

# Sermon Notes

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## How Awful It Is To Be Unfaithful to the Lord

Hosea 1:1-9

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**There may be Q&A at the end as time allows. So note your questions.**

Background to the book:

### 1:1 The prophet and his time

The divided kingdom of Israel

The Northern Kingdom was usually called Israel, but also called Ephraim by Hosea. The Southern Kingdom was called Judah.

1:2-3a **The Lord told Hosea to, “Go, take to yourself a wife of harlotry.” He went and married a woman named Gomer.**

She represents Israel and Israel’s impurity.

Each of the three children that Gomer would bear to Hosea would be living symbols, signs to Israel, of the consequences of their behavior against the Lord.

1:3b-5 **The first child, a son, Jezreel - the Lord will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.**

Israel should have learned from personal history.

Might we learn from personal history with others?

Is there a way you are living against the Lord’s ways?

1:6-7 **The second child, a daughter, Lo-ruhamah - the Lord would no longer have compassion/mercy on Israel.**

They had punishment coming.

1:8-9 **The third child, a son, Lo-ammi - (Israel) you are not my (the Lord’s) people and I am not your God.**

Israel had broken covenant with the Lord through their unfaithfulness.

**What is your response to this?** Discuss it with someone today.

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