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When Love Comes Home

Hosea by Raphael c. 1510

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1-3 – History of 40 years

4-13 ... *Many Messages of Woe*

- 4 Hosea 14 Prophet's Last Message

Gomer is part of **ALL** ... or no sense!



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Hosea - Part 1

La Historia Da Soul

Hosea - Part 2

La Historia Da Train

Hosea - Part 3

La Historia Les Misérables

Hosea - Part 4

La Historia Da Message



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Hosea -Part 1

La Historia Da Soul

Hosea 1-3 ... 40 Years of Ministry
40 Years of Marriage ... *sort of*

Hosea - Pt 1 - La Historia Da Soul

Hosea 1-3 – there's a GREAT problem here

God tells Hosea to marry ... a what?

**That is a problem NOT SOLVED even when
Hosea is told to BUY her back in Ch. 3**

**NEVER been able to understand this—EVER
NOR any expert commentator/professor helped**

Then an answer CAME ... NOT from IN the TEXT itself

NOT from *inside* Book of Hosea ...but from the HEART

And from the Gospel ... IF YOU READ THE BIBLE



Hosea 1-3 ... is in many ways a story akin to

Parable of the Prodigal Son

Only ... this ain't no parable ... no myth

No Analogy ... No Mere PICTURE of Redemption

Hosea's Story is true HISTORY

Much SADER ... much more FILTHY than the

Prodigal Son's Pig Pen

There's a nastiness ... that contrasts with

Great LOVE

Before that Great Love, we must *read* the Bible



Hosea 1:2 ... KJV

The beginning of the word of the Lord to Hosea.

**The Lord said to him, “Go, take to yourself
a WIFE of WHOREDOMS
and have children of WHOREDOMS**

**For the land hath committed GREAT WHOREDOM
departing from the LORD**

So Hosea married Gomer ...

Thru 3 Parts ~ 40 years ~ Their Children AGE

**Verses 1 & 5 DATE the book BEFORE 722 B.C. when
Israel & Samaria are Taken by Assyria**





Alternate Title

**Prophet
and the
Chicken
Ranch**



**Musical comedy adaptation of the
1978 Broadway musical**

**Burt Reynolds is Sheriff Ed Earl Dodd of
Gilbert, Texas**

**He has a longstanding relationship w
Miss Mona Stangley, aka Dolly Parton**

She runs a brothel outside town called

"Chicken Ranch"



Illegal or not, Sheriff doesn't interfere

It's been a fixture of the town since

World War I

Do you GET – GRASP Message of Hosea
One Message of Hosea is that

Israel is the WHORE

Israel Strayed ... to Other gods ...
Love Fruitcakes MORE than God
ONE MESSAGE is unmistakable ...

Whatever NASTINESS we attribute to **“WHORE”**

That IS Israel in God's Eyes

What's LOVE Got to Do with IT?

EVERYTHING



What is the **MESSAGE** of Hosea?

Israel Repeatedly Unfaithful

We **ASSUME ... MUST ASSUME** Hosea

LOVED GOMER ... or different God of O.T.

DID NOT Ask Dolly Parton to Parade her wares ...

From the N.T. view of **GOD ...** we must have

LOVE Somewhere

But **LOVE** is hard to see ... except in Chapter 3

Where it **APPEARS** God **TELLS** Hosea to Love Gomer

What's LOVE Got to Do with IT?



Perhaps Hosea was reluctant ... hesitant

Because Hosea WAS a PROPHET ...

Because EVERYONE knew he was a Prophet

Perhaps HOSEA was *ashamed* of his LOVE

Read Hosea 1-14 ... you see clearly

GOD **LOVED** Israel

God is NEVER ASHAMED of his **LOVE**

AT SAME TIME—God never sanctioned Whoredom

Hosea may have known **YOUNG Virgin** Gomer

MAYBE TEENAGE FRIENDS ... Hosea Loved Her



Hosea **ALREADY** knew who he wanted
Hosea had **ALWAYS** Loved Gomer ...

Where she had been ...

With whom she had been ...

With **HOWEVER** many she had lain ...

Though Hosea had never known Gomer

Gomer was still **Hosea's First Love**

You know ... now you KNOW ... that is OUR N.T. God

In spite OUR Fright, Failure, Filth – GOD has always

Always LOVED ALL of US



**When a man loves a woman
Spend his very last DIME
Trying to hold on to what he NEEDS
He'd give up ALL his comforts**



**You know ... now you KNOW ...
That is OUR Great God in Christ**

In spite OUR Fright, Failure, Filth – GOD has always

Always LOVED ALL of US



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Hosea -Part 2

La Historia Da Train

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Hosea

6:1 Come, let us return to the Lord.
He has torn us to pieces
but he will heal us;
he has injured us
but he will bind up our wounds.

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Hosea 4-14 is a **SERIES** of messages ...

Important to **KNOW** this ...

GOMER is **PRESENT** in all 14 Chapters

Her **NAME** is absent ... but her **LIFE** is there

Every time Hosea picks up his pen > **GOMER**

Every time Hosea **LAMENTS ISRAEL** > **GOMER**

Every time Hosea's **HEART** Bleeds > **GOMER**

What you do **NOT WANT** to miss ...

PLEASE do **NOT MISS** ... Do **NOT MISS** ... **PLEASE**

Hosea's **AND GOD's** **HEARTS** are > **BROKEN**



Hosea 4-14 is a **SERIES** of messages ...

Your **GUESS** on how many ... good as any
Outlines **VARY** as to how many **MESSAGES**

Some by the Chapters –

4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9-10, 11-12, 13, 14

Hosea 4-6 Hollow Promises

Hosea 7–13 Sin Harvested

Hosea 14 Restoration Promised

with **GOMER**

In **ALL** these
Do **NOT** forget
Gomer

PAIN of seeing your **LOVE Hurt**

PAIN of seeing your **LOVED WIFE LOST**



Hosea 4-6 ... Laments & Curses ...

Chapter 4 starts the Laments

1 Hear the word of the LORD ...
the LORD has a charge to bring ...
“There is no faithfulness, no love,
no acknowledgment of God in the land.

Can you FEEL Hosea to Gomer

**“I gave you a HOME ... but you, Dear GOMER
You’ve gone to Big Pete ... the Thief & LIAR!**

**2 There is only cursing, lying and murder,
stealing and adultery; they break all bounds,
and bloodshed follows bloodshed.**





Alternate Title

**Prophet of the
Long Black
Train**

Hosea chap 6 – Hosea's & God's **LOVE** ...

4 “What can I do with you, Ephraim? ... Judah?
Your **LOVE** is like the morning mist,
like the early dew that disappears.

Hosea home alone, son 7, daughter 5
How **FAST** Gomer/Israel **RUNS** ... to lovers

5 Therefore I cut you in pieces by prophets,
I **KILLED** you with the **WORDS** of my mouth....

6 For I desire mercy, not sacrifice ...

Hosea is home alone ... son 7, daughter 5 ... Who's?
Rumors ... **RUMORS** ... Gomer has gone north ...



I said cling to the father
and His Holy Name

And DON'T go
ridin' on that
Long Black Train

Yes, WATCH OUT
brother for that
Long Black Train

That DEVIL's a
DRIVIN' that
Long Black Train



WORLD Watches ATTACKS on the Church
WORLD Laughs at Hosea's FAITH
God has OVERCOME the WORLD with LOVE
God LOVED us FIRST ... while Christ on Cross
God IS FAITHFUL when No One else will be
Stay OFF the
Long Black Train



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Hosea -Part 3

La Historia
Les Misérables

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Hosea & Gomer

1:2 I bought her for
15 shekels of silver and
about a homer of barley

Parts

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LOVE ... and
Gomer's Wilderness



Victor Hugo 1802-1885

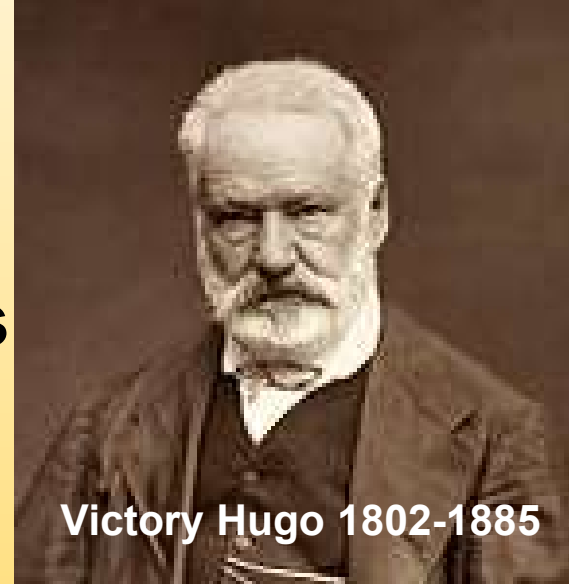
whose father a general of Napoleon

One of BEST French authors / Poets

Two of his most famous novels are:

- ***Hunchback of Notre-Dame***, 1831

- ***Les Misérables***, 1862 > greatest novel of 1800s



Over the last 200 years ... English titles varied

The Miserables ~ ***The Wretched***

The Miserable Ones ~ ***The Poor Ones***

The Wretched Poor ~ ***The Victims***

The Dispossessed

Upton Sinclair said ***Les Misérables*** was "one of the

half-dozen greatest novels of the world"

2012 Musical *Les Misérables* ...
Anne Hathaway rocks as Fantine
Fantine CANNOT support
Little Cosette
WITHOUT this job
Fantine only has enough for
ONE WEEK's bread



Portrait of "Cosette" by Emile Bayard, from the original edition of *Les Misérables* (1862)

Musical *Les Misérables* ...

**Fantine thrown to the street or ...
Or Gomer ... Hosea 7:6**

**6 Their hearts are like an oven;
they approach him with intrigue.**

**Their passion smolders all night;
Like a flaming fire.**

**11 Ephraim is like a dove,
easily deceived and senseless—**

***Les Misérables'* Fantine ... homeless**

Sings a mournful dirge ...



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Les Misérables - Fantine sings "I Dreamed a Dream"

I dreamed a dream in time gone by
When hope was high and life worth living
I dreamed that LOVE would never DIE
I prayed that God would be forgiving



**Love has EVERYTHING to do with it -- OR
Book of Hosea NO Sense - Defeats Message**

**Hosea is LEAST Favorite Book ...
because of what**

Whoring MEANS

**Degree of Depravity ... Lifts Higher God's Glory
Our Sin & Darkness ... makes God's Light Greater
How Much Depravity ... Do You See? ... Want to See?**



Confusing ... Perhaps ...

MESSAGE to Israel is ... Repent, Come Back

So ... YOU ... average Idol-Worshiping Israelite

YOU are worshiping Idols ... visiting

SHRINE PROSTITUTES

YOU, too, selling your daughters ...

HOW UNDER HEAVEN IS



Hosea an example to YOU

Hosea PREACHING Fidelity ... but he MARRIES

Gomer who NEVER stops WHORING

Hosea's son **Jezreel** 12, **Lo-Ruhamah** 10

Gomer came home pregnant again ... bore
Son Lo-Ammi, "not my people" ... *left again*

Hosea cries, weeps ... **HOW CAN THIS BE**

But his wife ... HIS WIFE ... she's been ...

Everyone knows Hosea ... AND GOMER



I suspect NO ONE Believed Hosea

NOT stop Hosea LOVING Gomer

JUST as God LOVED Israel

Hosea 9:1 Do not rejoice, Israel;
do not be jubilant like the other nations.

NIV You have been unfaithful to your God;
you LOVE the wages of a PROSTITUTE
at every threshing floor.

KJV gone a WHORING from thy God, thou hast
LOVED a reward upon every cornfloor.

7 ... the prophet is considered a fool,
the inspired person a MANIAC.

8 The prophet, along with my God,
is the watchman over Ephraim



Hosea's son **Jezreel 14, Lo-Ruhamah 12**
Son Lo-Ammi 2 ...

Some MEN want take Lo-Ruhamah TOO

Hosea cries ... weeps ...

City Folk think Hosea is BONKERS

Preach to US? ... NO! ... NO!—Preach to Gomer!

THEY LAUGH at Hosea



Priests told Jesus on the CROSS

If you're God ... Come Down ... *LAUGHED*

Hosea travels about ... alone ... sad

Hosea's hears news ... this time ...

Gomer will be put up for AUCTION

Damascus Trade Days ... EVERYTHING GOES

Gomer NO longer ravishing ... *dare I go on?*

Hosea heads north to Damascus ...

Hosea is NOT RICH ... but Gomer will not

Gomer will not ... Gomer will not



Gomer will NOT be expensive

after 37 Beatings ... and 1,975 MEN

Gomer waits to be SOLD ... *sold AGAIN*

Les Misérables - Fantine sings "I Dreamed a Dream"

I had a dream my life would be

So different from this

HELL I'm living

So different now from what
it seemed



Auctioneer YELLS ... with a smile or smirk

What will yah BID for THIS woman?

“5 Shekels” slobbers an old fat goat herder ...

Hosea looks on with a tear in his eye ...

“7 Shekels” grins a rich young man ...
needs *someone* to clean his pig pen

“10 Shekels” yells Hosea ...

At that very moment ... GOMER lifted her head ...

“Can it be?” ... “HOW can it be?” a tear from Gomer’s eye
back at home ... Jezreel 16, Lo-Ruhamah 14, Lo-Ammi 4

Gomer’s & Hosea’s **EYES** MEET



Hosea 1:2

I bought her for 15 shekels of silver and
about a homer of barley

Hosea loads Gomer on his mule ...

They begin the journey **HOME** ... nearly **SILENT**

Dream Come True

Not so long ago ... **YOU**, too, were **LOST**
YOU, too, had **NO ABILITY** to redeem **YOURSELF**

God came a **LONG WAY** ... to Bethlehem ... to the Cross ...

Thru the **GRAVE** ... to **BUY YOU** back

Cause God **LOVED YOU!**



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Hosea -Part 4

La Historia
Da Message

Hose 14 ... somewhere ... close to ... or
AFTER 722 B.C. when Assyria takes Samaria
40 years ministering to Israel ...

many messages between Hosea 4 to 13

Hosea is at home ... **LAST MESSAGE**

Is Hosea **60**? ... Gomer **60**

Oldest Son Jezreel **40** ... Daughter Lo-Ruhamah **38**

Youngest Son Lo-Ammi **28**

Happily Married



Hose 14 ... before or after Samaria fell 722 B.C.

- 1 Return, Israel, to the LORD your God.
Your sins have been your downfall!**
- 2 Take words with you return to the LORD.
Say to him: “Forgive all our sins
and receive us graciously,
that we may offer the fruit of our lips.**
- 3 Assyria cannot save us ...
We will never again say ‘Our gods’
To what our own hands have made ...**



Hose 14 ... before or after Samaria fell 722 B.C.

**4 “I will heal their waywardness
and LOVE them FREELY,
for my anger has turned away from them.**

**5 I will be like the dew to Israel;
he will blossom like a lily.
Like a cedar of Lebanon
he will send down his roots;**

**You know ... YOU KNOW ... by now
Hosea & Gomer are grandparents ...
Gomer, 60, these years of her life >>**

PROUD



Hose 14 ... before or after Samaria fell 722 B.C.

6 his young shoots will grow.

**His splendor will be like an olive tree,
his fragrance like a cedar of Lebanon.**

Hosea & Gomer's retired by an ol' creek

**7 People will dwell again in his shade;
they will flourish like the grain,
they will blossom like the vine—
Israel's fame ... like the wine of Lebanon.**

Jezreel 44, Lo-Ruhamah 42, Lo-Ammi 30 = MARRIED

Their children are LOVED by everyone ... FAME



Hose 14 ... before or after Samaria fell 722 B.C.

8 Ephraim, what more *have I* to do w idols?
I will answer him and care for him.
I am like a flourishing juniper;
your fruitfulness comes from me.”



Seems the whole land has ***FORGOTTEN***

As their children & grandchildren **GROW**

Seems Hosea & Gomer have ***FORGOTTEN***

Distant Damascus Trade Days ...

Old-Whore Auction Night-time Beatings



Hosea 14 ...

**Hosea & Gomer ...
walk down to *their* creek**

they hold hands

Hosea picks a wildflower and

Places the flower in her grey hair

Gomer was *ALWAYS*

always his girl



Hosea 14 ...

She was *always* his girl ...

and she shall *always* be

Israel has *always* been

God's People – *always*

Hosea is *Gomer's man, too*

Much, much more than

she could've *EVER* dreamed ...

God's Love seen **THROUGH** their Love



Hose 14 ... before or after Samaria fell 722 B.C.

After 40 years, Hosea pens his last words

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Let them understand.

**The ways of the LORD are *right*;
the righteous walk in them,
but the rebellious stumble in them**

**No couple in history *ever ever*
LIVED those words more**

