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THE MINOR PROPHETS

PART TWO

Hosea & Micah

Lesson 48

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“Take an adulterous wife and children of unfaithfulness”
(1:2)

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God will soon
“punish the house
of Jehu for the
massacre at Jezreel
and ... will put an
end to the kingdom
of Israel.” (1:4)

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“will no longer
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house of Israel.”
(1:6)

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- Born at a time the Israelites were “not my people and I am not your God.”
(1:9)

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- The people have a “spirit of prostitution” and are “stubborn as a heifer” (4:10ff)

Love Analogy

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- Father / Son

“When Israel was young, I loved him. From Egypt I did call him to be my son. For it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, and I who picked him up in my arms.

Yet they did not know that it was I who loved them. With tender cords of love I did lead them. For I was to them as one who lifts a yoke, and bending down I lovingly fed them.

How can I lift you up my son Ephraim? How can I lift you up Israel? For my heart’s overturned, my compassions are kindled, but again will my anger be burned”

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- “Prophets tell fortunes for money” (3:11)

Hope (4-5)

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- “In the last days...” (4:1)

As for you Bethlehem Ephrata, for you who are little among Judah, from you shall he come, come forth to me, who is to be Ruler in Israel.

[And his name shall be called Wonderful; And his name shall be called Mighty God; And he shall rule all nations; for he shall be our peace]

In latter days will the Lord's house be established. Nations will flow unto him. Then will they say let us go to God's mountain, and there He will teach us his marvelous ways.

[Refrain]

Then will they beat their swords into plowshares, their spears into pruning hooks. Nations shall not lift up sword against nation. And they shall not learn to make war anymore.

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