  
It will be said to them,  
“You are the sons of the living God.”  
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11 And the sons of Judah and the sons of Israel will be gathered together,

And they will appoint for themselves one leader,

And they will go up from the land,

For the day of Jezreel will be great. [ ]

## Revelation 16:12-16

12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east.

13 And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs;

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14 for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the entire world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.  
15 (“Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and people will not see his shame.”) 16  
And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon (Literally Mt. of Megeddo or Greek name-Armageddon)

[ ]

## Hosea 2:7-8

7 “And she will pursue her lovers, but she will not reach them;  
And she will seek them, but will not find them.

Then she will say, ‘I will go back to my first husband,  
Because it was better for me then than now!’

8 “Yet she does not know that it was I myself who gave her the  
grain, the new wine, and the oil,

And lavished on her silver and gold,  
Which they used for Baal.

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## Hosea 3:1-5

1 Then the Lord said to me, “Go again, love a woman who is loved by her husband, yet is committing adultery, as the Lord loves the sons of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love raisin cakes.” 2 So I purchased her for myself for fifteen shekels of silver, and a homer and a lethech [*half*] of barley (84 gallons-all this would have been equal to 30 shekels of silver). 3 Then I said to her, “You shall live with me for many days. You shall not play the prostitute, nor shall you have another man; so I will also be toward you.”

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4 For the sons of Israel will live for many days without a king or leader, without sacrifice or memorial stone, and without ephod or household idols. 5 Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek the Lord their God and David their king; and they will come trembling to the Lord and to His goodness in the last days.

See Zechariah 12:8-11 [ ]

## Matthew 26:14-16

14 Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests 15 and said, “What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?” And they set out for him thirty pieces of silver. 16 And from then on he looked for a good opportunity to betray Jesus.

## Exodus 2:32

2 If the ox gores a male or female slave, the owner shall give his or her master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned. [ ]

Hosea 4:6

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

Since you have rejected knowledge,

I also will reject you from being My priest.

Since you have forgotten the Law of your God,

I also will forget your children. [ ]

Hosea 4:15-17

15 Though you, Israel, play the prostitute,

Judah must not become guilty;

Also you are not to go to Gilgal,

Nor go up to Beth-aven

And take the oath:

“As the Lord lives!”

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16 Since Israel is stubborn  
Like a stubborn cow,  
Will the Lord now pasture them  
Like a lamb in a large field?

17 Ephraim is allied with idols;  
Leave him alone. [ ]

## Hosea 4:3-4

3 Therefore the land mourns,

And everyone who lives in it languishes

Along with the animals of the field and the birds of the sky,  
And even the fish of the sea disappear.

4 Yet let no one find fault, and let no one rebuke;

For your people are like those who contend with a priest.

[ ]

Hosea 5:13

13 When Ephraim saw his sickness,

And Judah his sore,

Ephraim then went to Assyria

And sent word to King Jareb.

But he is unable to heal you,

Or to cure you of your sore. [ ]



Hosea 6:6

6 For I desire loyalty rather than sacrifice,  
And the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings

Matthew 9:13

13 Now go and learn what this means: 'I desire compassion, rather than sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

[ ]

Hosea 8:1, 8-11; 9:13

1 Put the trumpet to your lips!

Like an eagle the enemy comes against the house of the Lord,

Because they have violated My covenant

And rebelled against My Law.

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Hosea 8:8-11

8 Israel has been swallowed up;

They are now among the nations

Like a vessel in which no one delights.

9 For they have gone up to Assyria,

Like a wild donkey all alone;

Ephraim has paid fees for lovers.

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10 Even though they pay for allies among the nations,  
I will gather them up now;

And they will begin to diminish

Because of the burden of the king of officials.

11 Since Ephraim has multiplied altars for sin,  
They have become altars of sinning for him.

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Hosea 9:13

13 Ephraim, as I have seen,

Is planted in a pasture like Tyre;

But Ephraim is going to bring out his children for slaughter.

[ ]

Hosea 9:10

10 I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness;  
I saw your forefathers as the earliest fruit on the fig tree in  
its first season.

But they came to Baal-peor [place before entering the  
promised land-east of the Jordan River. The Israelites  
began worshiping Baal] and devoted themselves to shame,  
And they became as detestable as that which they loved. [ ]

## Hosea 9:15

15 All their evil is at Gilgal; Indeed, I came to hate them there! Because of the wickedness of their deeds I will drive them out of My house! I will no longer love them; All their leaders are rebels.

## 1 Samuel 11:15

15 So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal. There they also offered sacrifices of peace offerings before the Lord; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.[ ]

Hosea 11:1

1 When Israel was a youth I loved him,  
And out of Egypt I called My son.

Matthew 2:14-15

14 So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. 15 He stayed there until the death of Herod; this happened so that what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled: “Out of Egypt I called My Son.” [ ]



Hosea 11:9-11

9 I will not carry out My fierce anger;

I will not destroy Ephraim again.

For I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst,

And I will not come in wrath.

10 They will walk after the Lord,

He will roar like a lion;

Indeed He will roar,

And His sons will come trembling from the west.

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

Hosea 14:4-8

4 I will heal their apostasy,

I will love them freely,

Because My anger has turned away from them.

5 I will be like the dew to Israel;

He will blossom like the lily,

And he will take root like the cedars of Lebanon.

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6 His shoots will sprout,  
His majesty will be like the olive tree,  
And his fragrance like the cedars of Lebanon.

7 Those who live in his shadow  
Will again raise grain,  
And they will blossom like the vine.

His fame will be like the wine of Lebanon.

8 Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols?  
It is I who answer and look after you.

I am like a luxuriant juniper;  
From Me comes your fruit. [ ]

1Kings 21:1-7, 27-29; 23-25

1 Now it came about after these things that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard which was in Jezreel beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria [Ahab had a palace in Jezreel as well as in Samaria, the capital of Israel]. 2 Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, “Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden because it is close beside my house, and I will give you a better vineyard than it in its place; if you like, I will give you the price of it in money.” 3 But Naboth said to Ahab, “The Lord forbid me that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers.”

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4 So Ahab came into his house sullen and vexed because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he said, “I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers.” And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and ate no food. 5 But Jezebel his wife came to him and said to him, “How is it that your spirit is so sullen that you are not eating food?” 6 So he said to her, “Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, ‘Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you a vineyard in its place.’ But he said, ‘I will not give you my vineyard.’ ”

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7 Jezebel his wife said to him, “Do you now reign over Israel? Arise, eat bread, and let your heart be joyful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.” [Jezebel had Naboth killed]

1 Kings 20-21

20 Ahab said to Elijah, “Have you found me, O my enemy?” And he answered, “I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do evil in the sight of the Lord. 21 Behold, I will bring evil upon you, and will utterly sweep you away, and will cut off from Ahab every male, both bond and free in Israel;

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23 Of Jezebel also has the Lord spoken, saying, 'The dogs will eat Jezebel in the district of Jezreel.' 24 The one belonging to Ahab, who dies in the city, the dogs will eat, and the one who dies in the field the birds of heaven will eat." 25 Surely there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do evil in the sight of the Lord, because Jezebel his wife incited him. [ ]



2 Kings 18:13,35;

3 Now in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and seized them... 35 Who among all the gods of the lands have delivered their land from my hand, that the Lord should deliver Jerusalem from my hand?' ”

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19:5-7, 35-37

5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 6  
Isaiah said to them, “Thus you shall say to your master,  
‘Thus says the Lord, “Do not be afraid because of the  
words that you have heard, with which the servants of the  
king of Assyria have blasphemed Me. 7 Behold, I will put a  
spirit in him so that he will hear a rumor and return to his  
own land. And I will make him fall by the sword in his own  
land.” ’ ”

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35 Then it happened that night that the angel of the Lord went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when men rose early in the morning, behold, all of them were dead. 36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and returned home, and lived at Nineveh. 37 It came about as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer killed him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son became king in his place. [ ]

## Zechariah 12:8-11

8 In that day the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who is feeble among them in that day will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the angel of the Lord before them. 9 And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. 10 “I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced;

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and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son,  
and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over  
a firstborn. 11 In that day there will be great mourning in  
Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon [slaying of good  
king Josiah by Egyptian Pharaoh Neco] in the plain of Megiddo.  
[ ]

Hosea 2:18; Isaiah 11:6-9

18 In that day I will also make a covenant for them

With the beasts of the field,

The birds of the sky

And the creeping things of the ground.

And I will abolish the bow, the sword and war from the land,

And will make them lie down in safety.

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## Isaiah 11:6-9

6 And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them.

7 Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together, And the lion will eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. 9 They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea. [ ]

Hosea 14:9

9 Whoever is wise, let him understand these things;

Whoever is discerning, let him know them.

For the ways of the Lord are right,

And the righteous will walk in them,

But transgressors will stumble in them. [ ]