



**Gutenberg College Summer Institute 2015**  
**REUNION: Tanakh and the Gospel of Matthew**

**Talk 7: Background to Hosea 11:1 and Matthew 2:15**

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**I. Mathew 2:15**

After Jesus born in Bethlehem in Judah, magi came to visit. King Herod desired to kill Jesus. After Magi left, an angel appeared to Joseph and told him to take his family and flee to Egypt.

**II. About the Book of Hosea**

A. Who was Hosea?

1. Son of Beeri, prophesied to the Northern Kingdom.
2. Same time that Isaiah was prophesying in Judah.

B. What is the book is about?

1. Israel has been unfaithful to God.
2. Unfaithfulness to God will result in exile.
3. However, it will ultimately result in restoration, with the people returning to faithfulness in God.

C. General Structure

1. Chapter 1:

- a) God told Hosea to marry a harlot, Gomer, and have children with her.
- b) The first son was born, and God said to name him Jezreel (site of a bloody massacre). God will punish the house of Jehu for it, and God will put an end to the kingdom of the House of Israel (At Jezreel).
- c) The next child was a daughter named Lo-ruhamah (“she has not obtained compassion”). God will no longer have compassion on the House of Israel. But he will have compassion on the House of Judah.
- d) The next child, a son, God said to name Lo-ammi (“not my people”), for you are not My people and I am not your God.
- e) Yet there will be redemption of Israel and Judah.

2. Chapter 2:

- a) Israel’s Unfaithfulness Condemned
- b) Restoration of Israel

3. Chapter 3:
  - a) Then the Lord said to Hosea, “Go again, love a woman who is loved by her husband, yet an adulteress, even as the Lord loves the sons of Israel, though they turn to other gods...”
  - b) He bought her.
  - c) She stayed with him for many days, but she not play the harlot or have a man.
  - d) “For the sons of Israel will remain for many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, and without ephod or household idols.”
  - e) Then “the sons of Israel will return and seek the Lord their God and David their king.
4. Chapter 4: God’s case against Israel
5. Chapter 5: God will chastise Israel.
6. Chapter 6:
  - a) Israel’s response: Let us return to the Lord.
  - b) God’s response: They transgressed the covenant.
7. Chapter 7: Ephraim’s iniquity
8. Chapter 8: God will punish them for their sins.
9. Chapter 9: Ephraim punished.
10. Chapter 10: Retribution—king of Israel cut off.
11. Chapter 11: **For Israel is a child, and I loved him, and out of Egypt have I called his children. ....**
12. Chapter 12: Ephraim will be reproached and brought back.
13. Chapter 13: Ephraim’s idolatry
14. Chapter 14: Israel’s future Blessing