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# Through The Bible Session 29

## The Minor Prophets

Hosea / Joel / Amos / Obadiah

*From the miracle of our origin to the mystery of our destiny*

# The History of the Kings of Israel

(c.985 B.C.)

Jeroboam 22y

Nadab 2y

Baasha 24y

Elah 2y

Zimri 1wk

Tibni ↔ Omri 12y

Elijah

Ahab 22y

Ahaziah 2y

Elisha

Jehoram 12y

Jehu 28y

Jehoahaz 17y

Joash 16y

Elisha

Jeroboam 64y **Hosea / Amos**

Zachariah 6mth

Shallum 1mth

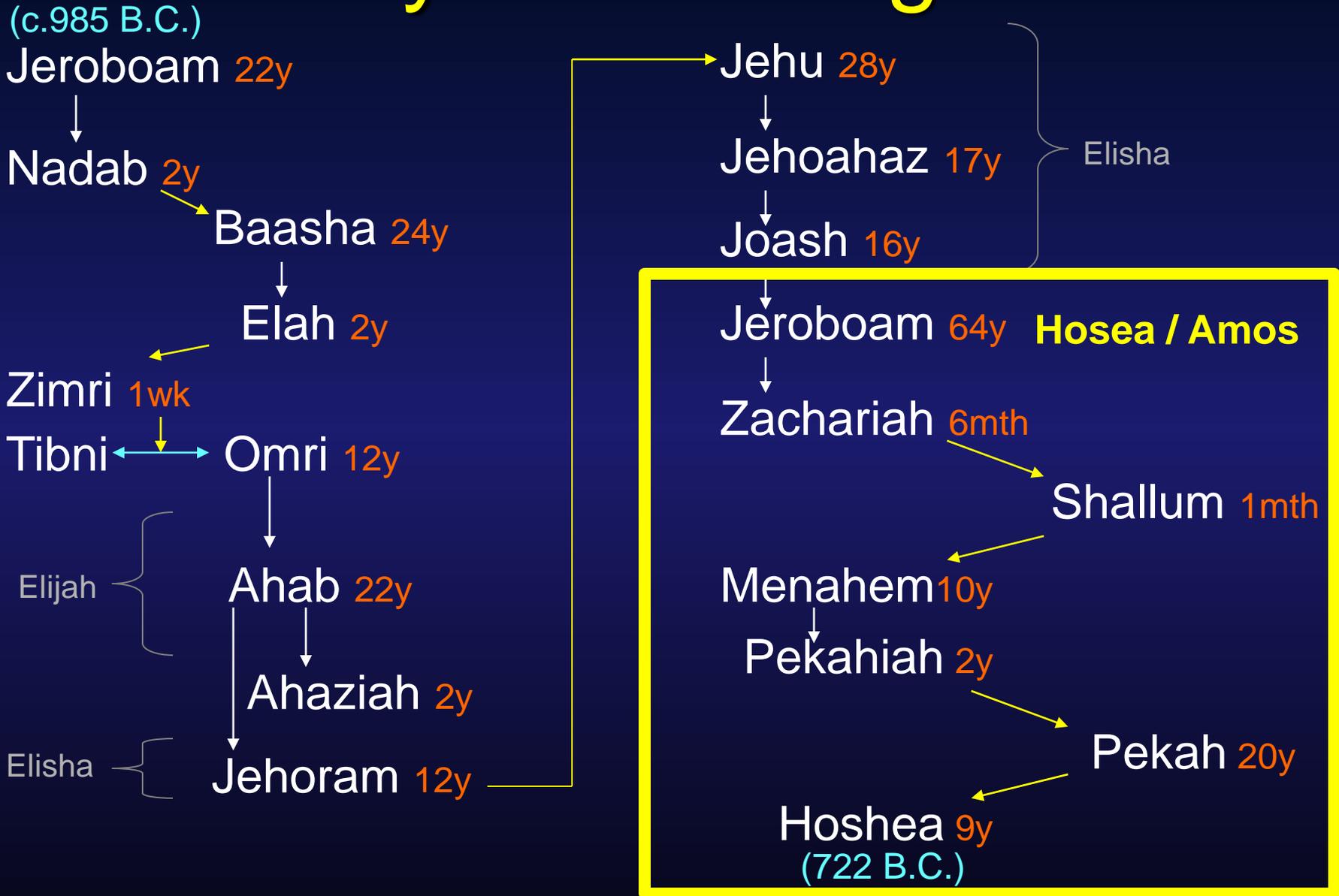
Menahem 10y

Pekahiah 2y

Pekah 20y

Hoshea 9y

(722 B.C.)



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Ahaziah 1y

Q. Athaliah 6y

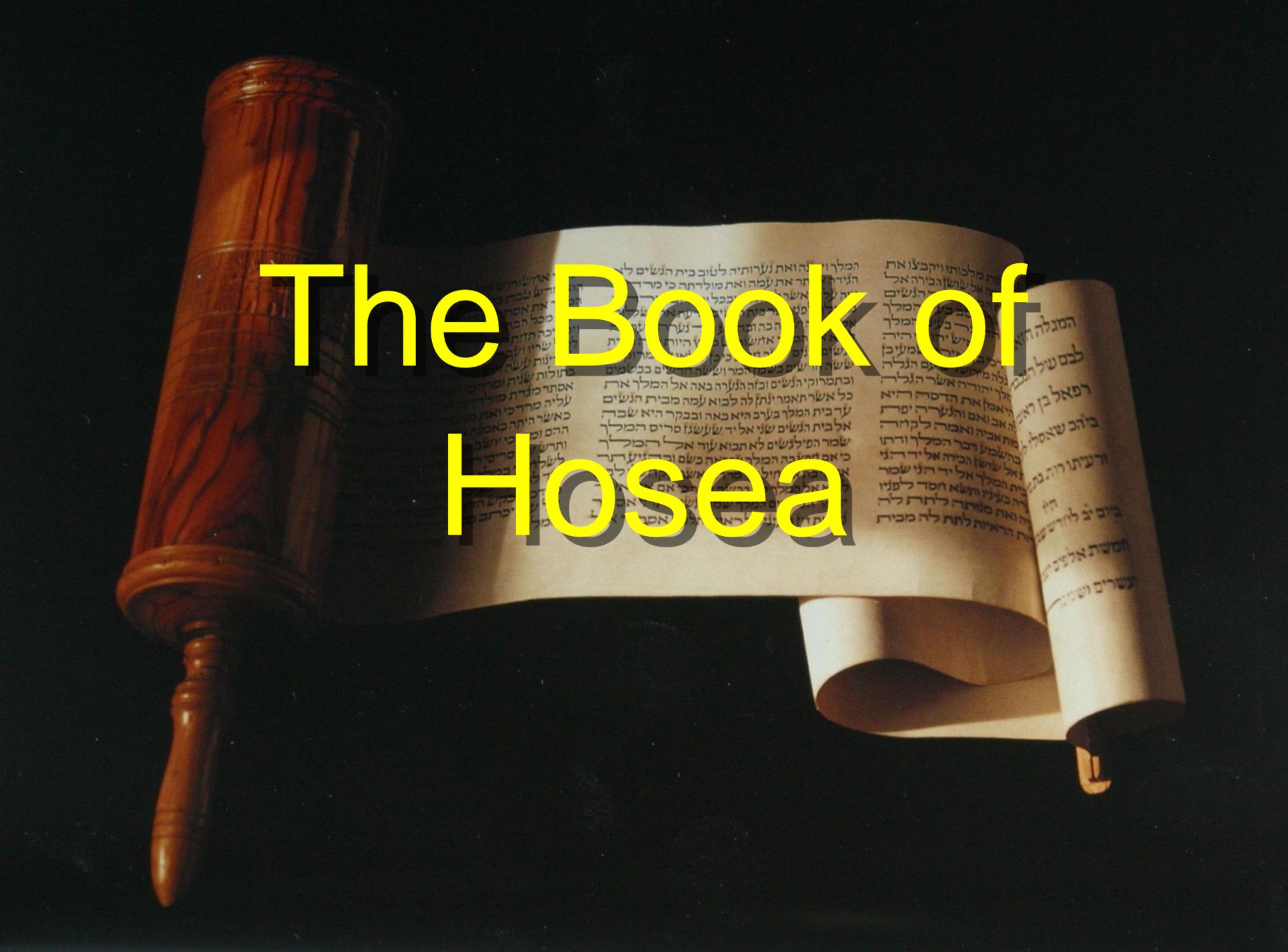
Jehoash 40y

Amaziah 29y

Isaiah (Uzziah) Azariah 52y

**Hosea** **Amos**





# The Book of Hosea

# Hosea

- The loving prophet
  - The Jeremiah of the North
- He is quoted more than 30 times in the New Testament, more than any other 'Minor Prophet'.
- *"In all the world's literature, there is no record of human love like that of Hosea."* George Robinson

# Hosea

- *“We have in the Book of Hosea one of the most arresting revelations of the real nature of sin, and one of the clearest interpretations of the strength of the Divine love. No one can read the story of Hosea without realizing the agony of his heart. Then, lift the human to the level of the Infinite, and know this, that sin wounds the heart of God.”*

G. Campbell Morgan

# Hosea

- *“Hosea is one of the greatest lovers in all literature. We find his love so strong that even the worst actions of an unfaithful wife could not kill it”* – **Henrietta C Mears**

# Hosea

- The golden age of Jeroboam II was passing and a dark cloud hung over Israel. On the death of Jeroboam, six kings followed in quick succession. Within 24 years 4 were assassinated.
- Mid way through Hosea's ministry a large part of the nation were carried away by the Assyrians. At the end of Hosea's life the kingdom of Israel came to an end with the fall of Samaria. Hosea lived to see some of his own prophecies fulfilled.

# Hosea

- Hosea is told to marry *'a wife of whoredoms'*
- He marries Gomer and they have 3 children:
- Jezreel
  - God scatters / God sows
- Lo-ruhamah
  - No mercy
- Lo-ammi:
  - You are not my people

# Israel's Blacklist of Sin

- Falsehood 4:1
- Licentiousness 4:11
- Murder 5:2
- Robbery 7:1
- Oppression 12:7

# God's Figures for Sin

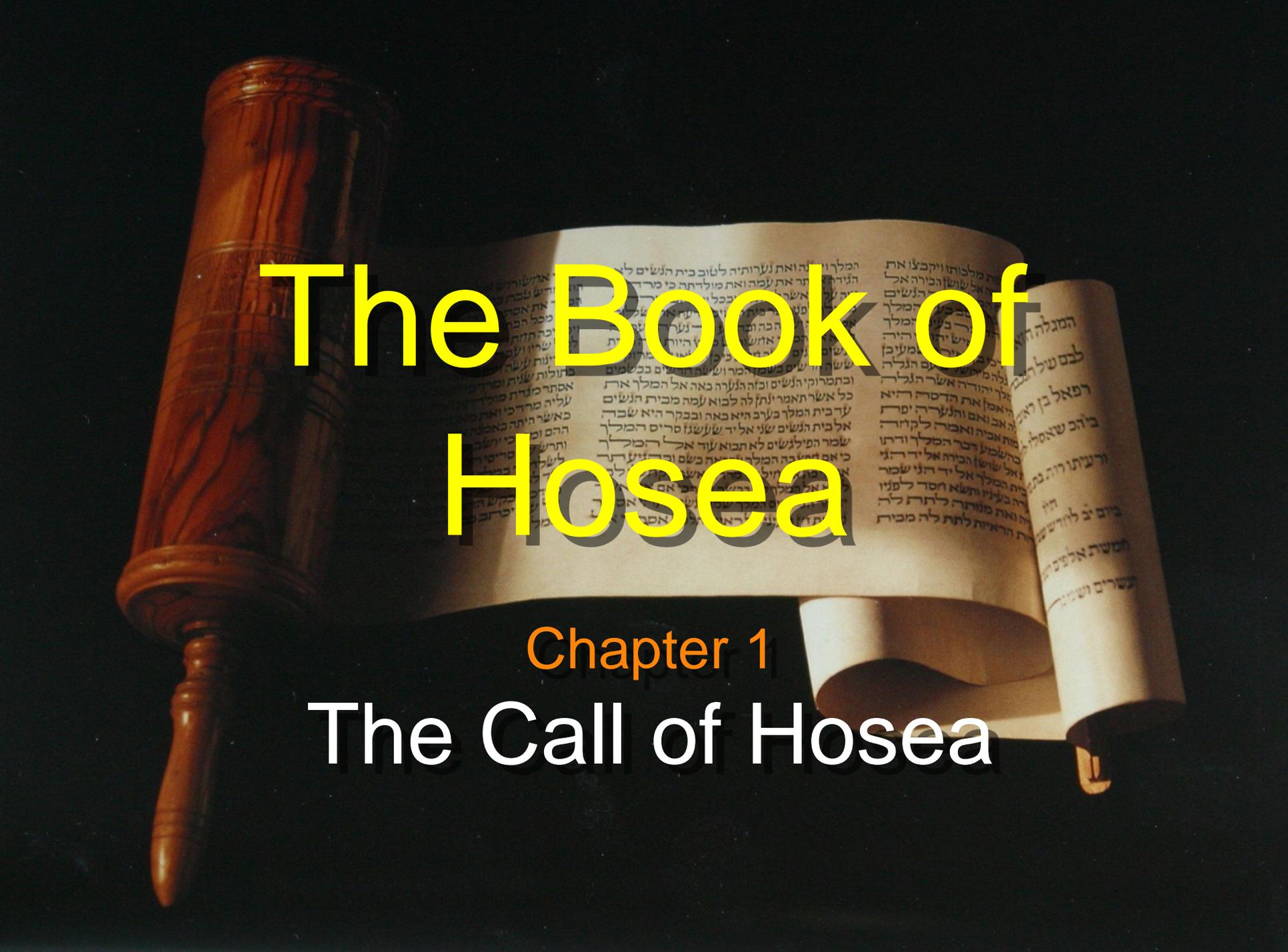
- An adulterous wife 3:1
- A wine-inflamed drunkard 4:11
- A backsliding heifer 4:16
- As troops of robbers 6:9
- Adulterers 7:4
- Hot as an oven 7:7
- A cake not turned 8:8
- Like a silly dove 7:11
- Like a deceitful covenant 7:16
- A wild ass 8:9

# Hosea

- Key Verses:
  - 14:1 - "O Israel, return unto Jehovah thy God: for thou hast fallen by thy iniquity."
  - 14:4 - "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely..."
- Key Words:
  - "Return" used 15 times.
  - "Whoredom" used 16 times, referring not only to Israel's immorality, but also to her unfaithfulness to God.

# Hosea

- Hosea's call & The rejection of Israel 1:1–9
- The restoration of Israel promised 1:10–2:1
- God's warning against Israel's unfaithfulness and judgment prophesied 2:2–13
- A future of blessing foretold for Israel 2:14–23
- The redemption of Hosea's wife a type of Israel's ultimate return to God Ch 3
- God's controversy with his people Ch 4–10
- In wrath, God remembers mercy Ch 11–13
- Israel urged to repent & enjoy blessing Ch 14



# The Book of Hosea

## Chapter 1

# The Call of Hosea

5 And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.

Hosea 1:5

- The bow is a symbol of the covenant
- The covenant with Israel will be broken in the valley of Jezreel
  - Jezreel means to scatter
- From here Israel were scattered among the nations
  - First to Assyria, then global dispersal

# Three Major Covenants

- **God's Covenant with Abraham** Gen 15
  - In his seed all nations shall be blessed
- **God's Covenant with Israel** Deut 28-31
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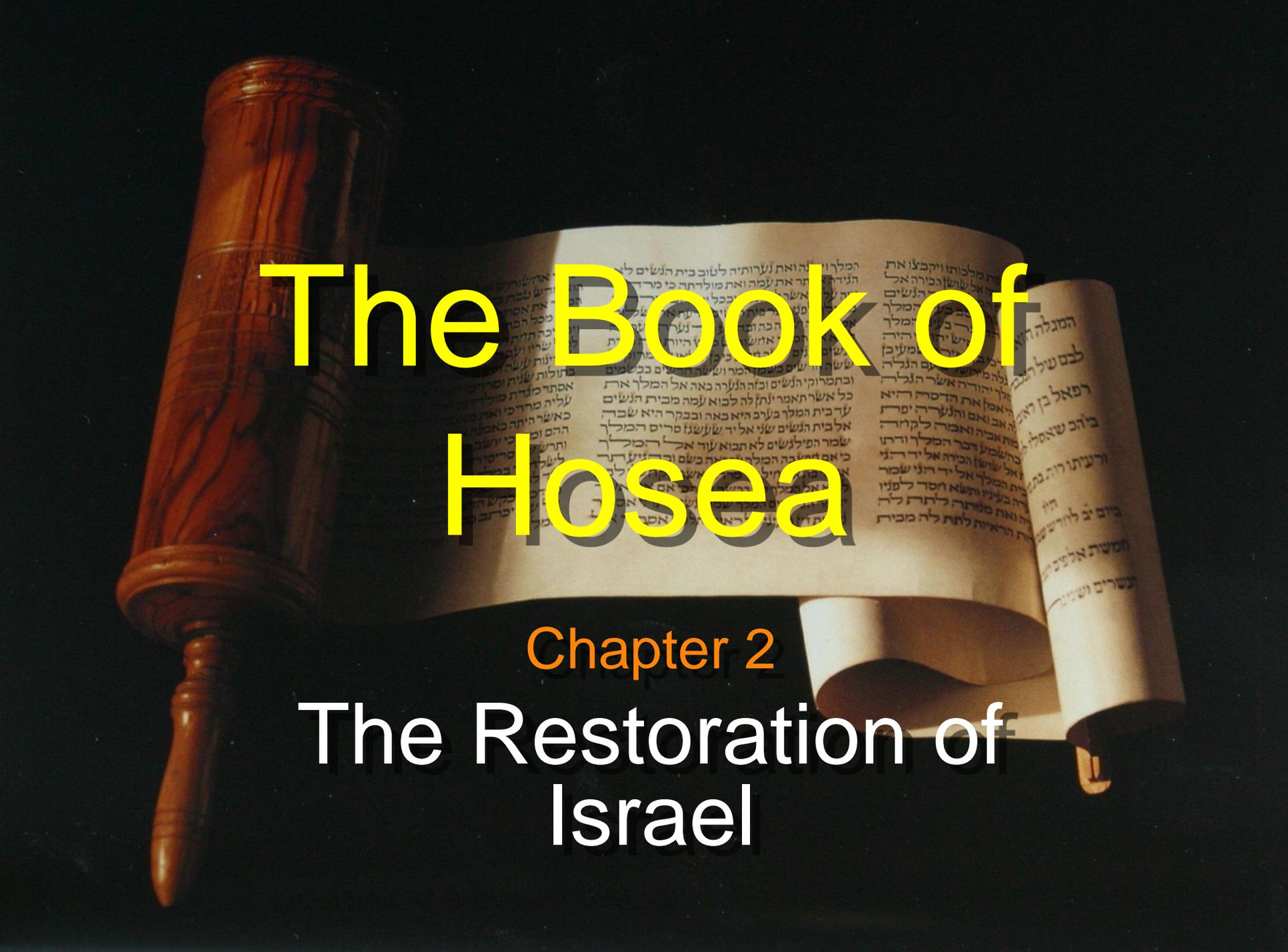
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**IO** Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.

**II** Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel **be gathered** together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of **Jezreel**.

Hosea 1:10-11

- Jezreel also means to gather



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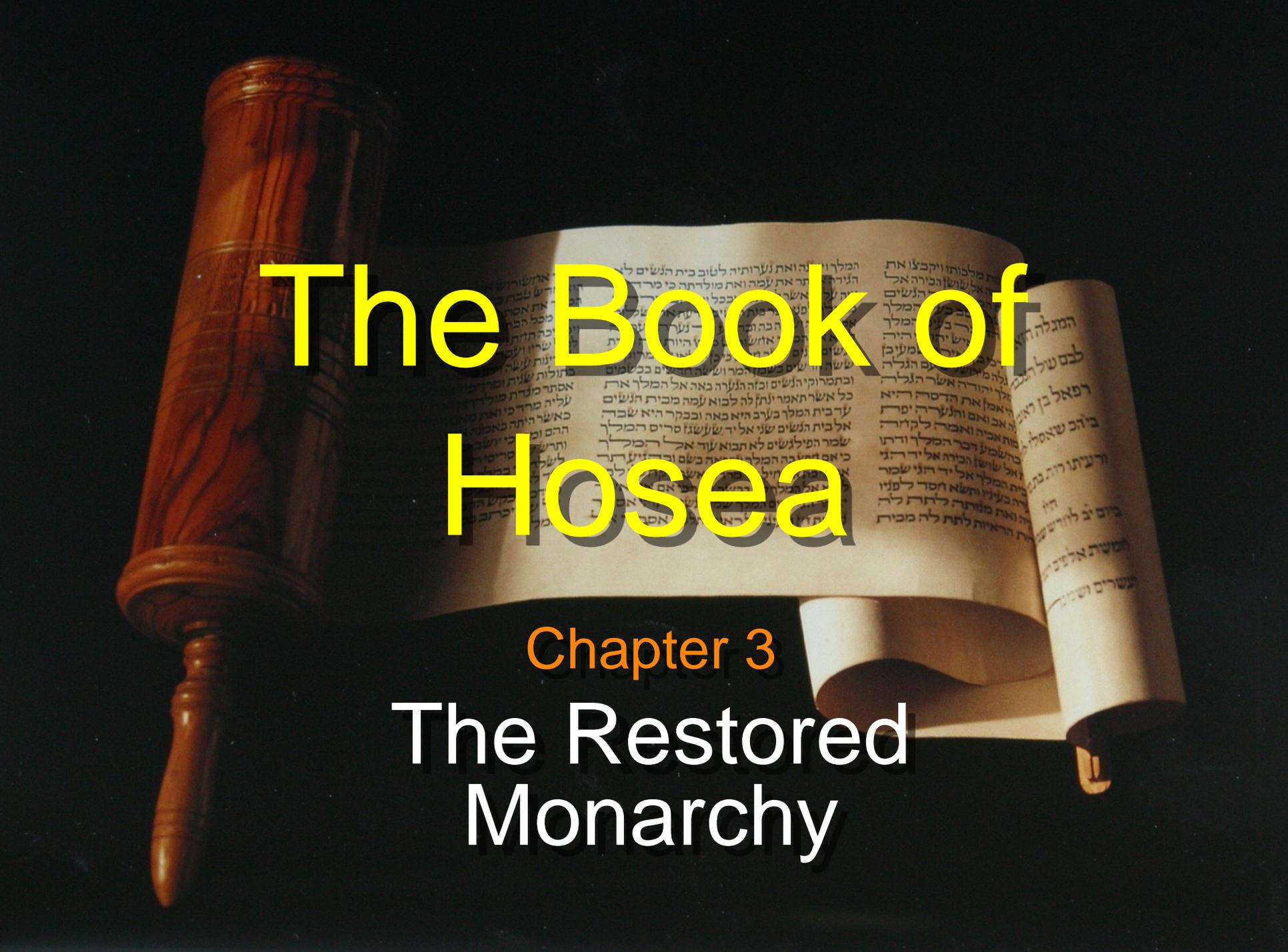
## Chapter 2

# The Restoration of Israel

<sup>23</sup> And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

Hosea 2:23

- Though Israel had forfeited the Mosaic covenant blessings through disobedience...
- Yet Through God's faithfulness they will be restored
  - This is the part of scripture that Islam and Replacement theology has missed!



# The Book of Hosea

## Chapter 3

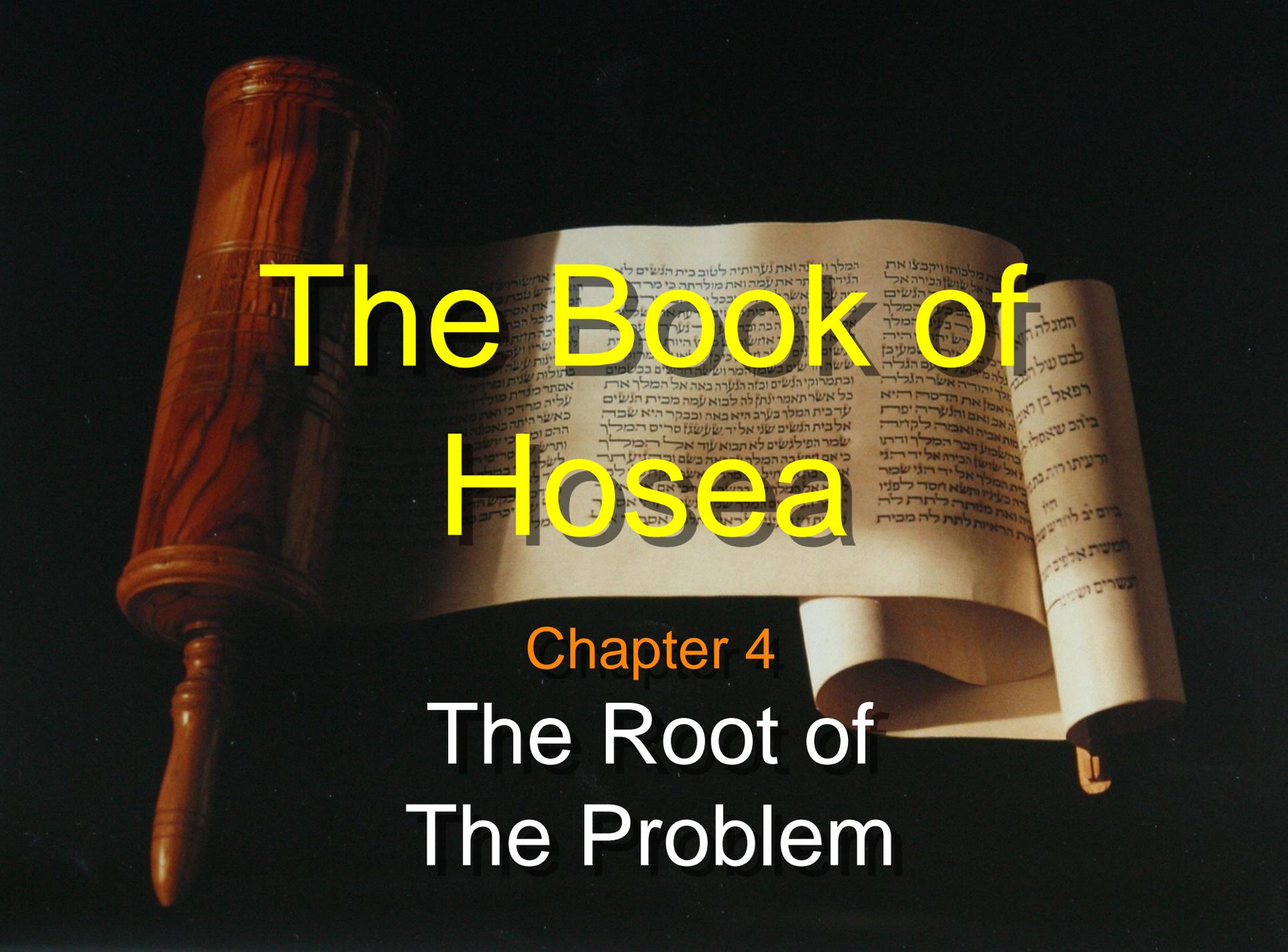
## The Restored Monarchy

4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim:

5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

Hosea 3:4-5

- The miracle is that Israel have abided!
- As with Job, David will be resurrected to rule over the house of Israel



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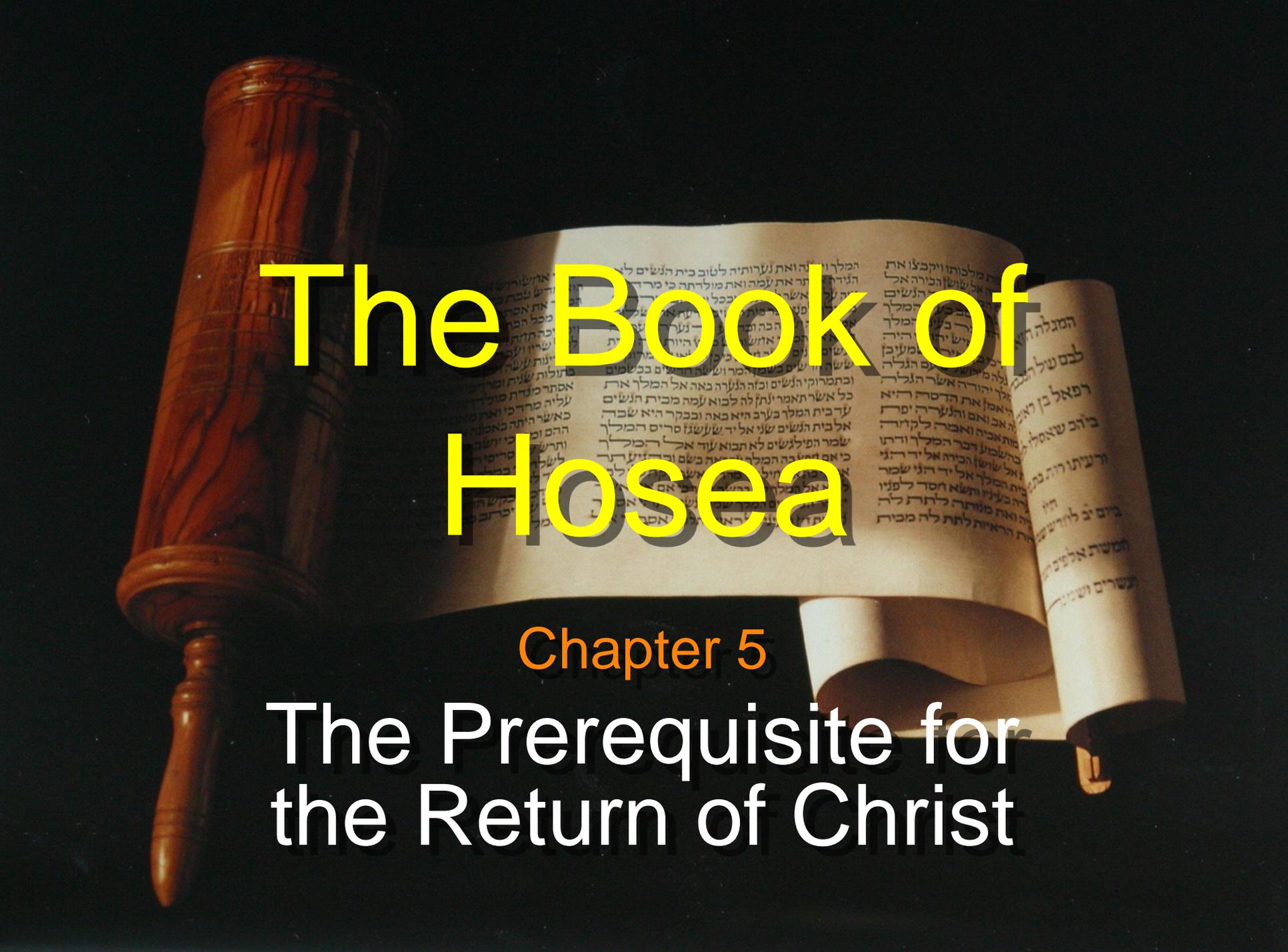
## Chapter 4

## The Root of The Problem

<sup>6</sup> My people are destroyed for **lack of knowledge:** because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Hosea 4:6

- A lack of knowledge led to the fall
  - Eve had not been properly taught & when challenged was uncertain ‘ye has God said...’
  - Do you know the promises & commandments of God



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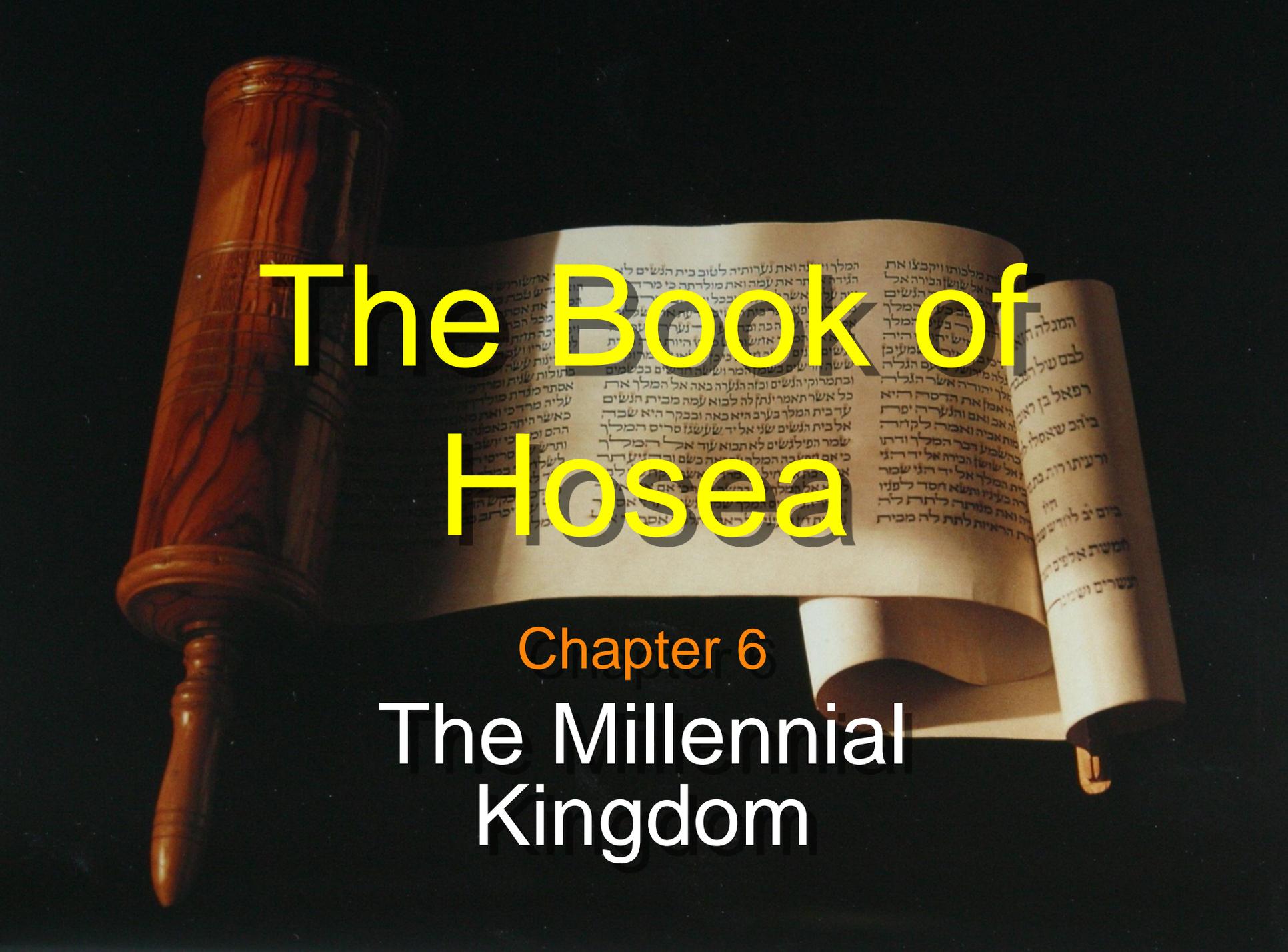
## Chapter 5

The Prerequisite for  
the Return of Christ

<sup>15</sup> I will go and return to my place, **till** they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

Hosea 5:15

- The key to understanding anti-Semitism
- Israel will finally see and petition Jesus their Messiah
  - This will coincide with the fullness of the Gentiles being gathered in
  - Occurs around Rev 16 after the last of the Gentiles are saved



# The Book of Hosea

## Chapter 6

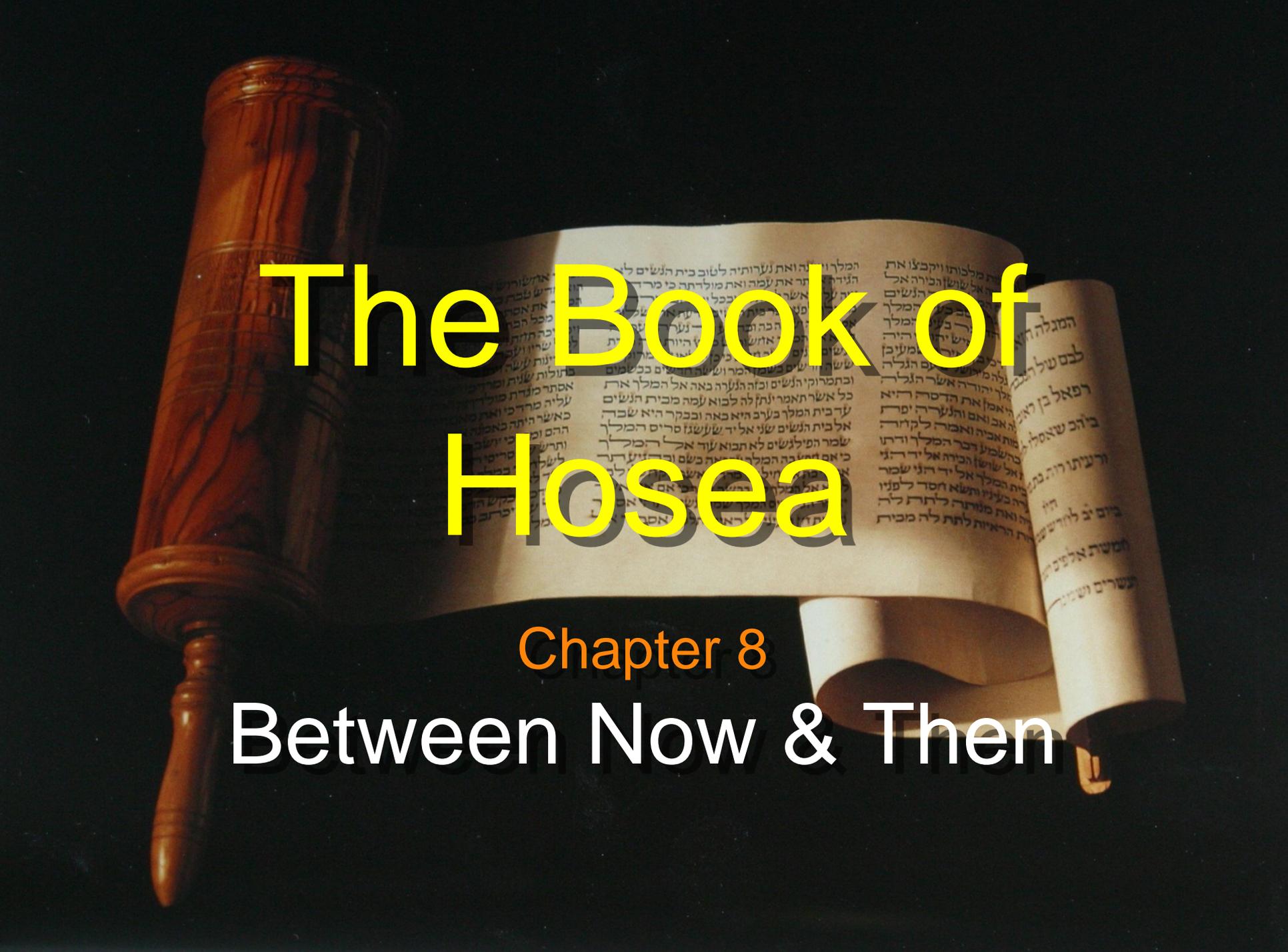
# The Millennial Kingdom

*<sup>1</sup> Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.*

*<sup>2</sup> After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.*

**Hosea 6:1-2**

- Are the days here literal 24 hour days?
  - Tim La Haye suggests yes
- How long will Israel live in His sight?
- 1000 years
- If the '3<sup>rd</sup> day' = 1000yrs, we must be approaching the end of the '2<sup>nd</sup> day' !



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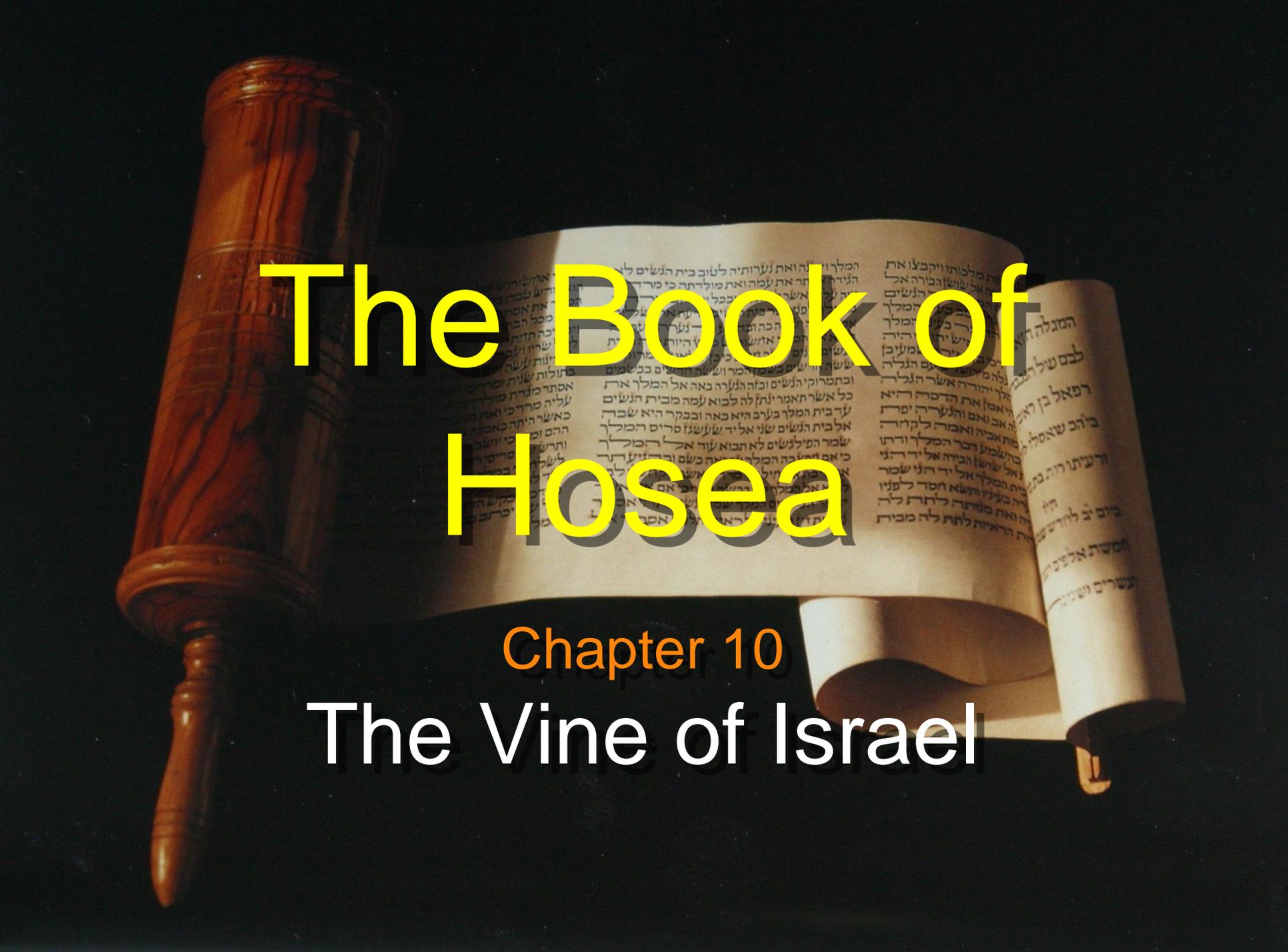
## Chapter 8

## Between Now & Then

*8 Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure.*

**Hosea 8:8**

- This prophecy has been fulfilled in the most dramatic fashion
- Even Israel's allies are against her!



# The Book of Hosea

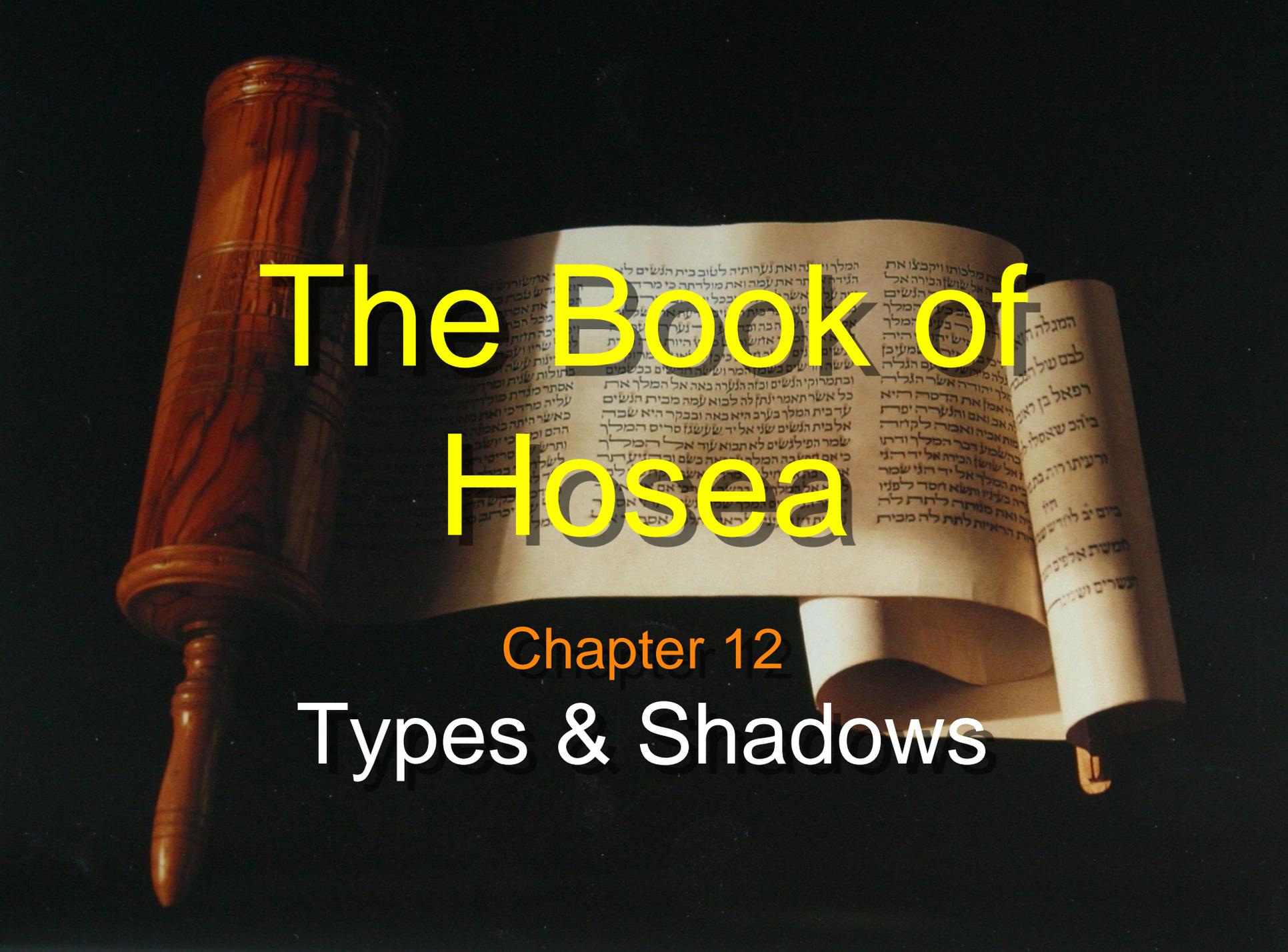
## Chapter 10

# The Vine of Israel

*1 Israel is an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images.*

**Hosea 10:1**

- Israel were to be a vine that brought refreshing & the knowledge of God to the world
- Satan countered this with 'The Vine of the Earth' **Rev 14:18-19** that began in Babylon
  - The purpose of which was to lead **AWAY** from God
- Jesus then comes as the True Vine **John 15:1**



# The Book of Hosea

Chapter 12

Types & Shadows

<sup>10</sup> I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.

Hosea 12:10

- Adam & Eve 1 Tim 2:14
- Abraham & Isaac Gen 22, 24
- Joseph (over 100 ways a type of Christ) Gen 37-50
- Jonah (3 days & 3 nights) Jonah 1:17
- The 7 Feasts of Israel Leviticus 23

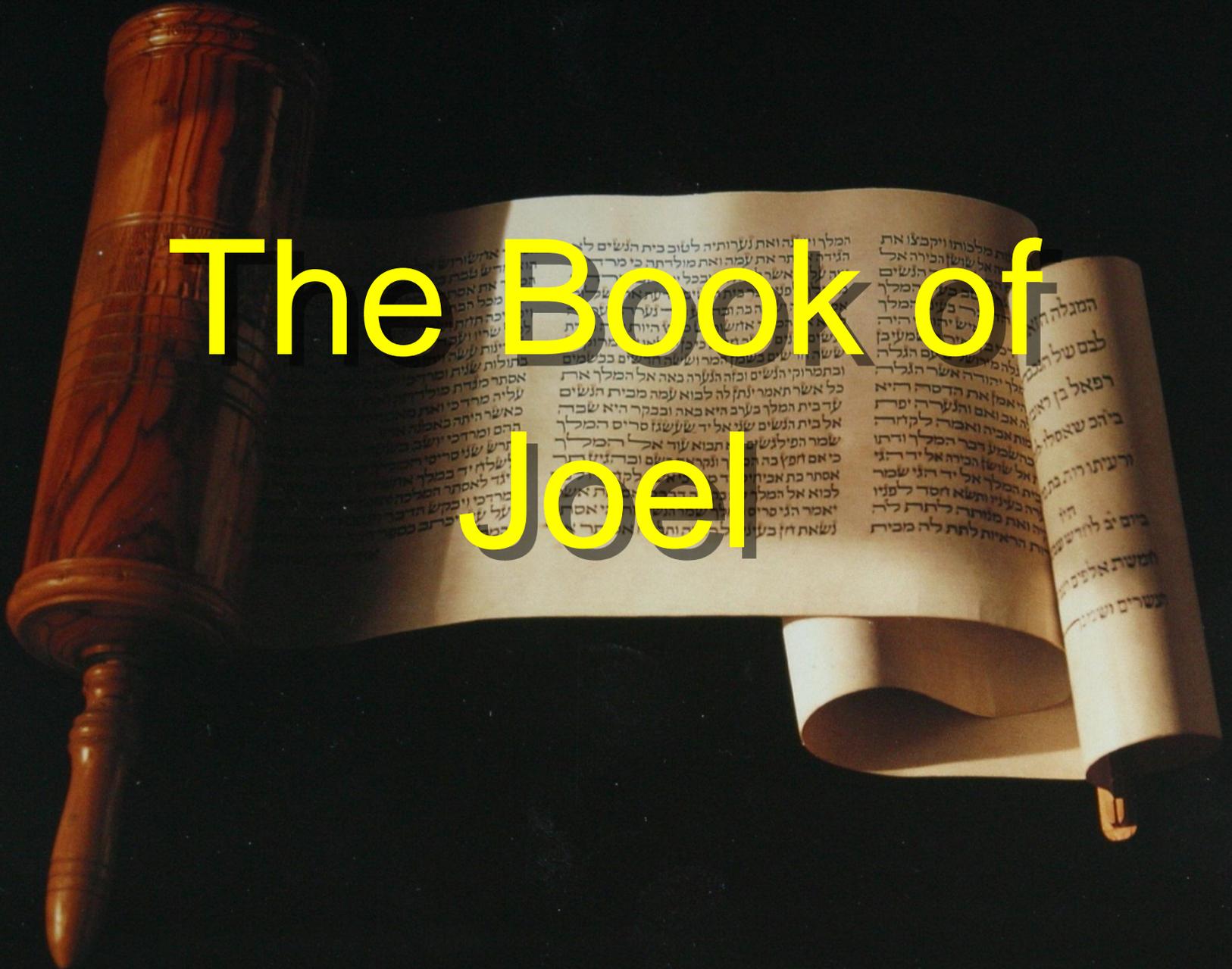
# Types & Shadows

<sup>16</sup> Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

<sup>17</sup> Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

Col 2:16-17

# The Book of Joel



# Joel

- Joel is introduced as the son of Pethuel.
  - Apart from that, little is known of him.
- His name means *Jehovah is God*.
  - He has been called the John the Baptist of the OT
- Key phrase of the book is “the Day of the Lord”
  - found five times (1:15; 2:1, 11, 31; 3:14).
- Earliest of the writing prophets?

# Joel

- *“Joel, ... was probably the first of the so called writing prophets; so this book provides a valuable insight into the history of prophecy, particularly as it furnishes a framework for the end times which is faithfully followed by all subsequent Scripture. God started a new work with the writing of Joel, that of preparing the human race for the end of this temporal era, and thus gave an outline of His total plan. Later prophets, including even our Lord, would only flesh out this outline, but in keeping with the divine nature of true Scripture, never found it necessary to deviate from this, the initial revelation.”*

Montague S. Mills

# Outline

- Description of the locust plague
  - Chapter 1 (Historical & Prophetic)
- Description of the enemy invasion
  - Chapter 2: 1-11
- Divine appeal to Judah to repent
  - Chapter 2:12–14
- Declaration of a fast
  - Chapter 2:15–17
- Divine deliverance promised
  - Chapter 2:18 – 3:21

# The Feasts of Israel

(Leviticus 23)

- |                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 1 Feast of Passover         | Prophetically<br>Fulfilled during<br>Passion Week |
| 2 Feast of Unleavened Bread |   |
| 3 Feast of Firstfruits      |   |
| 4 Feast of Weeks            | Pentecost   |
| 5 Feast of Trumpets         | Prophetically<br>Outlined in<br>Joel?             |
| 6 Feast of Atonement        |   |
| 7 Feast of Tabernacles      |   |

# The Fall Feasts

## Prophetic Fulfilment ?

- Trumpets – Joel 1:1-2:11 / Rev 8 & 9
  - A blowing of trumpets
  - Fire symbolizing judgment
- Atonement – Joel 2:12-2:32 / Rev 12
  - Repentance & reconciliation
  - Scapegoat flees to the wilderness
- Tabernacles – Joel 3:1-21 / Rev 16 & 19
  - The feast of ingathering
  - The dwelling together in unity

*25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.*

*26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.*

*27 And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.*

**28** And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

**29** And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

**30** And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

**31** The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

# The Road Map to Peace

<sup>1</sup> For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,  
<sup>2</sup> I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

Joel 3:1-2

- Who's land?

# The Intercession of the Church?

*<sup>15</sup> Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:*

*<sup>16</sup> Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.*

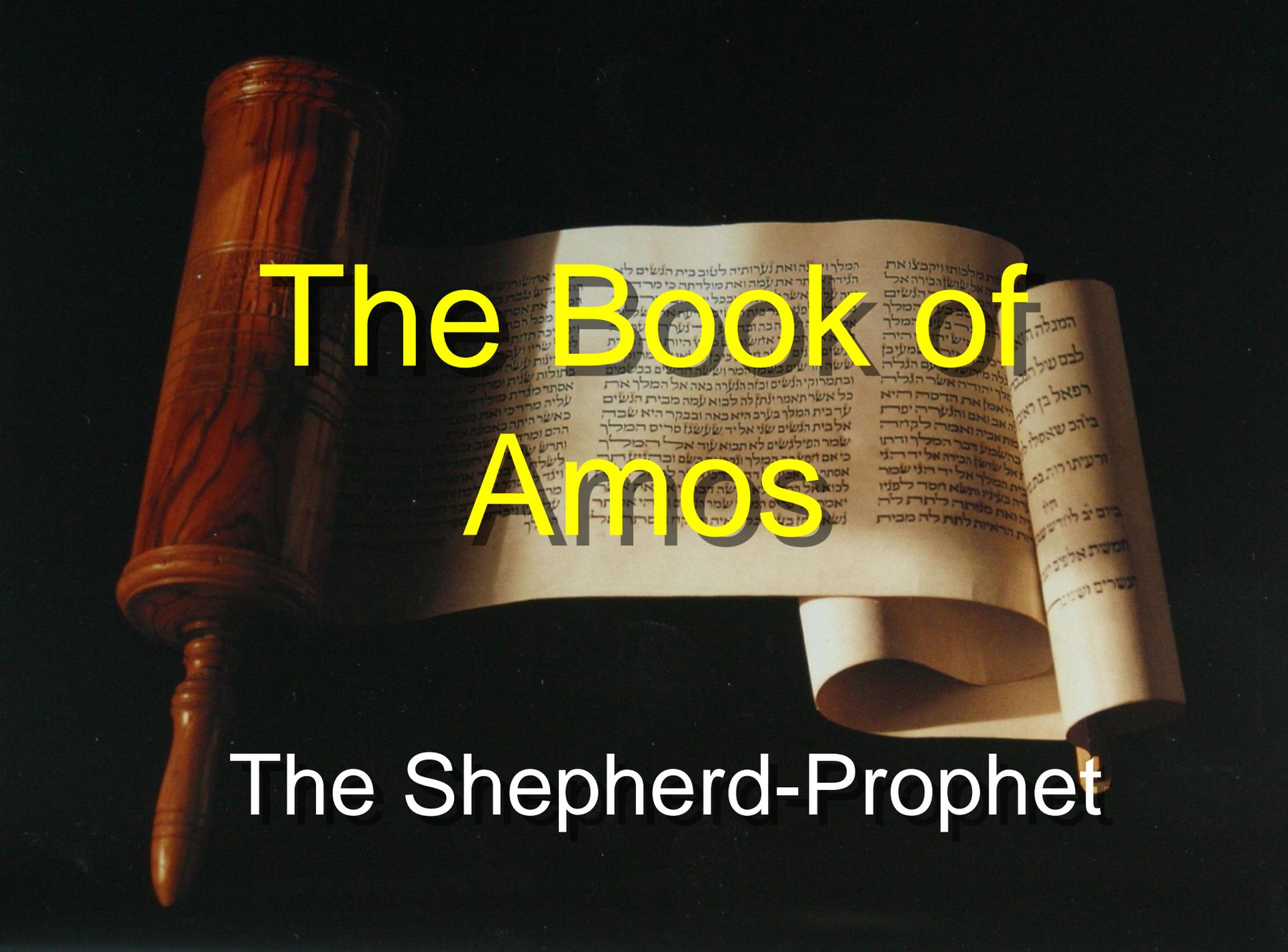
**Joel 2:15-18**

# The Intercession of the Church?

*<sup>17</sup> Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?*

*<sup>18</sup> Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.*

**Joel 2:15-18**



# The Book of Amos

The Shepherd-Prophet

# Amos

- *“The book of Amos is written in some of the finest OT Hebrew style. Amos was a sheep-breeder and tender of sycamore trees. Perhaps he illustrates the appearance of God-ordained men throughout history who speak very effectively and even beautifully for the Lord without the traditional “school of the prophets” background or formal education so much sought after today.”*

*W McDonald: Believer's Bible Commentary*

# Amos

- In his first two chapters, Amos pronounces judgment against eight nations.
- *“Each pronouncement of judgment is introduced by the words, “For three transgressions ... and for four.” Baxter explains this Hebrew idiom for us: The phrase is not to be taken arithmetically, to mean a literal three and then four, but idiomatically, as meaning that the measure was full, and more than full; the sin of these people had overreached itself; or, to put it in an allowable bit of modern slang, they had “gone one too many,” they had “tipped the scale.”*□

W McDonald: *Believer's Bible Commentary*

# Outline

- The promised judgments of eight nations
  - Chapters 1–2
- The guilt and punishment of Israel
  - Chapters 3–6
- The symbols of approaching judgment
  - Chapters 7:1 – 9:10
- The future restoration of Israel
  - Chapters 9:11–15

# Amos

- Amos prophesies God's judgment on:
  - Damascus 1:3
  - Gaza 1:6
  - Tyre (Phoenicia) 1:9
  - Edom 1:11
  - Ammon 1:13
  - Moab 2:1
- And then Amos speaks of judgment on..
  - Judah! 2:4

**1 1** The words of Amos, who was among the herdman of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

**2** And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

**Amos 1:1-8**

*3 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron:*

*4 But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad.*

*5 I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Azen, and him that holdeth the sceptre from the house of Eden: and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith the LORD.*

<sup>6</sup> Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of **Gaza**, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver them up to Edom:

<sup>7</sup> **But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof:**

<sup>8</sup> And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon, and I will turn mine hand against Ekron: and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord GOD.

- 3 *Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*
- 4 *Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey?*

**Amos 3:3-4**

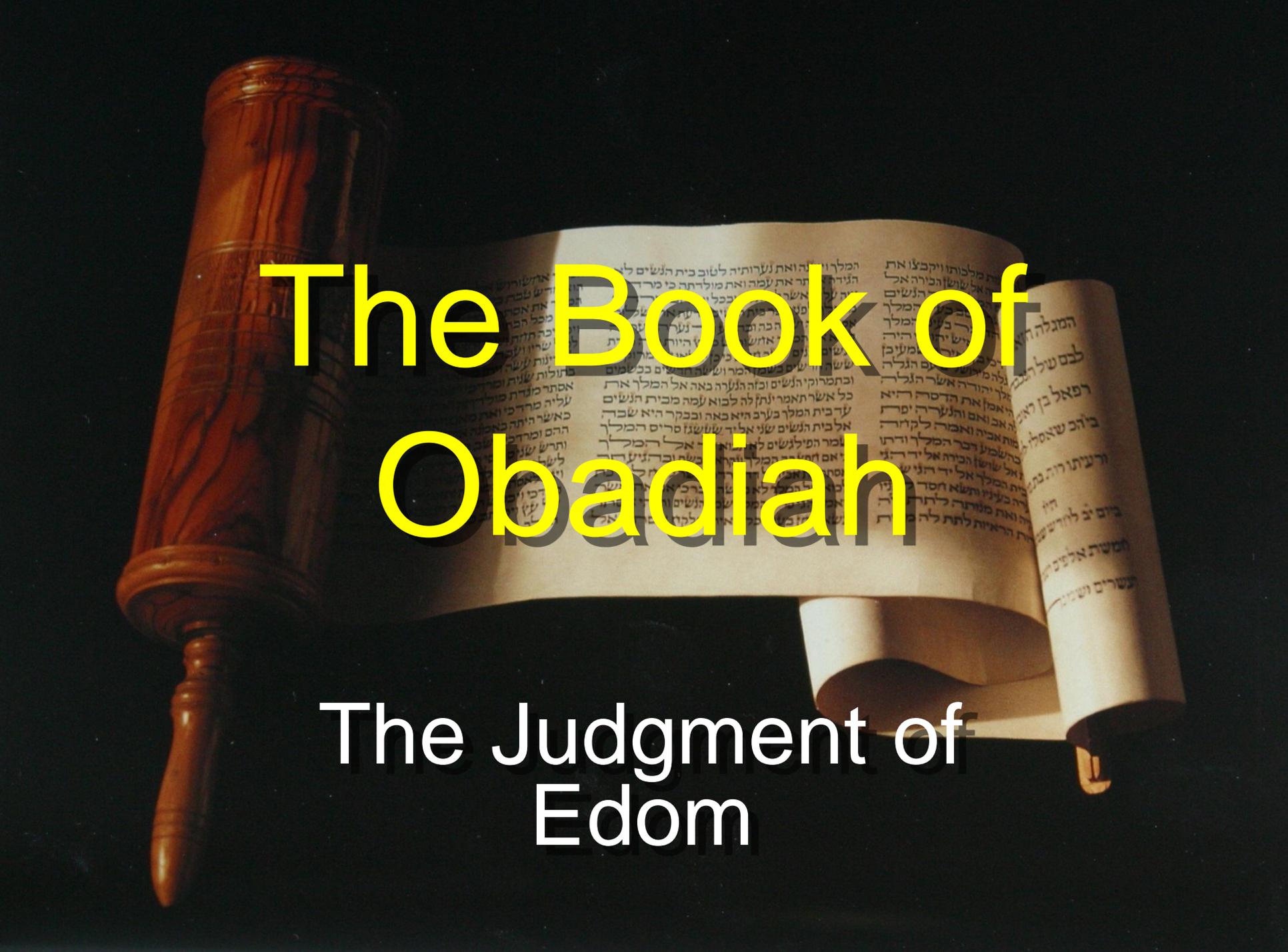
*7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he  
revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.*

**Amos 3:7**

**13** Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.

**14** And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

**15** And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.



# The Book of Obadiah

The Judgment of  
Edom

# Obadiah

- 12 men in scripture with this name
- Obadiah means “Servant of Jehovah”
- Time of writing: soon after 587 B.C.
- Theme: the destruction of Edom
- Edom were the descendants of Esau
- They had continually been unkind to Israel
  - Even seizing the opportunity during the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem to launch their own attack!

# Obadiah

*“The prophecy of Obadiah is unique in the character of its contents. It is a book of unmitigated condemnation, unrelieved by any suggestion of compassion or hope.”*

Frederick A. Tatford

# Outline

- Edom's pride to be abased v. 1–4
- Destruction of Edom v. 5–9
- The completeness of the plunder v. 5, 6
- The betrayal by Edom's allies v. 7
- The destruction of Edom's leaders v. 8, 9
- Reasons for Edom's downfall v. 10–14
- Edom's judgment is retributive v. 15, 16
- Restoration of Israel and Judah and extinction of Edom v. 17–21

*IO For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever.*

*II In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them.*

**Obadiah v10-11**

*15 For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.*

*17 But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.*

**Obadiah v15,17**

# Israel in the Millennial Kingdom





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