

## Hosea 1-3 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In Hosea 2:2-4 what does God tell Hosea to do (v2)? What will God do if they don't respond (v3-4)?	
5. Using 2:5-7 why will God not have compassion on Israel in Hosea's day (v5)? What does that mean? What will God graciously do for her (v6-7)? Apply to your life.	
6. Looking at 2:8-13 what did Israel fail to realize (v8) and what will God do in response (v9, 10, 11, 12, 13)?	
7. According to 2:14-17 how will God treat Israel after their punishment (v14-15)? How will they then view Him (v16) and why (v17)?	
8. From 2:18-20 what covenant will God make with Israel in the end (v18)? What relationship will He have with them and how will He treat them (v19-20)?	
9. Read 2:21-23. What will God do for Israel and her land in the end (v21-23a)? How will His relationship to Israel change (v23)?	
10. In 3:1-5 what did God tell Hosea to do (v1) and who did this refer to? What did Hosea do (v2-3)? How did all of this depict what would happen to Israel in the future (v4-5)?	
11. Review Hosea 1-3. How does Gomer present a picture of God's people sometimes? How does God deal with us when we commit spiritual adultery—positively and negatively?	

### Scripture to Remember

*"I will hedge up her way with thorns, and build a wall against her so that she cannot find her paths. And she will pursue her lovers, but she will not overtake them; and she will seek them, but will not find them...."*

**Hosea 2:6-7 (NASV)**

### Celebration Fellowship

*Help—Hope—Healing*

**We're on the web**

**[www.thehospitalchurch.com](http://www.thehospitalchurch.com)**

### Life Group Questions—Pathway to Peace—Fellowship (Acts 2:42)

*(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Talk about the best team you have ever been on as a kid or as an adult. What made it so good?
2. Read Acts 2:42. What were the four things the early church was devoted to? How does this show the high priority of fellowship?
3. Discuss the meaning of fellowship. How is it different from just meeting together?
4. Which of the reasons mentioned—too busy, fear of not being accepted, fear of being hurt, secrets, or something else—keep you from experiencing true fellowship?
5. Talk about why it is possible to have true fellowship only between genuine believers in Christ. Share personal experiences.
6. Consider together how doing ministry together promotes true fellowship. While this should be the norm, why does the opposite sometimes occur when partnering in a ministry?
7. Share specifically about what you will do this week to promote true fellowship among your fellow life group members.



# IN YOUR FACE

Studies in Revelation

May 4, 2008

*Growing in Spirit & Truth*

Volume 6, Issue 27



## Torn Between Two Lovers

### Introduction to Hosea 1-3

#### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

The 1976 hit song, “Torn Between Two Lovers” presents the false belief that a person can love two people romantically at the same time. This is the attitude that Israel had adopted towards God and their idols, thinking they could truly love God and so-called gods simultaneously. In the eighth through the sixth centuries B.C., God’s prophets got “in the faces” of His people for Him, speaking His word to straighten them out over their disloyalty to Him. The first of the “minor” prophets (so designated because their writings were shorter), Hosea, called this sin what it was—spiritual adultery. The book of Hosea graphically portrays unfaithfulness to God as he is instructed by God to take a wife of “harlotry” (prostitution). Hosea proceeded to marry

Gomer, who became a prostitute. This was a picture of God’s people committing spiritual adultery against their husband, God; this was especially poignant since Hosea was a man of God who had been betrayed by his wife. The names God gave their three children revealed the consequences—they would be “scattered”, have “no compassion”, and be “not my [God’s] people”. God’s character would come through, however, as He confronted their unfaithfulness. He would compassionately restore them one day as His people, but the way He would do this would be by calling her out for her sins, and by putting a hedge of thorns around her so she could not find her way to her false lovers. At last she would realize that her first



**It is good for God to get in our faces and straighten us out through His Word.**

husband, God, was the best ever. He had prospered her, but she had given the other gods the credit. Finally, God would correct the spiritual adultery of Israel. He would romantically lure her from the wilderness in which she had lived, and would betroth her with kindness and righteousness. Just as he instructed Hosea to do with Gomer, He would renew His marriage vows with faithless Israel, keeping her from all other false gods, and would allow her to return to Him in the last days. She would no longer be “torn between two lovers”.

## Daily Study Questions for Hosea 1-3

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to [www.celebrationnet.com](http://www.celebrationnet.com), small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Hosea 1:1-2. What did Hosea speak (v1), and to whom (v1)? What did God tell him to do (v2) and why (v2)? What do you think that means?</p>	
<p>2. Using 1:3-9 what did Hosea do (v3)? What were the names of his three children (v3-4, 6, 8-9) and what does each name mean (v4-5, 6-7, 9)?</p>	
<p>3. Looking at 1:10-2:1 what promises does God make to Israel and Judah (v10, 11; 2:1)? When will this occur (v11) and what does this say about God?</p>	

(Continued on Next Page)