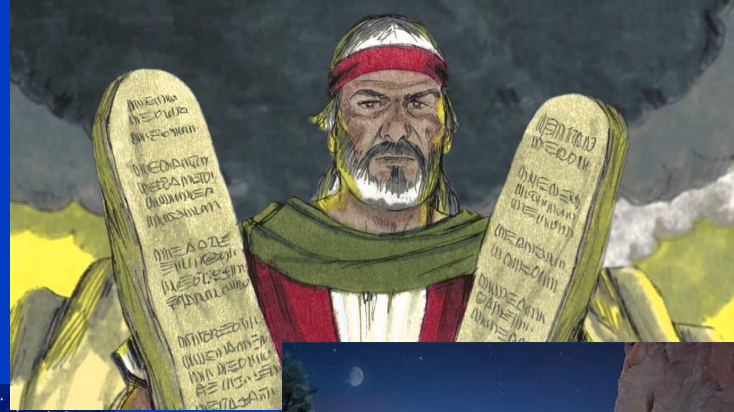


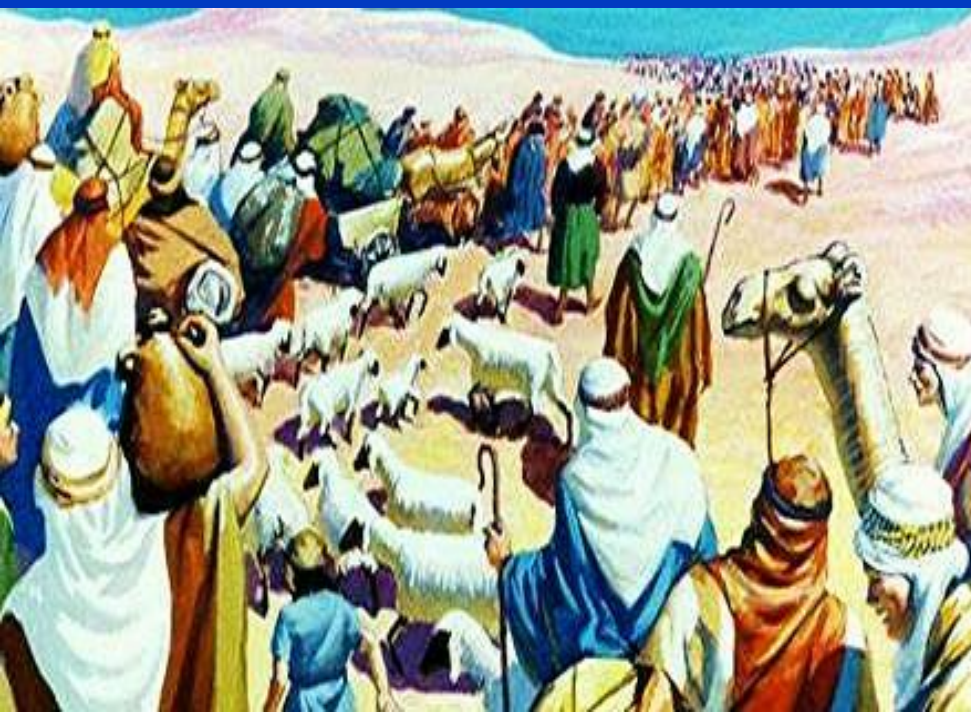
God's love language

# OBEDIENCE

- God says that after a long time has passed,
- His anger with Israel will pass
- Yehoveh's intent is for Israel to recognize their
- mistake and learn from it
- Repentance and return to keeping the terms
- of the Covenant of Moses



- Hosea is not writing a history; he's writing a prophecy
- Deuteronomy 4:1 – 31
- God will restore Israel to Himself based NOT on the Covenant of Moses, but rather on the Covenant of Abraham
- Every covenant God has made remains intact and operative, each made for a different purpose



# ***BEHOLD!***

- Behold means that what follows is important
- ***Pathah*** = allure, woo, entice, seduce, coax
- Coaxing will be needed because after centuries of living in foreign lands, that's the only home these Israelites know
- Wilderness is meant in a positive sense, to recall the exodus journey



- ***Akhor*** = trouble, affliction
- “in her youth” refers to the time immediately following God establishing a covenant relationship with Israel
- God-pattern: God will NOT overload us with expectations when we first come to know Him
- Acts 15:13 – 20
- Gentiles who accept Christ will be “young” just like Israel was (at first) “young” out in the wilderness



On that day

The Day of the Lord

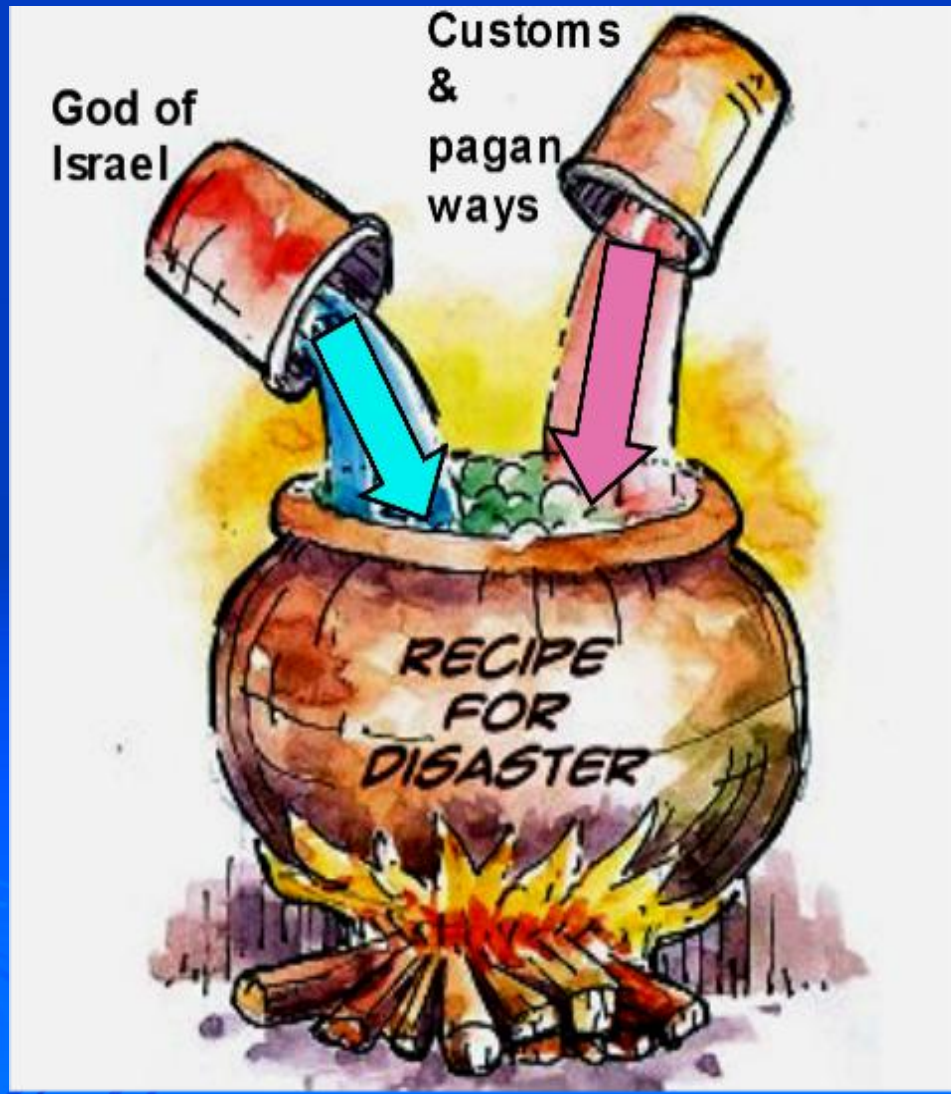
The End Times

The Latter Days

- Not “Lord” or *Adonai*
- *YHWH (Yehoveh)* appears 6000 times in the O.T.
- Most translations will only show around 10 times
- *Ishi* and *Baali* = husband and My Lord
- Intent is to say that the confusion between YHWH as Israel’s legitimate God, and illegitimate Baal, will end

# THE ISSUE IS SYNCRETISM

- From their beginning, Hebrews have struggled with idolatry
- When it's time for Israel to come home, God will make Himself known to them
- We seem to have entered into "On that day"!
- Hosea 2:20 reverses the effects of 2:14
- Divine harmony with nature is restored



I WILL BETROTH  
YOU TO ME

*forever.*

Hosea 2:21 - 22

- Statements are in symbolic marriage terms
- Basis of the betrothal: righteousness, judgment, grace, compassion
- ***Tzedek, mishpat, chesed, ruchamah***
- Faithfulness = ***emunah***
- Betrothal is binding and carries legal authority
- “You shall know YHWH” Necessary to say a god’s name as there were many gods worshipped

# NATURE RESPONDS

- **Anah** = answer, respond
- Sky > soil > grain, wine, oil
- Jezreel is turned from its negative use (recollection of murder) to its positive (God sows)
- Lo-Ruchamah > Ruchamah
- Lo-Ammi > Ammi
- Other prophets speak of this time Ezekiel 37:21 – 28
- The future of gentile Christians is entirely wrapped up in the future of Israel







# **Hosea**

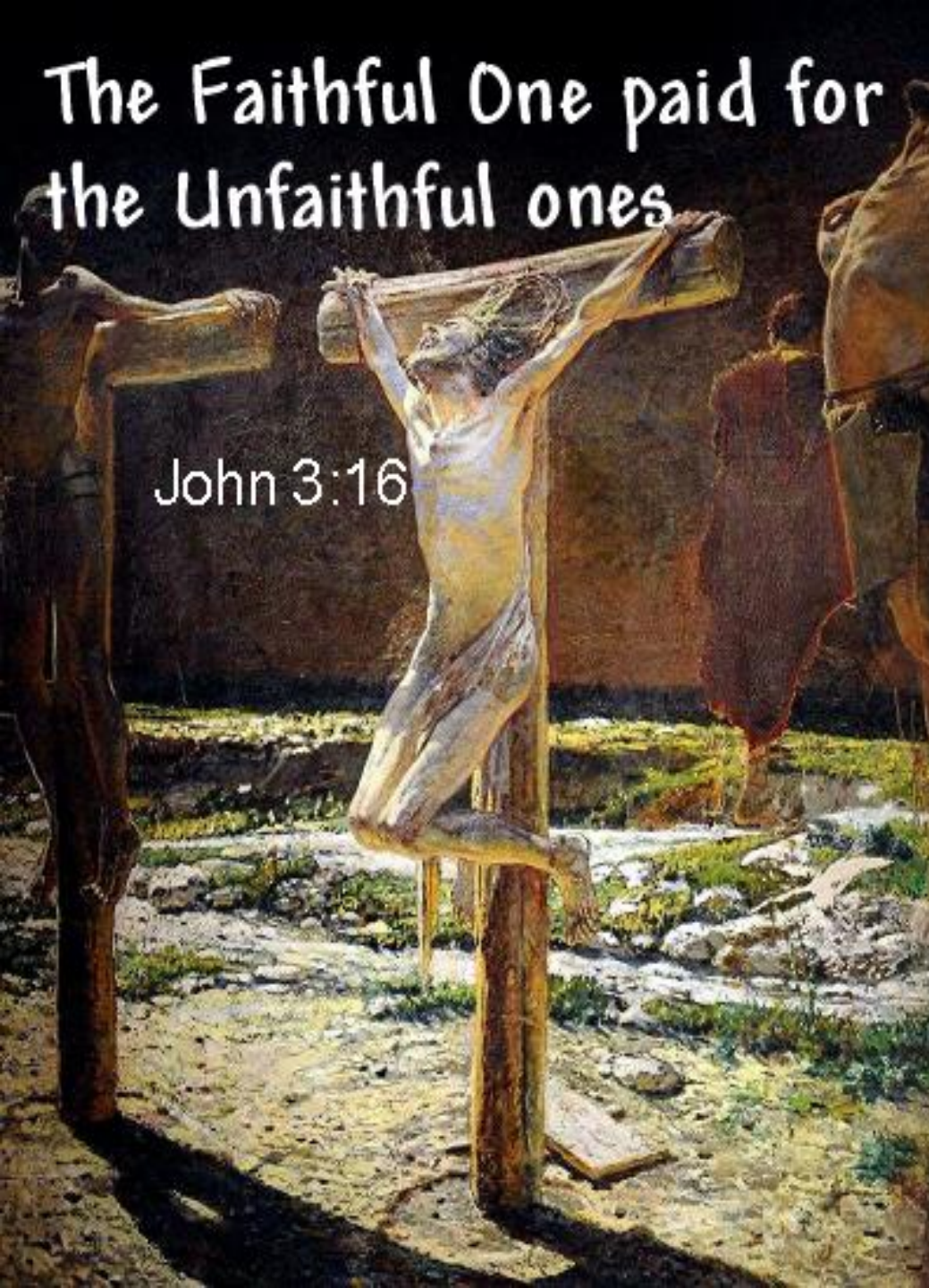
## **Chapter 3**

**Love that won't let me go**

- ***Ishshah*** can mean woman or wife
- Is this woman still Gomer?
- Adultery can only happen in the bounds of marriage
- The issue at hand is not Hosea's life; it is the meaning of the symbolism
- ***Rea*** = boyfriend, lover, paramour
- Hosea's act is symbolic imitation of God loving Israel

# The Faithful One paid for the Unfaithful ones

John 3:16



- Gomer doesn't deserve Hosea's love
- Israel doesn't deserve God's love
- To whom was the 15 shekels of silver and the barley paid?
- A second bride-price is being paid
- Symbolizes Gomer becoming a renewed wife
- Hosea restored his wife and it cost him, not her, to do it