The Prophet Hosea and Jesus Christ as the Word & Israel's Husband (part 1)
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Now brethren, Peter warns us **not to** take for granted what we know for we can forget it: **2 Pet. 1:12-15.**

So, I want to share **an incredible & vital biblical story not to forget,** for when we finish it, you will see it's about the **preexistent Christ's pain of divorce** & yet also of His **great love** & the **restoring** of Israel **in the end**. Although Jesus **never** married physically; **in O.T.**, He had been **spiritually married** to Israel as a **husband**. **As spiritual Israel,** i**t's so important to appreciate God the Father's & J.C.'s love for us.**

This is what the **book of the life of Hosea shows us** (**in two parts**). **Hosea** pictures **the pain** of what **the preincarnate Christ had to go thru** because of Israel's **unfaithfulness**, yet still restoring her to **lasting faithfulness**. Hosea became a **living example** of what Christ as the Word **felt** while carrying out God's Plan of Salvation **at that time**. Later, He would eventually pay **with** His life (more **pain**) to save His Bride.

So, this book covers the historical period of Hosea's life, but also the future fate of the house of Israel: its expulsion from the land, its wanderings & losing its **identity but not its lineage,** while the preexistent Christ guides her to her **new country** & pours out the **enormous** blessings it would enjoy until the time of punishment arrives--still in the future. This will bring repentance & restoration **when her Husband,** Christ, returns & Israel joins its sister Judah in becoming a truly converted nation during the **millennium**.

Hence, this is **a section** of the **love story** that goes through the entire Bible, starting with the preincarnate Christ's **covenants** dealing with Adam and Eve & many others, such as Noah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the tribes of Israel, Moses, David, the prophets, such as Hosea, Israel's & Judah's **divorce** & exile & then Judah's return **(see Jer. 3:1, 8).** It then continues in the N. T. with the Bride of Christ – consisting of the O.T. & NT Church until Christ's return. Then comes the joining of physical Israel & Judah in the Millennium **(Ez. 37:15-28).** Afterwards come the Second & Third Resurrections—covering the judgment of all peoples. Then **God the Father** comes down with the New Jerusalem & joins Christ & His Bride, where now we see the **spiritual tribes of Israel** (the saints) have such prominence **(Rev. 21:12).**

So, in this regard, we must **always** keep in mind **Gal. 3:26-29, this is the spiritually-led Israel--saints.**

Thus, the **book of Hosea** is in the **section** of the Bible known as the **Minor Prophets**. These are the 12 prophets who wrote shorter books, in contrast to the more extensive works of the Major Prophets. Crucially, the 12 prophets' writings were contained **within a single scroll – the Shneim Asar – the 12.**

These 12 prophets are included in what God says in **Jer. 7:25–26**. God entrusted all of them with the mission of delivering His message to the two nations of Israel—the ten northern tribes and the two southern tribes (Judah and Benjamin)—so they might receive forgiveness upon **repentance**, or face **severe and remedial punishment** should they persist in their sins.

Hosea was one of the first prophets whom God sent to the ten northern tribes. His name, a variant of the name Joshua. **Num. 13:8 says,** "from the tribe of Ephraim, **Hoshea** the son of Nun." It means "salvation" and He had a long ministry, spanning approximately 60 years (780–720 B.C.). He preached primarily to **Ephraim**—the leading tribe of the ten northern tribes—whose capital was located in **Samaria**.

The messages of these 12 prophets **share the same focus** as those of the Major Prophets—such as Is. Jer. Ez. & Dan., but they typically center **on a single theme**. Since the prophecies of **Hosea** deal primarily **with Ephraim, this study will examine the historical evidence regarding the migration of Ephraim to England**, where its White British population still remains at around 80%. As our booklet **U.S. & Britain in Bible Prophecy** says, "The words of the prophet Hosea are a **chillingly accurate** description

of the United States & Britain [then quotes Hosea 4:1-3, 6-9]. Just as God punished ancient Israel for its sins, He plans to punish **its modern descendants** for their persistent disobedience" (p. 43). This doctrine is also #15 of our UCG Fundamental Beliefs – titled: the Blessings of Abraham.

God, in this case, the preexistent Christ, uses t**he life of Hosea** as a **symbol** of the relationship between Israel and Himself. The Word portrays Himself as a faithful and loving Husband who has upheld His part of the marital covenant, while Israel has acted as an unfaithful wife. That is why He tells Hosea to marry a prostitute, who is a woman who earns her living by selling her body to any man willing to pay for its use.

Hos. 1:1-3 We see had a lengthy ministry – some sixty years, then God comes **directly to the point.** Through an analogy drawn from the marital life of Hosea, God [in this case, Christ the Word] describes His relationship with Israel & the nation's checkered destiny. (In fact, Christ was still trying to do it in His day as He says in **Mt. 23:37-39), thus title The Prophet Hosea & Christ the Word & Israel's Husband.**

Because of Israel's "spiritual" fornication—that is, their insistence on worshipping idols of false gods rather than the true God—He would cast them out of the land of Israel. For a considerable amount of time, they would no longer be His people, and the Eternal would no longer be their God. This means that, in exile, they would lose their identity. They would no longer remember that they were God's people, they would cease to speak Hebrew and would no longer have the Levitical priesthood to guide them in the laws of God. Although they would maintain their tribal unity among the nations, they would adopt many pagan customs, but as we will see, they **would still remain under God's watchful, benevolent gaze. Read Hosea 1:10; Amos 9:9**

Let's continue: Hos. 1:6-7: for this reason, God tells Hosea to give his children prophetic names. However, He would **not do the same for the house of Judah**. Because Judah kept the Sabbath, the sign of the identity of God's people (Ex. 31:17; Ez. 20)—as well as the Holy Days & other laws, God continued to be **the God** of Judah, they retained their **identity** & He remains so to this day. God intervened to save Judah—without the use of "bow, sword, or battle"—at the time the Assyrians conquered the northern kingdom of Israel and carried its people into exile (721 BC). They attempted to do the same to Judah, but God struck down 185,000 soldiers in a single night (2 K. 19:35). The Assyrians were forced to return to their own land, and Judah was spared for more than a century.

Hosea 1:9: Hosea's **third child** symbolizes the expulsion of the ten tribes of Israel from the land and their abandonment of God's way. Here, we see a stark distinction between the fate of the ten northern tribes of Israel and the two tribes of Judah in the south. The Bible teaches this quite clearly. But does this mean t**hat the ten tribes "disappeared" from the earth**, as nearly all religious groups claim? Let God provide the answer as the account continues about them.
Hos. 1:10 Our booklet, "The United States and Britain in Bible Prophecy" covers the details of their migrations to northwestern Europe, Great Britain & the U.S. I recommend reading it this week.

Note that this multitude is not said of the house of Judah (now 16 million), but of the house of Israel (640 million). Thus, even though they would be taken into captivity, the house of Israel would grow into an immense multitude. God never said they will disappear but that they will multiply greatly. **They will not lose their lineage**, even though they consider themselves **Lo-Ammi**—that is, "not My people." It is prophesied that these modern-day peoples of Israel will experience a type of collective amnesia & deny their true identity. For how long? God answers that this will take place during the Millennium.
Hos. 1:11 As the **BKC** states, "The greatness of this eschatological "day of Jezreel" will reverse the shame and defeat which Israel experienced there at the hands of the Assyrians (cf. Hos. 1:5)."

Guess **who** will be appointed as "their head"? It is the same truth that the other prophets have already revealed—**David**. **Note what Hosea 3:5** says.

It is so clear that all the prophets convey the same essential message, yet traditional Christianity insists on denying it and hiding it from its followers.

Consequently, although **the house of Israel** would be taken into captivity & never return to its land before Christ's return, it would **remain** among the nations **without losing its lineage**, even though it **did lose its identity**. God would reveal their true origin to His Church at the appointed time so that a message of warning could be sent to them, just as the prophets of old had done. That is part of our job! They were destined to multiply like the sand on the seashore and would receive the blessings of Jacob's birthright following a 2,520-year delay (from 721 B.C. to 1800 (minus the year 0), the birthright blessings began to flow to the modern nations of Ephraim & Manasseh and have not yet ceased.

Now let us see how the **ten tribes of Israel** fulfilled the prophecy of becoming, as we have just read, a multitude as vast as "the sand of the seashore." One important source is the Jewish historian **Yair Davidy**—who has conducted extensive research on the subject and this is how he explains the migrations from Israel to Europe unfolded.

By the way, he says about himself: "The author moved to Israel and immersed himself in his own concerns as well as Judaic studies…[This caused an arousal] in the author for the need to answer the British Israelite-identity question one way or the other. Hundreds, if not thousands, of works on this subject [at the National Library in Jerusalem] were perused. The conclusions reached are revealed in three completed manuscripts (one of which has become the present volume)." (*The Tribes*, 1993, p. 450).

After years of consulting Jewish, Greek, Roman, Arab, Chinese, and Indian writings, Yair Davidy reached independently the same conclusion as that of Mr. Herbert Armstrong's book, "The US & B.C. in Prophecy." In short, Mr. Davidy found that the 10 ten northern tribes of Israel were first taken by the Assyrians to what is now Iraq & Iran. Generally, they retained the ancient names of their tribes or subgroups.

Davidy comments: "The important point is that the Israelites were exiled, firstly to northern Mesopotamia and Iran-Hara and from there they moved mainly into Scythia whence they eventually continued their movement until reaching northwestern Europe. In their places of exile individual tribes are seen to have been scattered in several groups which were to converge in northwest Europe on the same regions **as if guided by an Unseen Hand**" (p. 175).

For example, in Davidy's book it mentions the tribe of Zebulun first settled in an area known as "Zabulistan," or the "land of Zebulun." The people of Naphtali retained their name in northeastern Scythia. The tribe of Reuben became known as the "Ribuari" and served as the ancestors of the Franks, the dominant tribe in France. **Ephraim** settled in Scythia as the "**Angles"—or "Aegel,**" meaning "calf," which was the tribe's symbol. Another clan joined them, the **"Saxons"**—a name derived from "**sons of Saj" (or Isaac). The Anglo-Saxons conquered England** (from the 5th to 11th century A.D.)

Regarding the promise that the numbers of **the ten tribes** would be like "the sand of the seashore," the descendants of the Anglo-Saxons today possess the greatest wealth in the world (along with the other eight tribes, though to a lesser extent). This group includes England, the United States, Canada, Australia & New Zealand, comprising approximately of 500 million people. If one adds the other eight, France, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Switzerland—accounting for another 140 million or so—it becomes clear that some 640 million people have descended from these 10 tribes. In this way, God's promise was fulfilled to Abraham that his descendants (the houses of Israel & Judah) would be "like the sand in the seashore" (Gen. 22:17, Hos. 1:10). But remember most of these are still unconverted.

Next time, we will cover the final part of the book of Hosea and see what this amazing prophecy means for us today! In fact, Hosea 2 describes the coming millennium and then there is more to learn!