

# HOSEA

UNFAILING LOVE  
TO  
UNFAITHFUL PEOPLE

**Call for Repentance & Renewal Hosea**

**12:2 – 13:16**

“But what God did, it is all about His sovereign love and mercy for sinner. God being Sovereign, He has the privilege to act in whatever methods or ways, but He cannot contradict His character of righteousness, justice and wisdom. But His wisdom far surpasses Einstein’s or any human mind. ***It is all about God’s intense and intentional love for Israel; it is about God’s unfailing love towards an unfaithful people.***”



Hosea loving and marrying a prostitute is a sort of sacrifice for Hosea but it is meant to achieve a higher purpose to win a decadent nation. But we ourselves need to live by faith God's word in Isaiah, saying, ***“my ways are not your ways; my thoughts are not yours”***

# Hosea 2 Review: The History of Israel

1) **Jezreel (1:4) means scattered,**

referring to the time when God would scatter Israel among the nations;

2) **Lo-ruhamah (1:6) means unpitied,**

meaning that God would lift His mercy from the nation and permit her to suffer for her sins;

3) **Lo-ammi (1:9) means not my people,**

indicating this present time in God's program when Israel is out of fellowship with God and its people are not His people as once they were.

*There will be a time when God will call Israel My people and Obtaining pity, when Christ returns and restores the nation and establishes His righteous kingdom.*

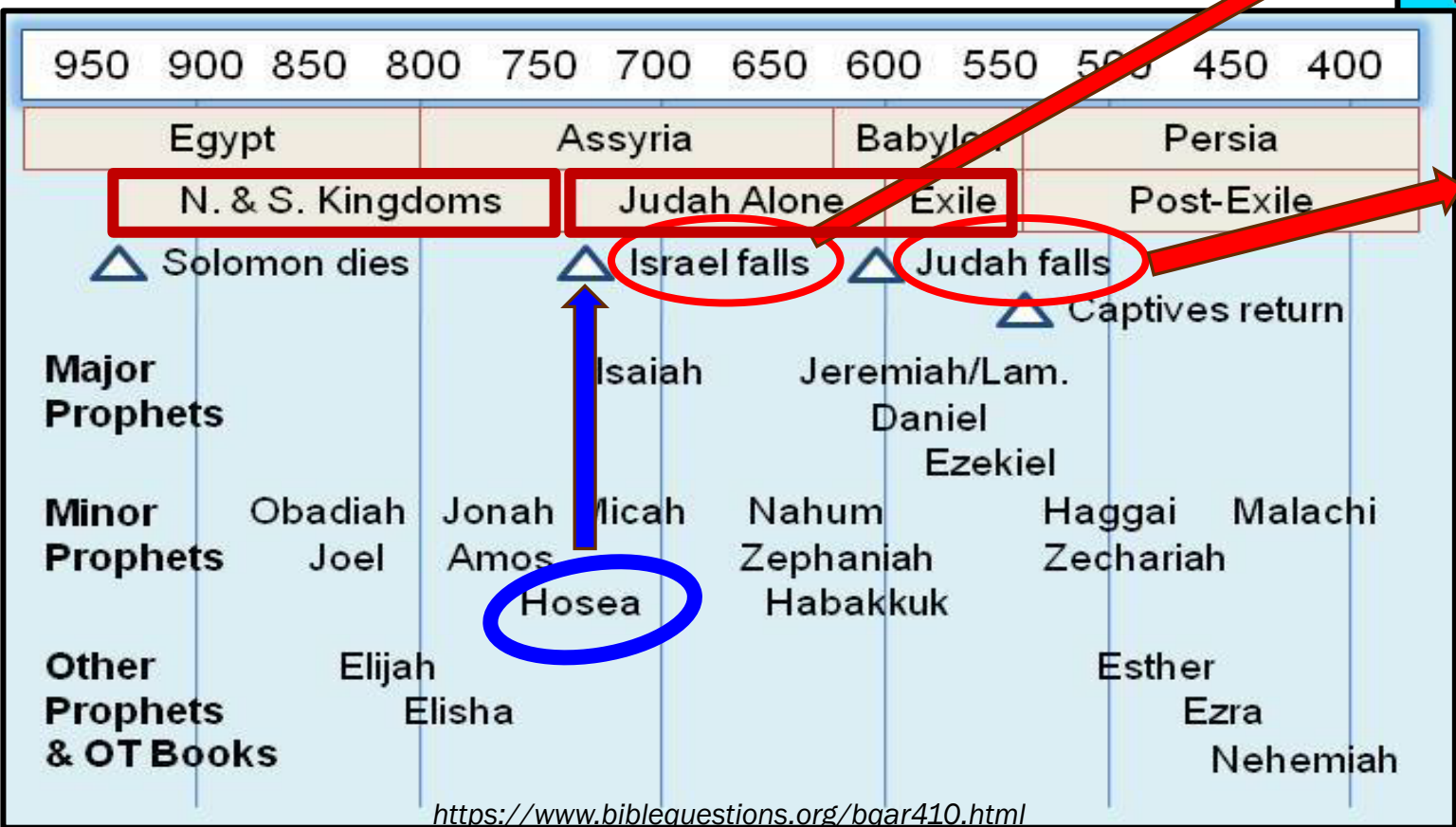


Judah (and Benjamin)					Israel (Ten Northern Tribes)				
King	Reign		Character	Prophets	King	Reign		Character	Prophets
1. Rehoboam	931-913	17 years	Bad	Shemaiah	1. Jeroboam I	931-910	22 years	Bad	Abijah
2. Abijah	913-911	3 years	Bad		2. Nadab	910-909	2 years	Bad	
3. Asa	911-870	41 years	Good		3. Baasha	909-886	24 years	Bad	
					4. Elah	886-885	2 years	Bad	
					5. Zimri	885	7 days	Bad	
					6. Omri	885-874*	12 years	Bad	Elijah Micaiah
4. Jehoshaphat	870-848*	25 years	Good		7. Ahab	874-853	22 years	Bad	
5. Jehoram	848-841*	8 years	Bad		8. Ahaziah	853-852	2 years	Bad	
6. Ahaziah	841	1 years	Bad		9. Joram	852-841	12 years	Bad	Elisha
7. Athaliah	841-835	6 years	Bad		10. Jehu	841-814	28 years	Bad	
8. Joash	835-796	40 years	Good	Joel	11. Jehoahaz	814-798	17 years	Bad	
9. Amaziah	796-767	29 years	Good		12. Jehoash	798-782	16 years	Bad	Jonah Amos Hosea
10. Uzziah (Azariah)	767-740*	52 years	Good	Isaiah Micah	13. Jeroboam II	782-753*	41 years	Bad	
11. Jotham	740-732*	16 years	Good		14. Zechariah	753-752	6 mo	Bad	
12. Ahaz	732-716	16 years	Bad		15. Shallum	752	1 mo	Bad	
13. Hezekiah	716-687	29 years	Good	Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah	16. Menahem	752-742	10 years	Bad	
14. Manasseh	687-642*	55 years	Bad		17. Pekahiah	742-740	2 years	Bad	
15. Amon	642-640	2 years	Bad		18. Pekah	740-732*	20 years	Bad	
16. Josiah	640-608	31 years	Good		19. Hoshea	732-712	9 years	Bad	
17. Jehoahaz	608	3 mo	Bad		722 BC Fall of Samaria to Assyria				
18. Jehoiakim	608-597	11 years	Bad	Daniel Ezekiel Jeremiah	* Co-regency				
19. Jehoiachin	597	3 mos	Bad						
20. Zedekiah	597-586	11 years	Bad						
Destruction of Jerusalem, 9th Av, 586 BC, Babylonian Captivity									

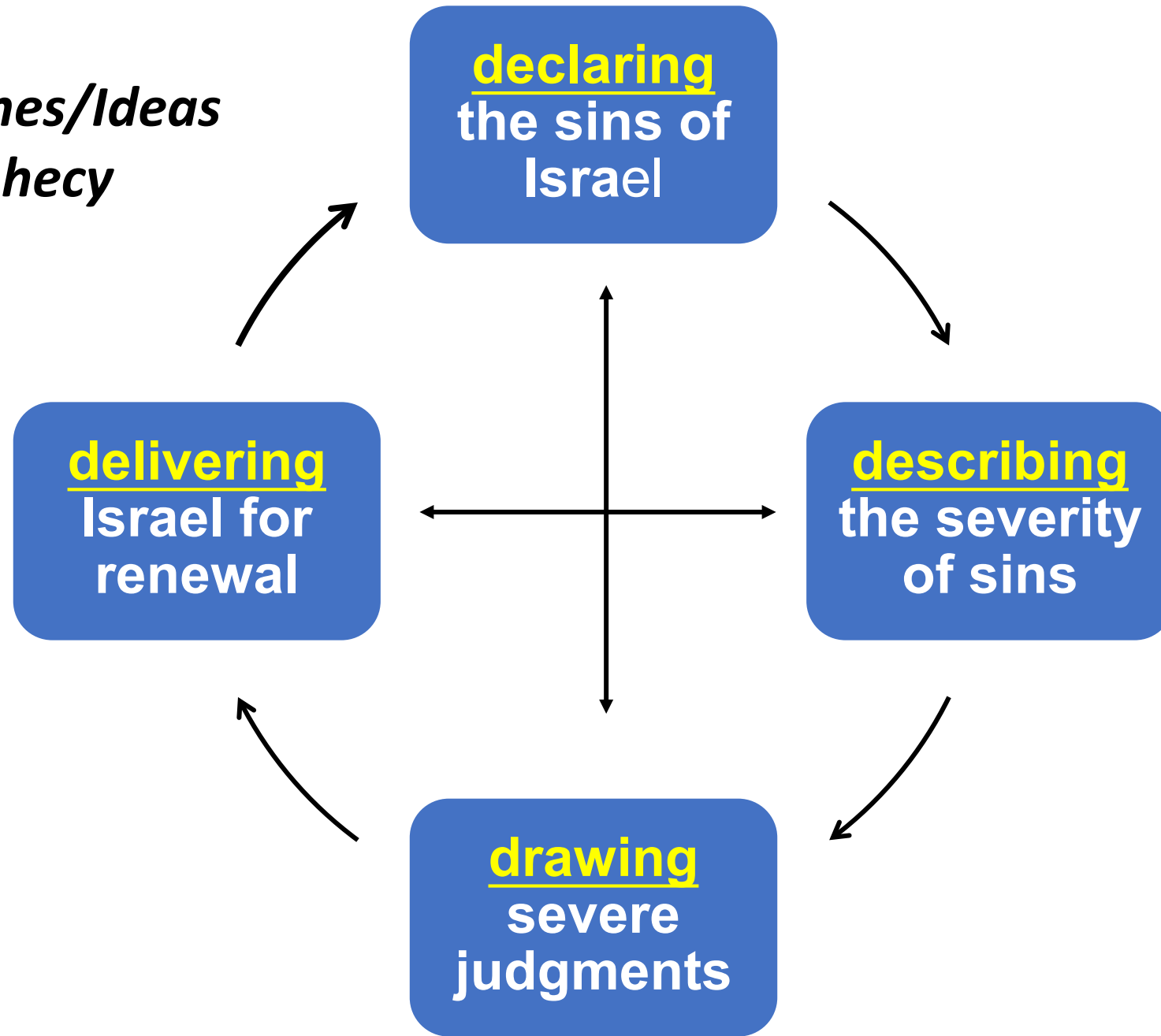


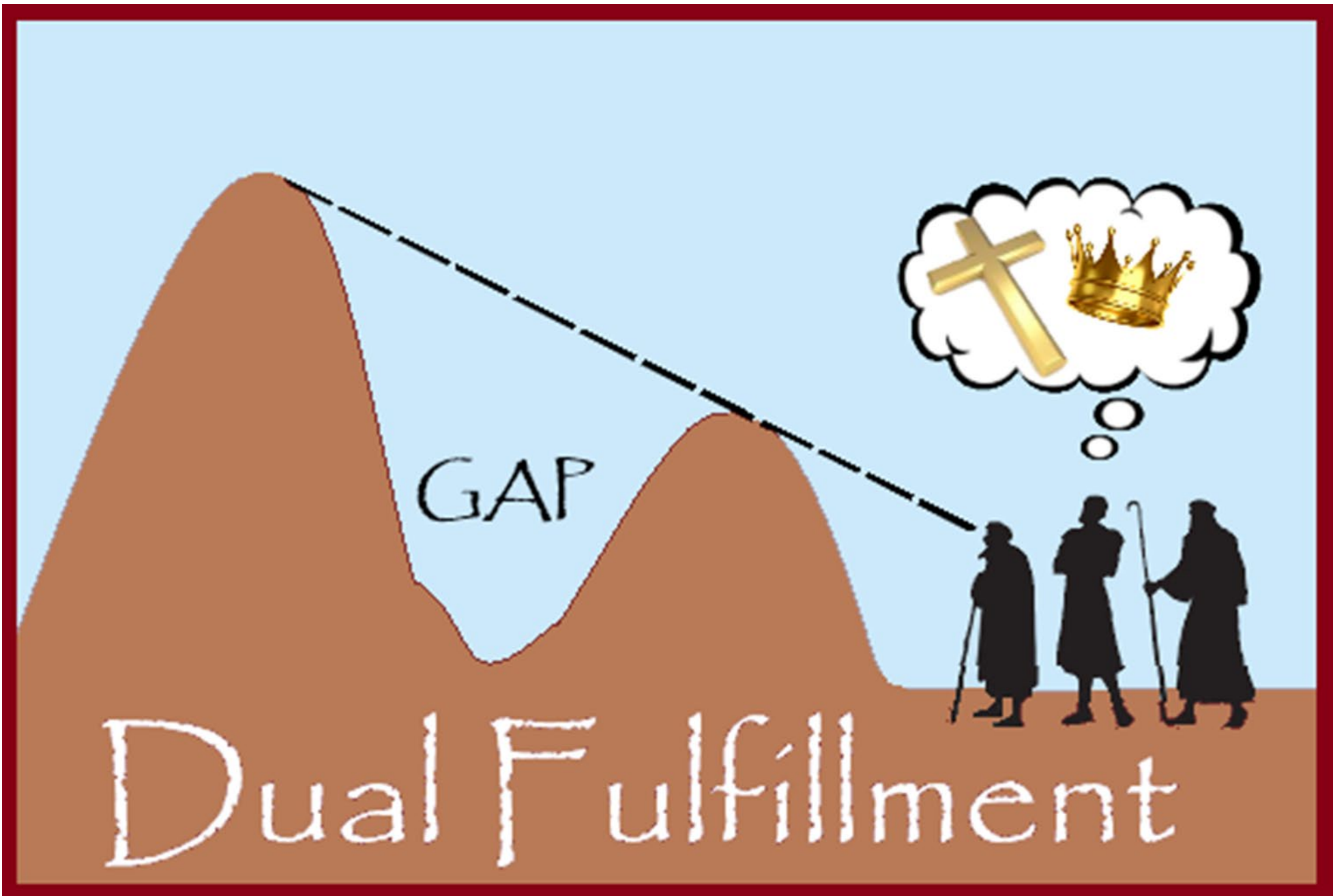
# Divided Kingdom

- Israel split into two separate kingdoms around 922 B.C.
- The northern part continued to be called Israel.
- The southern part came to be known as Judah.

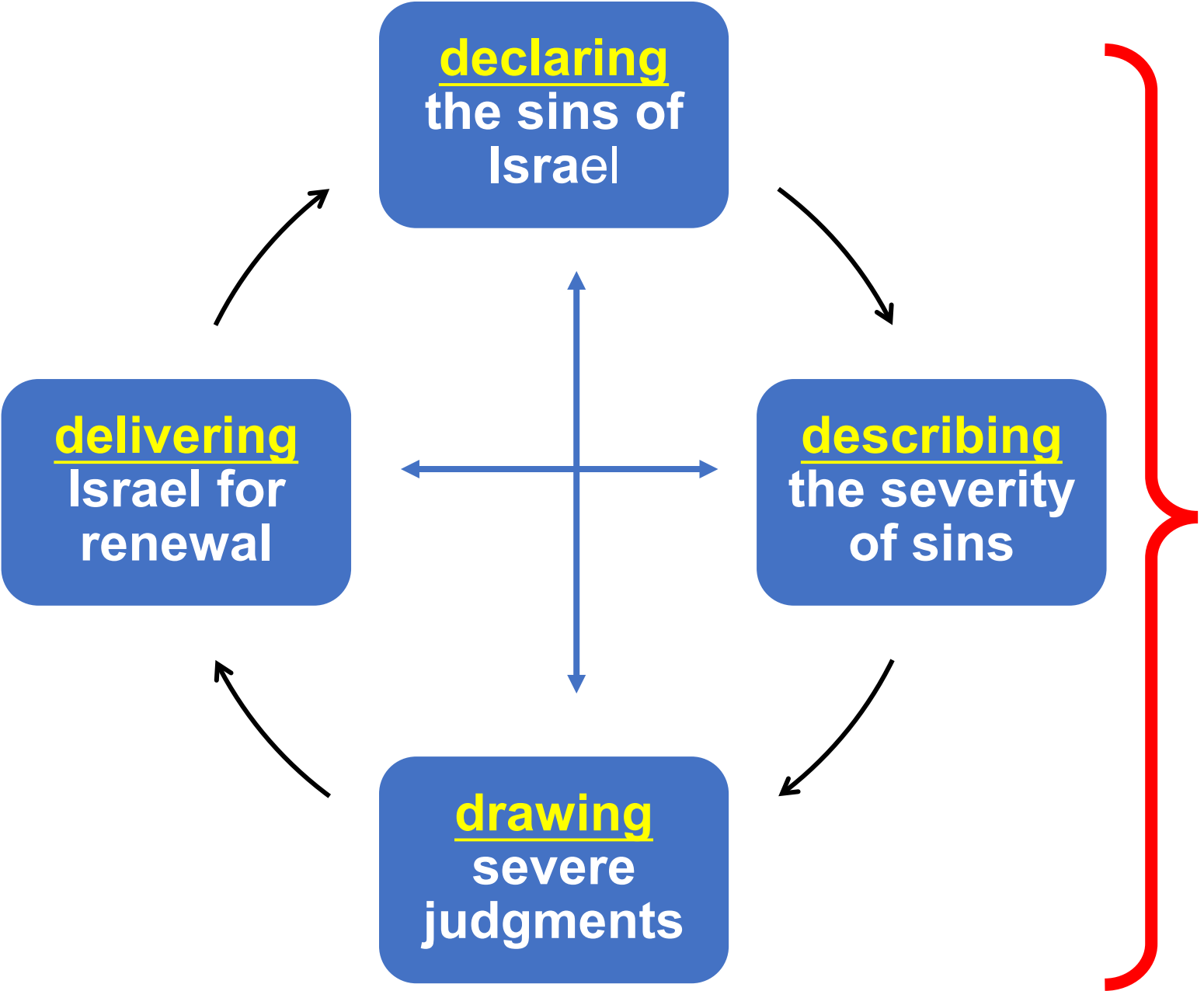


*4 Approaches/Ideas  
in the prophecy*









- 4 practical goals:**
- (1) to reveal to us the ***Character of God***
  - (2) to make us feel the ***horror or ugliness of sins***
  - (3) to respond to God's wrath and judgment with ***fear and awe***
  - (4) to ***humbly repent and renew*** our relationship

## Approaches in Calling Israel to Repentance & Renewal

(4 overlapping approaches/ideas seen through 7 points)

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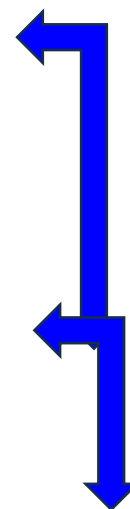
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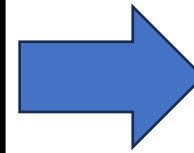
# Calling Israel to Repentance & Renewal

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### Previous Context

Hos 11:12 Ephraim has surrounded me with ***lies***, and the house of Israel with deceit, but ***Judah still walks with God*** and is faithful to the Holy One.

Hos 12:1 Ephraim feeds on the wind and pursues the east wind all day long; they ***multiply falsehood and violence***; they make a covenant with Assyria, and oil is carried to Egypt.



### Today's Beginning Text

Hos 12:2

**The LORD has an indictment against Judah** and will punish Jacob according to his ways; he will repay him according to his deeds.

## Judgment seen in the Parable of the Talents Matthew 25:20-26

<sup>20</sup> And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

<sup>22</sup> And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

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<sup>24</sup> He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup> But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! ...'



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Hos 12:3 In the womb he took his brother by the heel, and in his manhood **he strove** with God.

Hos 12:4 **He strove** with the angel and prevailed; **he wept and sought his favor.**

He met God at Bethel, and there God spoke with us—

Hos 12:5 the LORD, the God of hosts, the LORD is his memorial name:

Hos 12:6 “So you, **by the help of your God**, return, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for your God.”

## **Jacob sought Relationship with God Earnestly**

Gen 32:24 And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day.

Gen 32:25 When **the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob**, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

Gen 32:26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, ***"I will not let you go unless you bless me."***

Gen 32:27 And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

Gen 32:28 Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."

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Hos 12:7 A merchant, in whose hands are **false balances**, he **loves to oppress**.

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Hos 12:9 **I am the LORD your God from the land of Egypt;**

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Hos 12:10 I spoke to the prophets; **IT WAS I** who multiplied visions, and through the prophets gave parables.

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Hos 12:12 Jacob fled to the land of Aram; there Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he guarded sheep.

Hos 12:13 **By a prophet the LORD brought Israel up from Egypt, and by a prophet he was guarded.**



## ***Parable of Rich Fool Luke 12: 16-21***

16 ...“The land of a rich man produced plentifully,

17 and he thought to himself, ‘What shall **I** do, for **I** have nowhere to store my crops?’ 18 And he said, ‘**I** will do this: **I** will tear down **my** barns and build larger ones, and there **I** will store all **my** grain and **my** goods. 19 And **I** will say to my soul, “**Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.**”’

20 But God said to him, ‘Fool! **This night** your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’



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### ***(iii) Continuous Provocation 12:14-13:2***

**Hos 12:14** Ephraim has given **bitter provocation**; so his Lord will leave his bloodguilt on him and will repay him for his disgraceful deeds.

**Hos 13:1** When Ephraim spoke, there was trembling; he was exalted in Israel, but **he incurred guilt** through Baal and died.

**Hos 13:2** And now **they sin more and more**, and make for themselves metal images, idols skillfully made of their silver, all of them the work of craftsmen. It is said of them, “Those who offer human sacrifice kiss calves!”

1Kings 18:4

“and when

***Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD,***

Obadiah took a hundred prophets and hid them by fifties in a cave and fed them with bread and water.”



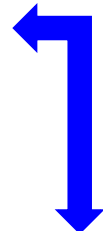
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Hos 13:3 **Therefore** they shall be like the **morning mist** or like the **dew** that goes early away, like the **chaff** that swirls from the threshing floor or like **smoke** from a window.



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Hos 13:4 **BUT** I am the LORD your God from the land of Egypt; you know no God but me, and **besides me there is no savior.**

Hos 13:5 **It was I** who knew you in the wilderness, in the land of drought;

Hos 13:6 but when they had grazed, they became full, they were filled, and their heart was lifted up; therefore **they forgot me.**

**Rom 12:1** I appeal to you therefore, brothers,  
**BY THE MERCIES OF GOD**, to present your bodies  
as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,  
which is your spiritual worship.

**Rom 12:2** Do not be conformed to this world, but  
be transformed **by the RENEWAL OF YOUR MIND**,  
that by testing you may discern what is the will of  
God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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Hos 13:7 So **I am to them like a lion; like a leopard** I will lurk beside the way.

Hos 13:8 I will fall upon them **like a bear** robbed of her cubs; I will tear open their breast, and there I will devour them **like a lion**, as a wild beast would rip them open.

Hos 13:9 He destroys you, O Israel, for **YOU ARE AGAINST ME**, against your helper.

Hos 13:10 Where now is your king, to save you in all your cities? Where are all your rulers— those of whom you said, "Give me a king and princes"?

Hos 13:11 I gave you a king in my anger, and I took him away in my wrath.

Hos 13:12 The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is kept in store.

Hos 13:13 The pangs of childbirth come for him, but he is an unwise son, for

**at the right time he does not present himself at the opening of the womb.**



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Hos 13:14

I shall **ransom** them from the power of Sheol;  
I shall redeem them from Death.  
O Death, where are your plagues?  
***O Sheol, where is your sting?***  
Compassion is hidden from my eyes.

1Cor 15:55

“O death, where is your victory?  
***O death, where is your sting?***”

1Cor 15:57

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## CONCLUSION: Totality & Completeness of Judgment

13:5, Ephraim was the most fruitful of all his brothers, but the east wind—a blast from the LORD—will arise in the desert.

All their flowing **springs will run dry,**  
and all their **wells will disappear.**

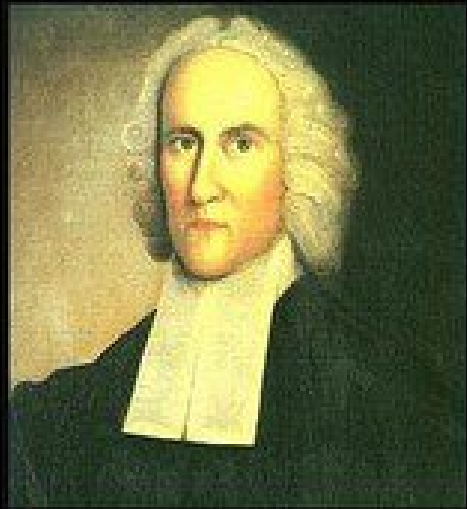
**Every precious thing** they own  
**will be plundered** and carried away.

13:16, The people of Samaria must bear the consequences of their guilt because they rebelled against their God.

They will be killed by an invading army, their **little ones dashed to death** against the ground, their **pregnant women ripped open** by swords.”



*Euphrates drying up.....*



The God that holds you over the pit of hell, much as one holds a spider... abhors you, and is dreadfully provoked: his wrath towards you burns like fire; he looks upon you as worthy of nothing else, but to be cast into the fire.

(Jonathan Edwards)

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