

# Book of Hosea

## [Hosea 1:2 to 11 NKJV: \(part 4\)](#)

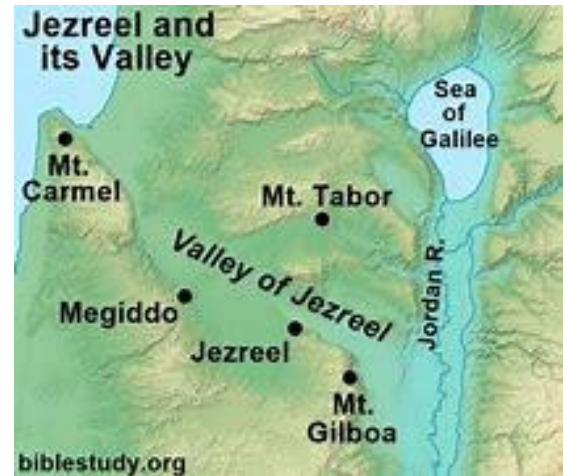
**v. 3)** So he (Hosea) went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

**v. 4)** Then the Lord said to him: "Call his name 'JEZREEL,' for in a little while I will avenge the bloodshed of JEZREEL on the house of Jehu.

**v. 5)** It shall come to pass (make happens) in that day that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of JEZREEL."

1. English Bible for the Deaf quotes in this verse 4:  
The Lord said to Hosea, "You must give your son the name of JEZREEL because the time is near when I am going to punish them, because they have killed a lot of people in the town of JEZREEL. I will take away their king and the land of Israel will no longer have a king."

2. For God had taken the nation Israel as His bride, had blessed her, heaped His love upon her, and yet she turned from God. And thus, the picture is given here.



3. Now this is a reference to a historic period when Jehu became the king of Israel.

a. [1 Kings 14:14-16](#): Abijah, the old blind prophet told Jeroboam's wife, "Moreover the Lord will raise up for Himself a king over Israel who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam; this is the day. What? Even now! For the Lord will strike Israel, as a red is shaken in the water. He will uproot Israel from this good land which He gave to their fathers, and **will scatter them** beyond the Euphrates River (Iraqi), because they have made their wooden images, provoking the Lord to anger. And He will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam who sinned and who made Israel sin."

b. [2 Kings 9:6-10](#): The prophet went to Jehu and "I have anointed you king over the people of the Lord, over Israel. You shall strike down the house of Ahab your master, that I may avenge (punish) the blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the Lord, at the hand of Jezebel. For the whole house of Ahab shall perish; and I will cut off from Ahab all the males in Israel, both bond and free. So I will make the house Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah. The dogs shall eat Jezebel on the plot (property) of ground at JEZREEL, and there shall be none to bury her." And he opened the door and fled.

- c. [2 Kings 9:24](#): Now Jehu drew his bow with full strength and shot Jehoram between his arms; and the arrow came out at his heart, and he sank down in his chariot.
- d. [2 Kings 10:7](#): So it was, when the letter came to them that they took the king's sons and slaughtered (killed) 70 persons (sons of Ahab), put their heads in baskets and sent them to him at JEZREEL.
- e. [2 Kings 10:9-11](#): So it was, in the morning that he went out and stood, and said to all the people, "You are righteous. Indeed I conspired against my master and killed him; but who killed all these? Know now that nothing shall fall to the earth of the word of the Lord which the Lord spoke concerning the house of Ahab; for the Lord has done what He spoke by His servant Elijah." So Jehu killed all who remained of the house of Ahab in JEZREEL, and all his great men and his close acquaintances (friends) and his priests, until he left him none remaining.
- f. [2 Kings 10:12-14](#): Jehu killed 42 brothers of Ahaziah, king of Judah.
- g. [2 Kings 10:16](#): Then Jehu said, "Come with me, and see my zeal for the Lord".
- h. [2 Kings 10:18-28](#): Jehu killed all (about 80) worshipers of Baal.
- i. [2 Kings 10:29](#): However Jehu did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin, that is, from the golden calves that were at Bethel (the house of God) and Dan (judge).
- j. [2 Kings 10:30](#): And the Lord said to Jehu, "Because you have done well in doing what is right in My sight, and have done to the house of Ahab all that was in My heart, your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation."
- k. [2 Kings 10:31](#): But Jehu **TOOK NO PAY ATTENTION** to walk in the Law of the Lord of Israel with all his heart; for he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, who had made Israel **SIN**.
- l. Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was 28 years.
- m. **Jehoahaz**, Jehu's son, became king over Israel in Samaria for 17 years and still did evil in God's sight and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. He did not depart from them.
- n. **Joash**, Jehoahaz's son, became king over Israel in Samaria for 16 years. Same as he followed all the sins of Jeroboam but **walked in** them.
- o. **Jeroboam II**, Joash's son, reigned over Israel for 41 years. He did evil in the Lord's sight and he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin.
- p. **Zechariah**, Jeroboam II's son reign over Israel for 6 months. He was assassinated. According to 2 Kings 15:12: "This was the word of the Lord which He was spoke to Jehu, saying, "Your sons sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation." And so it was.

- q. [2 Kings 13:15-19](#): And Elisha said to Jeroboam II, "Take a bow and some arrows". So he took himself a bow and some arrows. Then Elisha said to the king of Israel, "Put your hand on bow". So He put his hand on it, and Elisha put his hands on the king's hands. And he said, "Open the east window"; and he opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot"; and he shot. And he said, "The arrow of the Lord's deliverance and the arrow of deliverance from Syria; for you must strike the Syrians at Aphek till you have destroyed them." Then he said, "Take the arrows"; so he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground"; so he struck 3 times, and stopped. And the man of God was angry with him and said, "You should have struck 5 or 6 times; then you would have struck Syria till you had destroyed it! But now you will strike Syria only three times."
- r. [2 Kings 14:26-27](#): For the Lord SAW that the affliction of Israel was VERY BITTER; and whether bond or free, there was NO HELPER for Israel. And the Lord did not say that He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven, but He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Josah.
4. Now the first child was a son named "JEZREEL", which means God scatters or sow. The name was a sign that God would scatter Israel and end the dynasty of King Jehu because of the cruel murders he had committed in JEZREEL.
- a) [Galatians 6:7](#): Don't be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.
- b) [1 Kings 22:17](#): "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd..."
- c) The name of Hosea's son JEZREEL also pointed to the fact that God would execute (carry out with) judgment against Israel by scattering the people throughout the world. The name was a sign of God's coming judgment, that God would put an end to the Northern Kingdom (10 tribes of Israel).
- d) The bow of Israel's army and power would be broken in the valley of JEZREEL. The valley of JEZREEL would be the site of Israel's final defeat and existence as a nation.
- e) The power of Israel was broken when king of Assyria crushed Israel's military in the valley of JEZREEL in 733 B.C.
- f) All this, both the end of Jehu's dynasty (kingdom) and of the nation Israel, was symbolized in the name of Hosea's first son, JEZREEL.
5. How this story could be apply with our country America? See our America slowly fall apart? See our America so corrupt? See our America now weakened? Pray for our country back to our Lord God.