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# Hosea & Gomer

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

Hosea 1–3 Prophet & Chicken Ranch  
Hosea 4-6 Prophet & Long Black Train  
Hosea 7–13 Prophet & *Les Misérables*  
Hosea 14 Restoration Promised



*Hosea* by Raphael c. 1510

Hosea 1-3 ... started Sad, Conflicting, Cautious  
God tells Hosea to take a wife from Whoredom  
Hosea Marries Gomer ... after so long

Chapter 3 – Hosea buys Gomer back from slavery

We concluded Hosea *SOUGHT Gomer out* ...

For any sense – Love Must Present

**REMEMBER** ... Hosea 1-3 Sums 40 Years

**REMEMBER** 4-13 > *MANY* Messages ...

Hosea 4-13 are Prophetic Messages FROM that History

Like Genesis 1-2 has *TWO* Creations:

1 Creation World & Humankind ~ 2 Creation of Adam & Eve

Like Revelation 21-22 – *TWO* Descensions of New Jerusalem

21:1-8 *Basic* Descensions ~ 21:9–22:5 *Detailed* Descensions



## Hosea 7:2-3

- 2 but they do not realize that  
I remember all their evil deeds.  
Their sins engulf them;  
they are always before me.**
- 3 “They delight the king  
with their wickedness,  
the princes with their lies.**
- 4 They are ALL adulterers,  
burning like an oven**



**Victor Hugo 1802-1885**

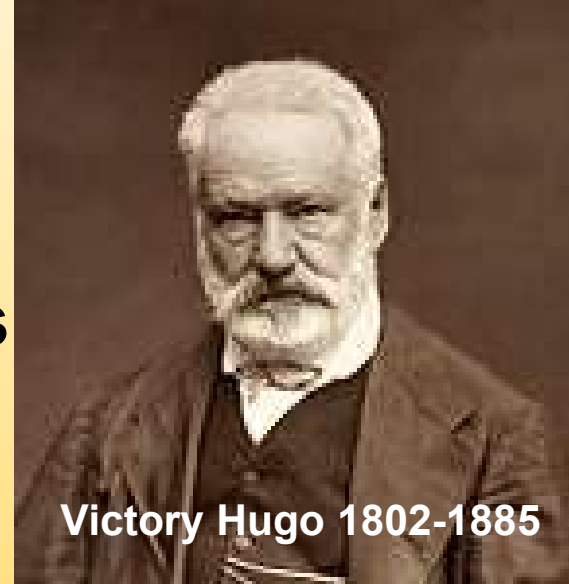
*whose father a general of Napoleon*

**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"**

Victor Hugo said toward the end of  
*Les Misérables* ... said novel went  
From progress from evil to good ...  
injustice to justice,  
from falsehood to truth ...

night to day ... appetite to conscience ...

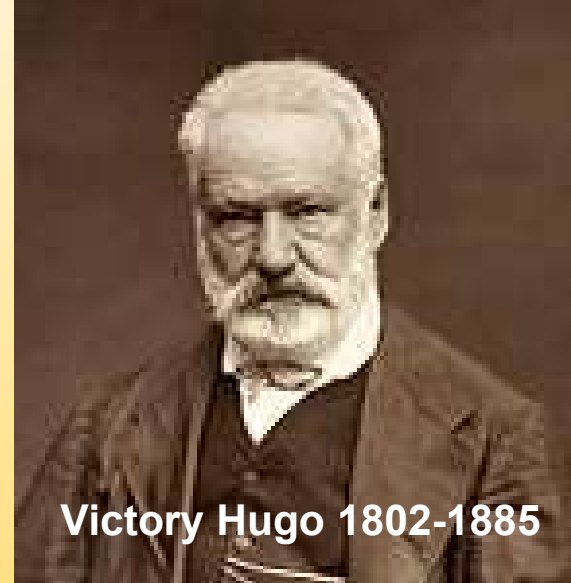
corruption to life ... bestiality to duty ...

from hell to heaven ... nothingness to God

Starting Point: **Matter** ~ Destination: the **Soul**

**Hydra** at the **Beginning**, the **Angel** at the **END**

MUSICAL *Les Misérables* ... affectionately *Les Mis* or *Les Miz*



Musical ***Les Misérables*** ...

*One of the greatest of all time*

One of the longest running Broadway hits  
1987 to 2003 for 6,680 performances

Book centers around Jean Valjean  
Just out of Prison after 19 years

4 yrs Stealing LOAF Bread to FEED his family  
16 yrs for four times he tried to escape

Valjean can't find work ... shunned ... THEN  
Assumes identity > factory supervisor & mayor ...

Begins with an intro ... then dialogue & song

“At the End of the Day”



Musical *Les Misérables* ...

Lovely Fantine—father of her child abandons them

Lady worker steals letter ... REVEALS Cosette ...

GETS Fantine FIRED from Factory

Several Cast sing “At the End of the Day” ... *long song*

**At the end of the day there’s**

**another day dawning ...**

**There's a hunger in the land**

**There's a reckoning still to be reckoned and**

**There's gonna be hell to pay**

**Sadness ... torment ... heart after heart ...**



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)



We mentioned **LOVE** must be present  
Because God **TELLING** Hosea to simply  
**MARRY** Gomer was **NOTHING** like N.T. God  
**NOTHING** Like God **WE KNOW** ...

Where **MARRIAGE** is a special Holy Bond  
Message of Hosea is about **GOD**

**Loving Unfaithful Whoring Israel**

Loving Israel ... as Hosea Loved Gomer

Unfaithfulness of Israel & Gomer – **BREAKS HEARTS**

**LOVING** in Health and Sickness ... Unto Death



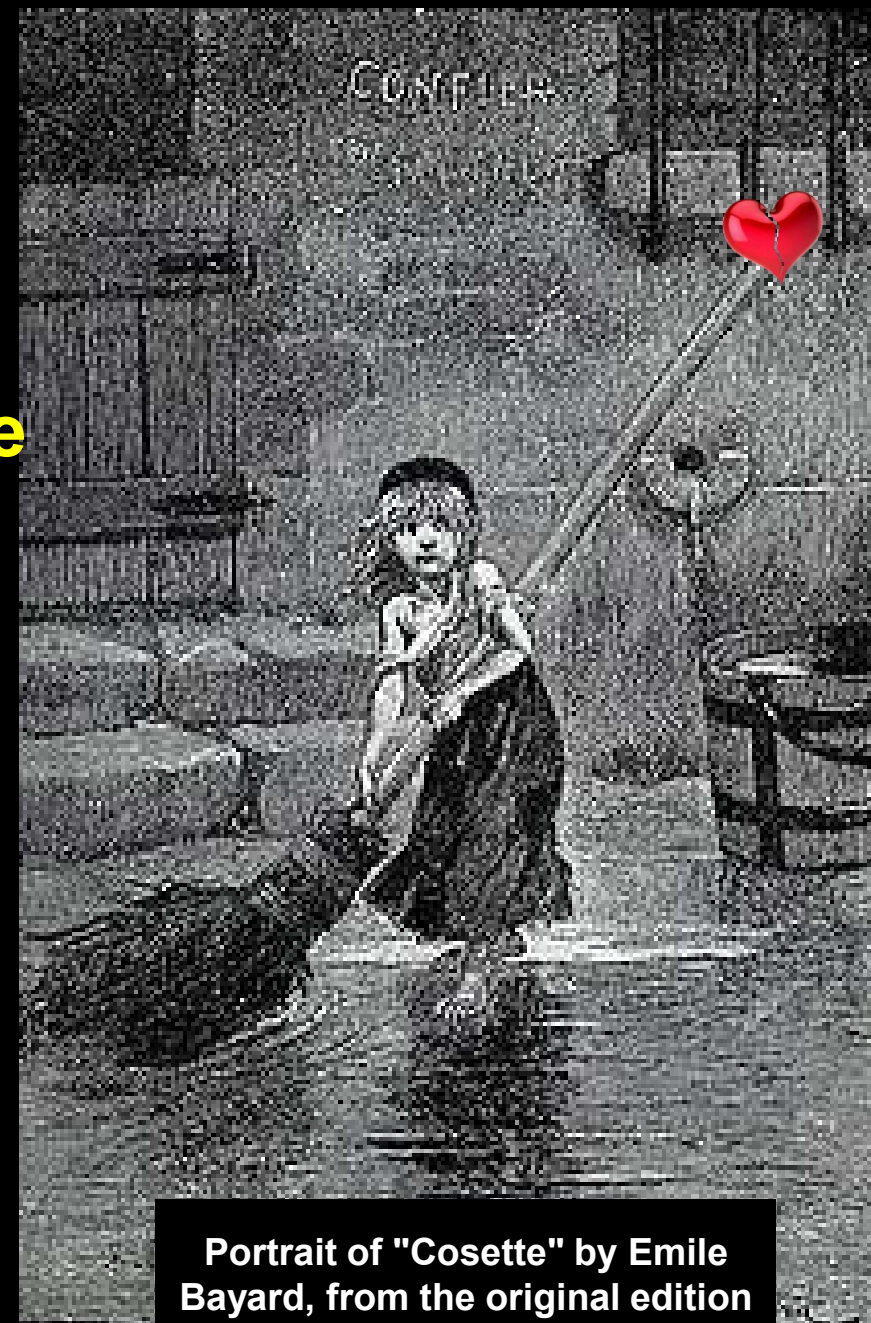
Musical *Les Misérables* ...

Cast sings "At the End of the Day" ...

Pay the landlord, pay the shop  
Keep on grafting as long as you're able  
Keep on grafting till you drop

Or it's back to the crumbs off the table  
You've got to pay your way  
At the end of the day

Fantine ... reflects on little Cosette ...  
father abandoned them  
now homeless in Heartless World



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**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"  
**BEFORE** she sings ... she talks to her **DARKNESS**



**There was a time ...**

**when MEN were *KIND***

**When their voices were *SOFT***

**And their words inviting**

**There was a time ... when *LOVE* ...**

**When the world was a *SONG***

**And the *SONG* was exciting**

**There was a time ...**

**Then ... it all went *WRONG***



CLIPS

*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



**God Telling Hosea to MARRY Gomer  
Greatest Mystery**

**Love has EVERYTHING to do with it -- OR  
Makes NO Sense ... Defeats Message  
WALKING THE FINE LINE ...**

**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?**



# Two Mysteries STILL afoot in Hosea's Life

1. On the Word "Whore" Itself
2. Credibility of Hosea to Israelites

You think I'm GAMING? ... no sir, no ma'am

We showed you LAST week the variety of

Translations of "Whore"

There are TWO LOOKS at Every Word:

***Denotation*** = DIRECT basic ***Explicit*** meaning to WORD

***Connotation*** = IDEA ***Suggested*** by a WORD

VERY SIMPE to ILLUSTRATE



What is the meaning of **H O M E** ?

*Denotation* of **H O M E** =  
**BUILDING** where a family *resides*

*Connotation* of **H O M E** =  
Building where a family **LIVES**

*Denotation* of **H O M E** =  
**BUILDING** where **BODIES** sleep

*Connotation* of **H O M E** =  
Building where family **LOVES - CRIES - HUGS**

Building **LIVING ROOM** where Family **SHARES**

Building w **CHESTNUTS** roast on an open fire





# What is the meaning of **HOME**?

*Denotation*

**PLACE** with  
Furniture

*Connotation*

- Place with **MEANINGS**
- Place with **MEMORIES**
- Place with **MEMENTOS**



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Hebrew Word translated "Whore" in KJV

We KNOW the DENOTATION in 715 B.C.

CANNOT know full *Israelite* CONNOTATION

Today EXPERTS use several words

*Lewd ~ Prostitute ~ Harlot ~ Whore*

*Prostitution* is a technical Connotation ... others are

*Harlot* is BAD girl ... *Whore* is NASTY girl



# FIRST of Two Mysteries STILL afoot

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Hebrew Word ... how do ISRAELITES see it

Sadly ... there are those today LIKE Israel

- Have NO issue ABUSING Women
- Have NO qualms OVER Enslaving Women

Gomer ... by whatever NAME ... is **SOLD Today**

Human Trafficking ... *Denotation* is BAD Men TAKING

Human Trafficking ... *Connotation* is usually

**Young GIRLS Enslaved ... for ... You Know**



*Les Misérables* - Fantine sings "I Dreamed a Dream"

Then I was young and unafraid

And dreams were made

and used and wasted

There was no ransom to be paid

No song unsung,

no wine untasted



In 715 B.C. ... Israelites VIEW Hosea & Gomer

1. Word "Whore" Itself – HARD to KNOW

Israelite had SAME feeling YOU do

YET ... as PEOPLE ... SOME DID

2. **Credibility** of Hosea to Israelites in 715 B.C.

We DRILLED how **LOVE MUST** have a place

Otherwise MEANING of Hosea FLIES out the window

Message is to WHO? ..... Message is to ISREAL

715 B.C. ... Israel are People SIMILAR to you & me

**SOME** things about HUMANITY have NEVER changed



In 715 B.C. ... Israelites VIEW Hosea & Gomer

2. Credibility to Israelites in 715 B.C.

**We have Hosea 7-13 to SKIP Through ...**

Message—Israel's Infidelity & Israel's Whoring

Message EXEMPLIFIED in Hosea's Marriage

Message of GOD's & Hosea's **LOVE**

Like Hosea 1-3 ... problem of God telling Hosea to

Marry a Wife of Whoredom ... Children of Whoredom

**Hosea 4-13 ... problem of Hosea's**

**Credibility to Israel**



**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**

I'm just a normal Israel Idol-Loving Shrine Goer  
Walking down the street ... and here comes  
Hosea ... Preaching ... "BE FAITHFUL!"

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

She's been **EVERYWHERE**

Everyone knows Hosea ... **AND GOMER**

Even **WORSE** than Noah & his Ark



How **CAN** Hosea be **CREDIBLE?** ... *Believed?*

I suspect **NO ONE** *Believed* Hosea

Does **NOT** stop Hosea *Loving* or **GOD** *Loving* Israel



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 8

1 “Put the trumpet to your lips!

An eagle is over the house of the Lord  
because the people have broken my covenant  
and rebelled against my law.

5 Samaria, throw out your calf-idol!

My anger burns against them.

How LONG will they be INCAPABLE of purity?

9 For they have gone up to Assyria

like a wild donkey wandering alone.

Ephraim has sold herself to lovers.



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***

**Gomer wonders if she will EVER ...**

**Gomer thinks back ... long ... long ago ...**

**When she was innocent ... beautiful ... loved**

**Hosea 9**

**10 “When I found Israel,  
it was like finding grapes in the desert;  
when I saw your ancestors,  
it was like seeing the early fruit on the fig tree.**

**Hosea 10**

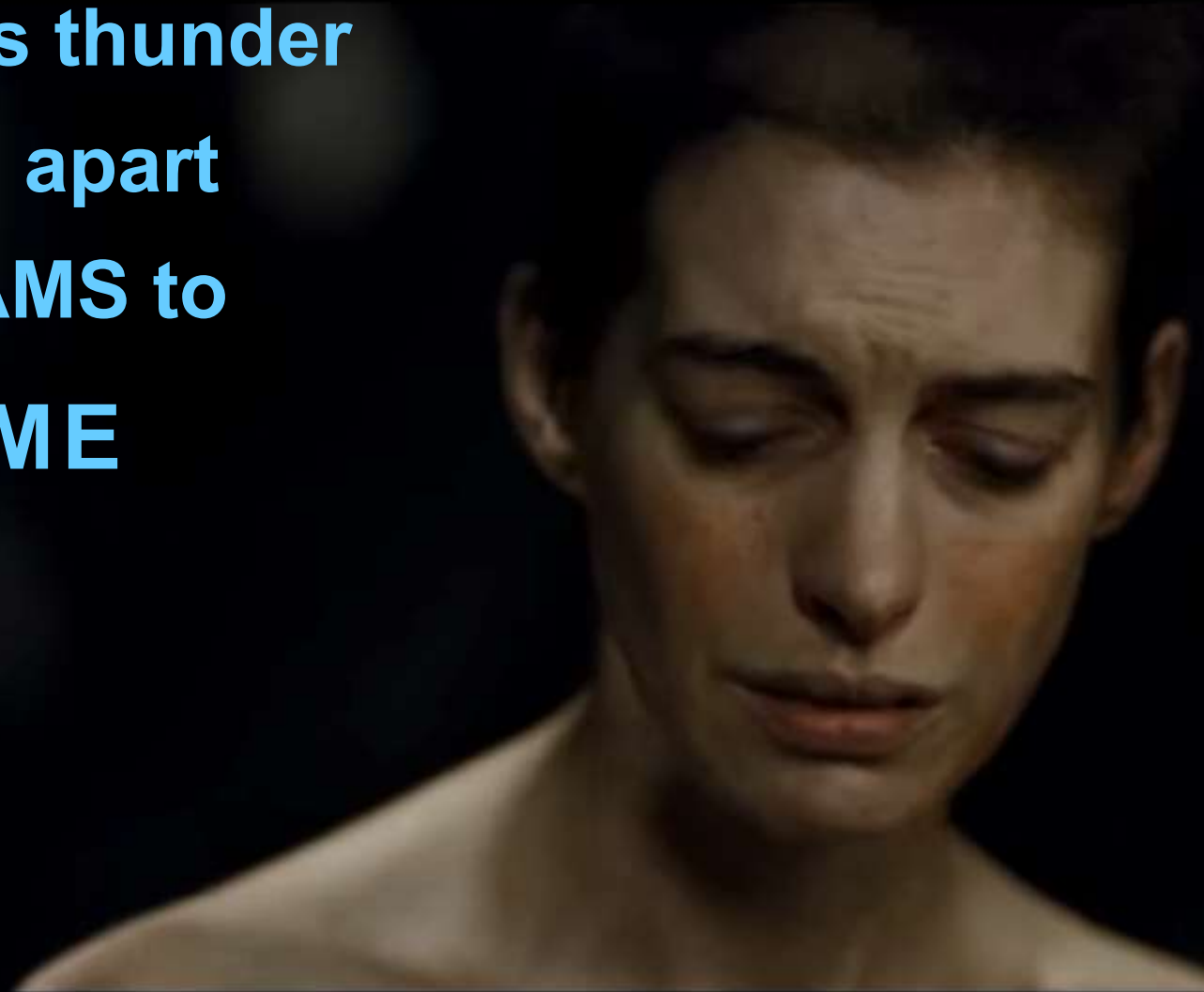
**6 Ephraim will be disgraced;  
Israel will be ashamed of its foreign alliances.**

**Gomer has lost ALL HOPE of saving herself ...**



*Les Misérables* - Fantine sings "I Dreamed a Dream"

**But the TIGERS come at NIGHT  
With their voices SOFT as thunder  
As they tear your HOPES apart  
And they turn your DREAMS to  
SHAME**



Hosea heads to Damascus ... Wondering ... Fearing  
After I BUY her ... will she STAY? ... WILL SHE?

## Hosea 11

- 1 When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.
- 2 But the **MORE** they were called,  
the **MORE** they went away from me.  
They sacrificed to the Baals  
and they burned incense to images.
- 7 My people are determined to **TURN** from me.  
Even though they call me God Most High

Gomer waits in cell with 15 other women LIKE her





*Les Misérables* - Fantine sings "I Dreamed a Dream"

He slept a summer by my side

He filled my days with endless wonder

He took my childhood in his stride

But he was gone when autumn came



*Les Misérables* - Fantine sings "I Dreamed a Dream"

And still I dream HE'D COME to MEEEEEE

That we would *LIVE* the *YEARS* together

But there are *DREAMS* that  
cannot be

And there are storms we  
cannot weather



Hosea enters Damascus ... Trade Days ROCK  
Oldest Continuously Inhabited City

Hosea 13

7 The merchant uses dishonest scales  
and LOVES to defraud.

8 Ephraim boasts,

“I am very rich; I have become wealthy.

With all my wealth they will not  
find in me any iniquity or sin.”

Gomer waits in cell with 15 other women like her

Up the way is the CELL holding the *YOUNGER* Women

Gomer is in CELL with 15 Worn Women ... the *discounts*



*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

Now LIFE has **KILLED** the Dream,

I Dreamed



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!**

