

# MINOR PROPHETS STUDY

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Winter 2024–Spring 2025

Session One: Hosea 1–3 – The Truth about Spiritual Adultery

## BACKGROUND

Who: Hosea (“he saves”)

When: 740–715BC (During the fall of the Northern Kingdom; Isaiah, Amos, Jonah and Micah also prophesying during this time)

## ADULTERY DESTROYS THE RELATIONSHIP

### READ 1:1–2:1

What was the first prophetic activity God required of Hosea? Why?

What about those names?

- Jezreel
- Lo–Ruhama
- Lo–Ammi

Isn't this all a bit harsh? Read 2 Kings 17:7–18

Consider: What are our idols? What corrective would be appropriate?

Nevertheless, what is promised?

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## ADULTERY PROVOKES JUDGMENT

### READ 2:2–2:13

Describe 2:2–2:5 in literal terms, then in spiritual terms...

In 2:6–7, how will God correct this sin?

What had Israel/Gomer failed to realize? (2:8)

How would God bring about that realization? (2:9–13)

What parallels can we see in our own lives – misattribution and correction?

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## ADULTERY REQUIRES RESTORATION

### READ 2:14–3:5

How will God restore Israel? (2:14–15)

NOTE: Valley of Achor (“trouble”) to be a door of hope (“waiting”)

What will be the result? (2:16–23)

NOTE: the names – “Baal” vs “My husband”; Jezreel, Lo-Ruhamah, Lo-Ammi

How is Gomer to be restored? (3:1–3)

How is Israel to be restored? (3:4–5)

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