

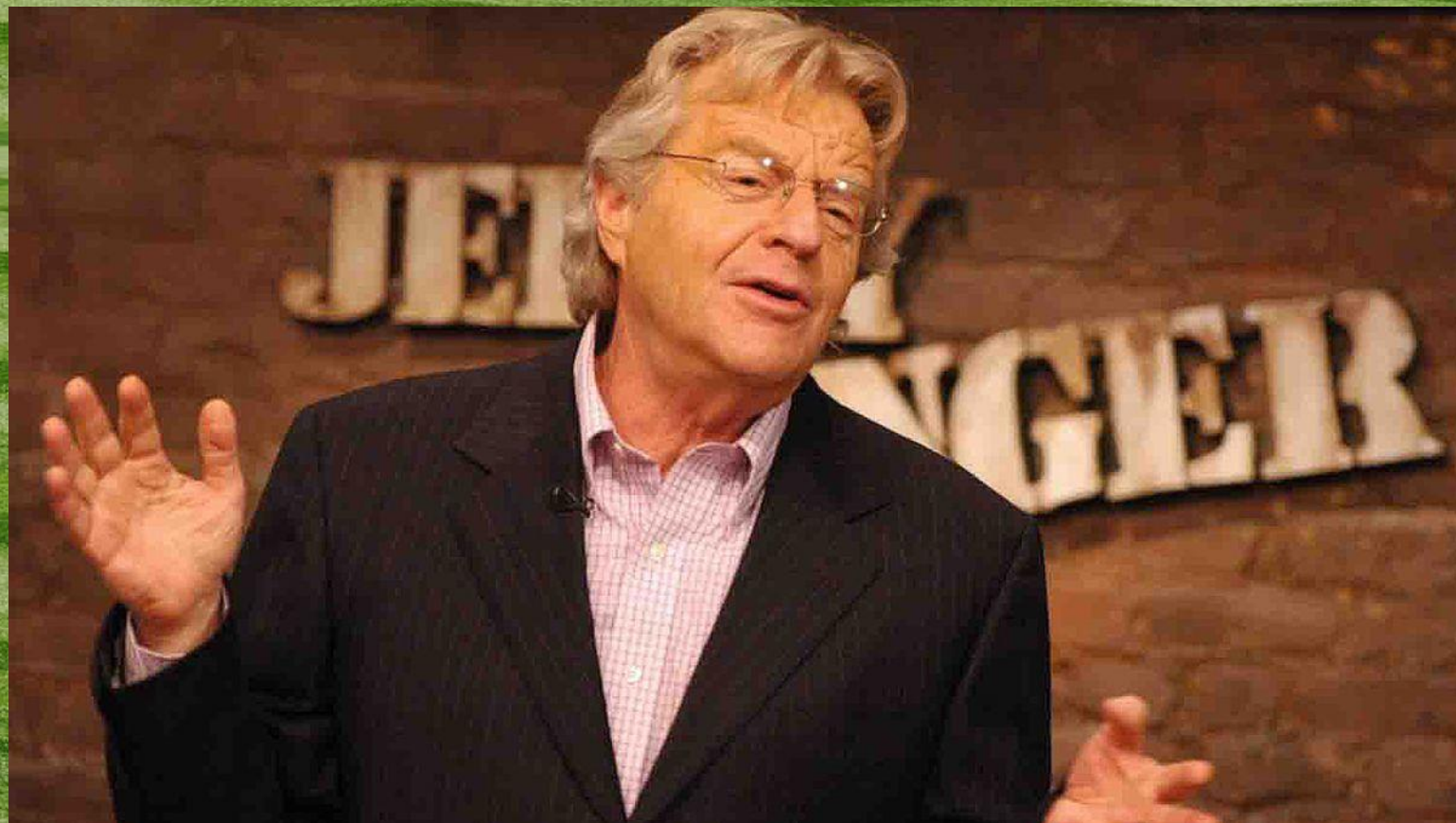


The Book of Hosea (page 837)

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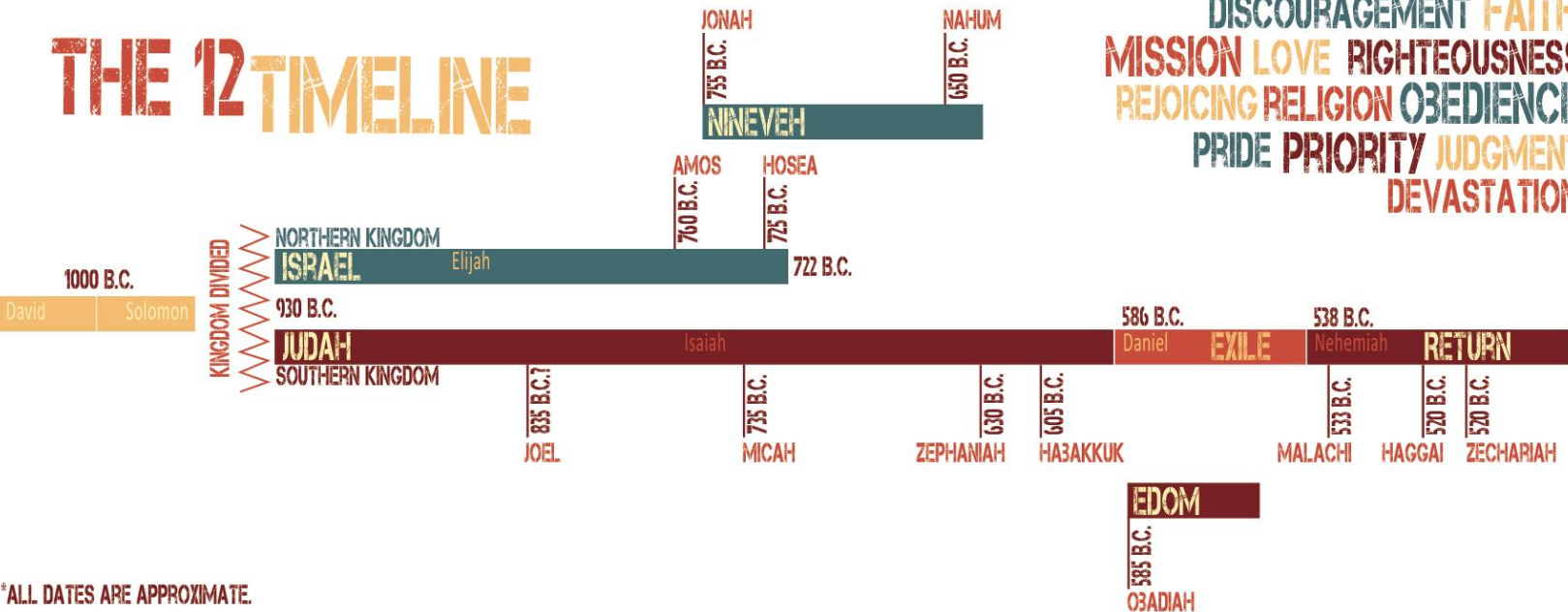


“Pastor Marries a Prostitute. Pastor’s wife cheats on him. Two of his three children belong to other men. After selling herself to everyone in town, Gomer ends up a slave. Her husband, Hosea, eventually buys her back for \$15. He claims he knew she would be unfaithful to him from the beginning, but God told him to marry her. God also told him to buy her out of slavery and love her again.”



THE 12TIMELINE

DISCOURAGEMENT FAITH
MISSION LOVE RIGHTEOUSNESS
REJOICING RELIGION OBEDIENCE
PRIDE PRIORITY JUDGMENT
DEVASTATION



THE BOOK OF HOSEA

CHAPTERS 1-3 HOSEA'S MARRIAGE

Hosea's Love for an Adulterous Wife
(PERSONAL)

- Marriage
 - Children
 - Unfaithfulness
 - Separation
 - Reconciliation

Adulterous Wife – Faithful Husband

Theme
Verse
HOSEA 1:2

God: "Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her...
(PERSONAL, HOSEA'S MARRIAGE)
...for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord."
(NATIONAL, HOSEA'S MESSAGE)

Theme

God's Faithful Love Toward His Unfaithful People

CHAPTERS 4-14 HOSEA'S MESSAGE

God's Love for an Adulterous People
(NATIONAL)

(CH 4-6)
Israel's
Unfaithfulness

(CH 6-10)
Israel's
Consequences

(CH 11-14)
God's
Faithfulness

Adulterous Nation – Faithful God



CHAPTER 1

You Want Me to Marry a WHAT?!



CHAPTERS 2-3

Heartbreak and Hope

- God is Holy



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- God is Love



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- Promised



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Heartbreak and Hope

- God is Holy
- God is Love
 - Promised
 - Pictured



CHAPTERS 4-5

The Case Against Israel



CHAPTERS 6-7

Repentance Urged and Ignored



CHAPTERS 8-10

God Announces the Consequences



CHAPTERS 11-14

Amazing Grace: The Rebellious are Ultimately Restored

- God's Mercies in the Past
- God's Discipline in the Present
- God's Promises for the Future



1. Unfaithfulness Breaks Relationships

- Sin is less about breaking laws than breaking God's heart



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Gary Smith, The Prophets as Preachers: “Shading the truth, cheating on a test, not bothering to tithe, or other acts of unfaithfulness to God – does not seem to be as serious as prostitution. Yet God views all sin as unholiness. Treacherous acts which undermine a relationship. A breaking of a love commitment to Him. A prostituting of our loyalties. You see, in spite of their great unfaithfulness, God loved the sinful people of the world so much that he willingly forgave their acts of prostituting themselves to their own self-interest, to their own fame, to their own fortune, to their own pleasures, to their own drugs, to their own work, to their own popularity and to their own kingdom. In this sinful condition of unfaithfulness, no qualities made people attractive. No good reasons explain God’s love. But God still loved. The ugliness of sin exposed the exceeding greatness of God’s love.”



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- Professing Faith; Practicing Faithlessness
- All God's commands are given to protect and provide





3. God's Love

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3. God's Love

- is a tough love
- is an unconditional love
- will not permit Him to give
up on His people





In the gospel, we discover we are far worse off than we thought, and far more loved than we ever dreamed.

— *Steven Curtis Chapman* —

AZ QUOTES





A Valley of Achor:
A Door of Hope



4. The Time to Come Home is NOW





