

Hoshea Perek 1

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Note II: Rambam and Ibn Ezra learn that Hoshea saw these events through a prophetic vision but did not actually do them. However, the Radak, Abarbenal, Malbim and Metzudos learn that Hoshea actually did perform the events mentioned in this Perek.

Hoshea was commanded to have children with a prostitute. Note: This represented how Yisrael was cheating on God by worshiping idols.

Hoshea took a prostitute named Gomer and had three children with her:

- 1) A son named Yizra'el, which meant that God is going to avenge the blood of Yehu (an evil king) in a place called the Valley of Yizra'el.
- 2) A daughter named Lo-Ruchama, meaning not pitied. This indicates Hashem's message: "I will not have pity on the ten tribes of Yisrael, but I will have mercy on the house of Yehudah and I will rescue them with miracles.
- 3) After weaning Lo-Ruchama, Gomer had another son named Lo-Ami, meaning not my people.

Hashem was angry at the ten tribes of Yisrael for failing to keep their covenant with God.