

God's Unwavering Compassion

Hosea 1-3

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1. Unlikely Unions (1:1-1:3)

There are two unlikely unions here:

(A) Prophet to Prostitute

~ Hosea uses the word "_____ " or similar words 19 times in this short book.

~ God did not tell Hosea just to talk to her, or minister to her, or even counsel her so that she turns from her sinfulness; He said to go _____ her, and Hosea _____.

(B) Righteous God to Rebellious Man

~ "If Hosea's story cannot be real (because 'God could not ask a man to marry an unfaithful woman'), then neither is the story of salvation real, because that is precisely what Christ has done for us." – James Boice

2. Unfortunate Designations (1:4-1:11)

Not only did God tell Hosea who he was to marry, but God also told him what to name his kids... and it wasn't according to the usual custom.

(A) _____ - the firstborn son; his name means "scattered" or "God sows."

(B) _____ - the first daughter; her name means "no compassion."

(C) _____ - a second son; his name means "not my people."

3. Unbelievable Reconciliations (3:1-3:5)

(A) Prophet to Prostitute

~ God calls Hosea to go get his prostitute wife and _____ even though she has left him and her kids to go back into her former life of prostitution.

~ In total, Hosea paid about _____ pieces of silver for Gomer, the same price that was paid to Judas to betray Jesus.

(B) Righteous God to Rebellious Man

~ The first reconciliation is between _____ and _____ and the second is between _____ and _____, while also pointing to the reconciliation between _____ and _____ through Jesus.

- (v.4) God says He will leave Israel _____.

- (v.5) After a period of time, Israel would _____ to the _____.