

# SCANDALOUS LOVE

a study of Hosea



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## Timeline from 2300 BC – 33 AD

- Creation
- Noah 2300 BC
- Abraham / Isaac / Jacob 2000 BC
- Joseph and the Egyptian captivity 1700 BC
- Moses and the Exodus 1500 BC
- 40 years in the wilderness 1450 BC
- Conquest of Canaan 1400 BC
- 12 Tribes and the Judges 1200 BC
- 12 Tribes and the Kings 1100 BC
- Civil War and the Prophets 930 BC
- **Hosea**
- **Northern Kingdom (Israel disbanded) 722 BC**
- Southern Kingdom (Judah exiled) 586 BC
- Under Greek and Roman rule 33 AD





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- 4 For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without a king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods.
- 5 Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.



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Will we return to Him?

Will we seek Him?

Will we accept His proposal?

Will we call Him 'Husband'?

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