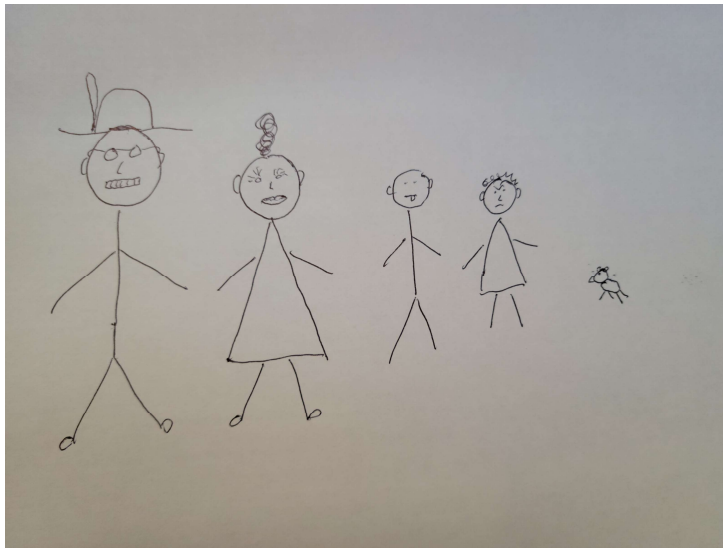




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Gomer

- A woman of fornications – that is, a promiscuous woman
- “children” indicate that she came with children conceived in fornication (at least two)
- God shows in the family of Hosea his nature and the nature of his people

3

Election

Israel was chosen by God

It was not because they were inherently better than any other nation (Deut. 7:7-8)

God married them when they were idolators by nature.

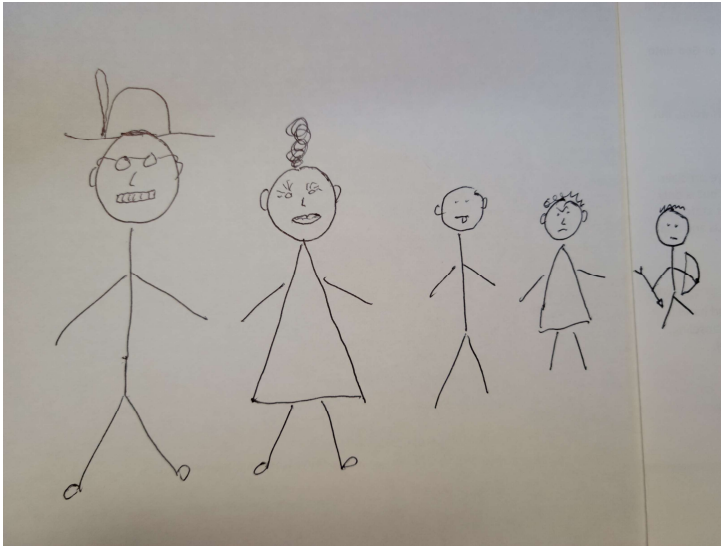
They did not choose God. God chose them.

This is illustrated by Hosea and Gomer

And it illustrates the election of the church in Christ.

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, (Eph. 1:1)

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Jezre-el

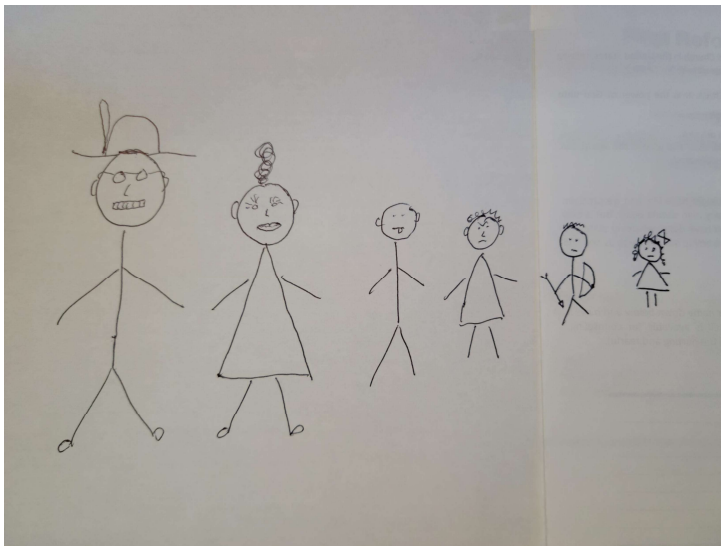
“Jezre-el” means “God Sows”

It was the name of the fertile valley (and village)

It was here that Jehu slaughtered the king of Israel, the king of Judah and Jezebel.

It was here that Jehu ordered the execution of all the sons of Ahab

5



Lo-Ruhammah

“Ruhammah” is related for the word “womb”. It means compassion, intense love, as a mother for her child

Lo-ruhammah means that God once had compassion like this for Israel, but now he no longer has it.

“I will utterly take them away”.

6

Compassion on Judah (verse 7)

In Judah, there were still those who called on the name of the Lord

For David's sake, as God said repeatedly, he would not utterly cast Judah away. (Isaiah 37:35)

Here is a hint at the Redeemer to come. For David's sake – that is, God made a promise to David and God will keep it.

7

Lo-ammi

Lo Ammi means “not my people”

For those who knew God's revelation, this was the worst thing that could happen to Israel

They were delivered from slavery because they were “my people”

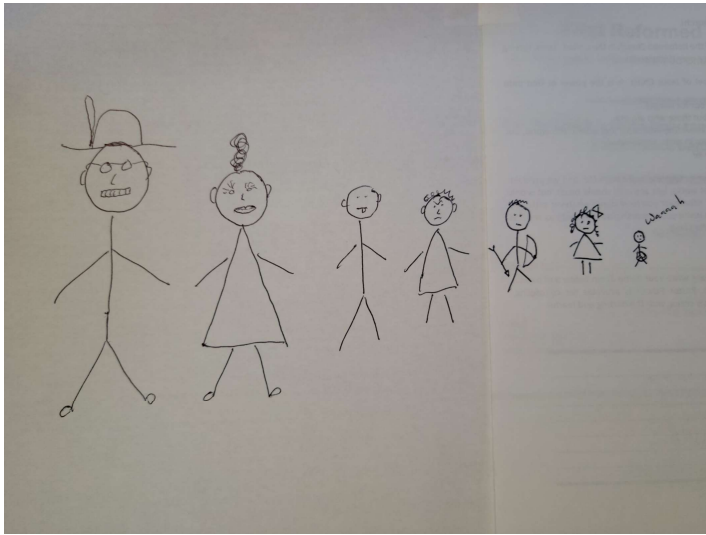
They were the people of God by covenant, but now that covenant is broken.

This is God's divorce of his people.

God reverses the covenant formula: I am not your god.

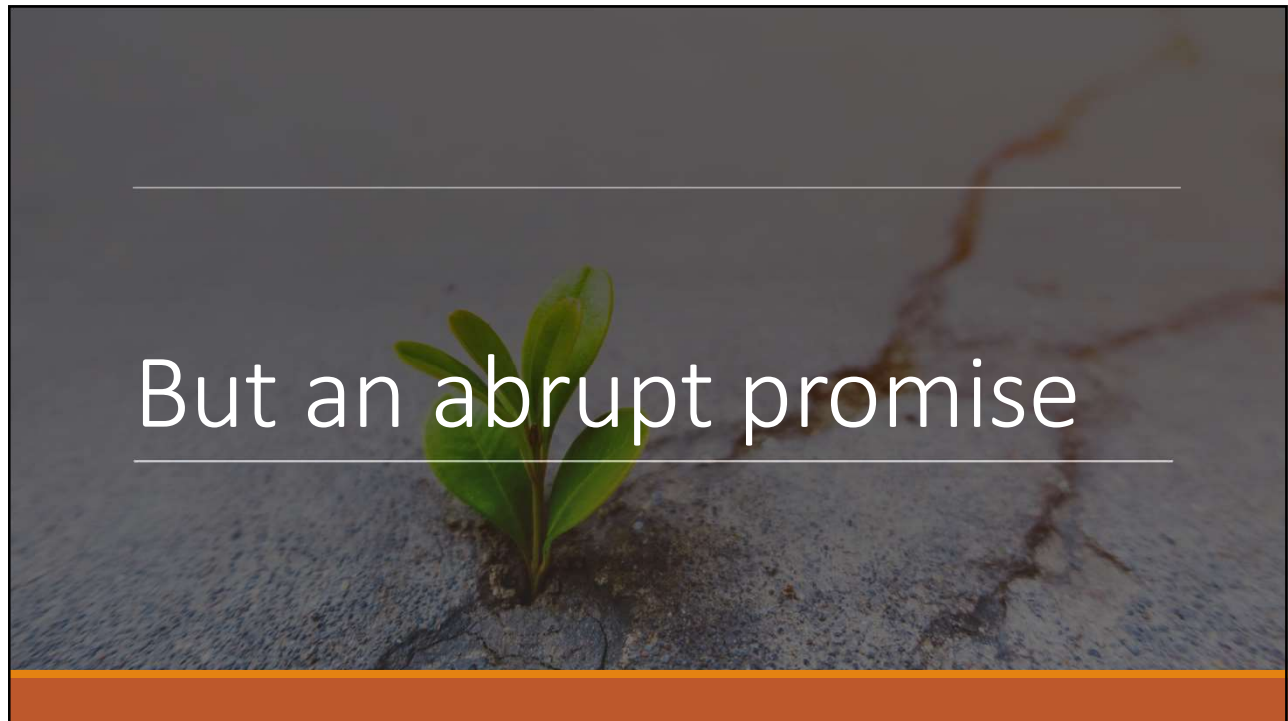
“You want to be treated like every other nation. You now have your wish.”

8



Hosea's
family is
complete

9



10

God is faithful

Verses 10 – 2:1

God made a promise to Abraham

This promise was made by grace, not law

God passed through the pieces, not Abraham (Genesis 15)

So God will fulfill the covenant.

Israel will be driven away and scattered

But God will gather them together again.

11

Abraham revisited

The promise to Abraham and Moses is repeated

Sands of the seashore

Sons of the Living God.

God is seeking an obedient son.

Adam, the Son of God, failed

Israel, the firstborn son, failed

But Christ will obey

12

Abraham revisited

The eternal Son of God becomes flesh and obeys as the Israel of God.

Matthew portrays him re-walking the steps of the nation.

Out of Egypt I have called my Son

The spirit is poured out on him

He withstands temptation for 40 days in the wilderness

13

One nation

He is the beloved Son

He calls Judah, Israel and then the whole world to himself,
joining them together into one

And there he says to them, "You are my people"

And we answer "You are our God"

Jezreel, the valley where Israel suffered so much defeat, would
become a symbol of victory.

14

The New Covenant

God's wrath and God's mercy are revealed

(1 Pet. 2:2-10)

² As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

³ If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

15

The New Covenant

⁴ To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious,

⁵ Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

⁶ Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

16

The New Covenant

⁷ Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

⁸ And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

⁹ But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

¹⁰ Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

17

The end of old Israel

At this point, God is finished with the Northern Kingdom of Israel

They have been repeatedly warned against the sin of Jeroboam son of Nebat

But they have devolved further and further into idolatry

They are now past the point of repentance

When Judah conspired to crucify Christ, God was finished with them. Their house was left desolate

18

The Israel of God

But the old has passed to make way for the new.

The New Israel – decreed from the beginning but hidden until the time was right.

The New Israel is Jesus Christ

He is the seed.

Acts portrays the promise – first in Judah, then in Samaria, then to the world.

God is gathering his church.

The covenant promise is again repeated in the last day, when the tabernacle of God is with mankind again (Revelation 21:3)