



3. The word '**took**' in Hebrew word 'laqah' means '**take in marriage**'.



- a) Hosea met this beautiful girl and fell madly in love with her, and then she played the harlot.
  - b) **NATURALLY** (physically) Hosea wanted to put her aside. He might have wanted to marry her, but he wouldn't dare do that in a little town - and the law of Moses said to '**STONE** her' according to **Leviticus 20:10**: "if any of you men have sex with another man's wife, both you and the woman will be put to death."
  - c) What is Hosea going to do? God said, "Go and marry her". God is **ACTUALLY** asking him to 'break the Law of Moses'. In other word, Mary was pregnant with a baby inside her womb. She is out of wedlock girl. She has not married yet. Few months later, Joseph married her in a quiet way. Remember Joseph, the line of his family tree goes back to Ruth, the Moabite widow. Praise the Lord.
  - d) Not when God tells you to do it, my friend. God said to him, "Hosea, you were in love with her, and now you want to put her aside. I don't want you to put her aside I want you to marry her. She is a wife of harlotry and children of harlotry". Apparently there was a record of **UNFAITHFULNESS** in her family.
4. Gomer is woman's name, also means "**complete**". She was the daughter of Diblaim (which means "double fig cake"; could be 'dad and mom'). Let us look at this 'cakes of figs' could be represented that Gomer's parents offered the cakes of figs to their **pagans**. See some Scriptures say about this...
- a) **Jeremiah 7:18 CEV**: "Children gather firewood, their fathers, their mothers mix dough to bake bread (cakes) for the goddess they call 'the queen of heaven'. They even offer wine sacrifices to **other gods**, just to insult Me."
  - b) **Jeremiah 44:19 CEV**: Then the women said, "When we lived in Judah, we worshipped 'the queen of heaven' and offered sacrifices of win and special loaves of bread (cakes) **shaped like her. Our husbands knew what we were doing, and they approved it.**"
  - c) **Hosea 3:1**: Then the Lord said to me (Hosea, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by a lover and is committing adultery, just like the love of the Lord for the children of Israel, who **look to other gods** and **love the raisin cakes of the pagans.**"
  - d) **Hosea 7:8 TLB**: "My people **mingled with the heathen, picking up their evil ways**; thus they become as good-for-nothing as a half-baked cake!"

5. The Lord makes it clear to Hosea how He is going to use this experience in the prophet's life. The Lord said, "For the land has committed great whoredom, departing from the Lord". (v. 2) Interesting in English Bible for Deaf translates, "...because all the people in the land are also **UNFAITHFUL** to the Lord."
- a) The Lord is comparing that which is 'physical harlotry or adultery' to that which is 'spiritual harlotry or adultery'.
  - b) This is applicable to the believer-you today.
    - I. **Proverbs 20:6**: "...but who can find a faithful man?"
    - II. **2 Timothy 2:13**: "If we are not faithful, He will still be FAITHFUL, because he must be true to who He is". Other says, "Even when we are TOO WEAK to have any faith left, He REMAINS FAITHFUL to us and will help us, for He CANNOT DISOWN us who are part of Himself, and He will ALWAYS carry out His PROMISES to us. (TLB)"
6. Think about this. Pray for our church people that our Lord Jesus loved us and gave Himself for us? Won't we return our first LOVE for Jesus? Let Him His LOVE washed our sins and made us clean and holy for Him?