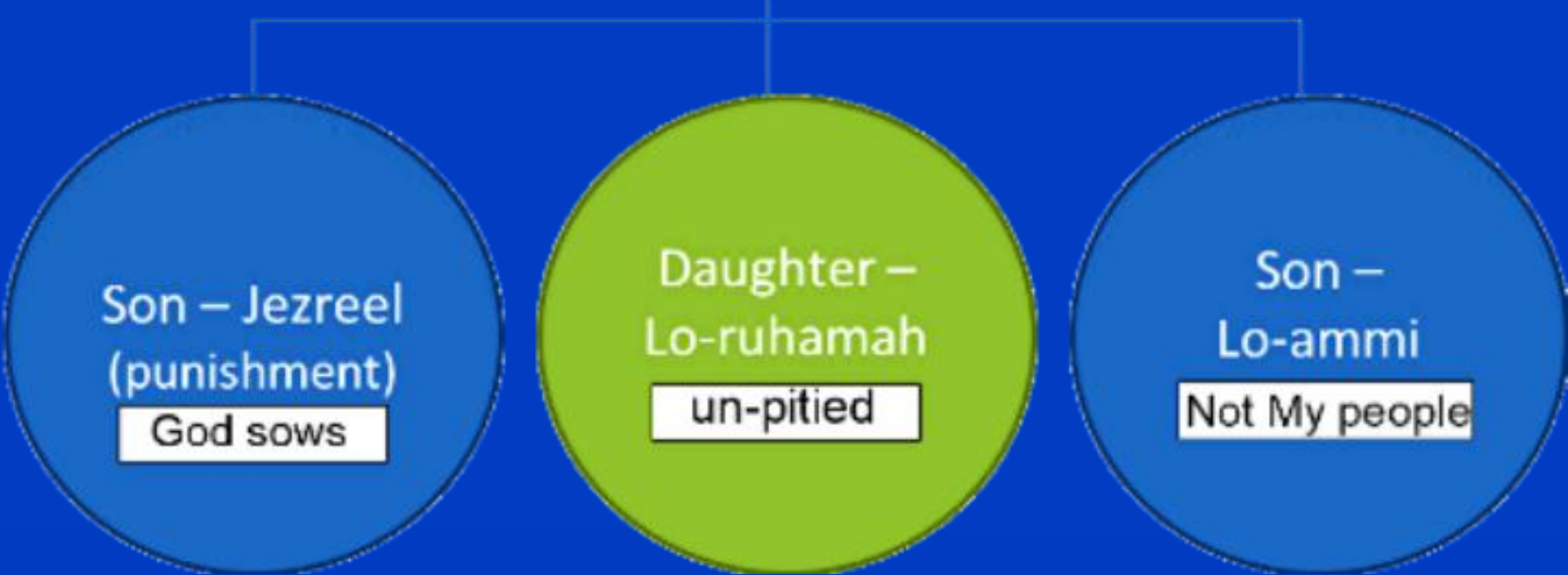


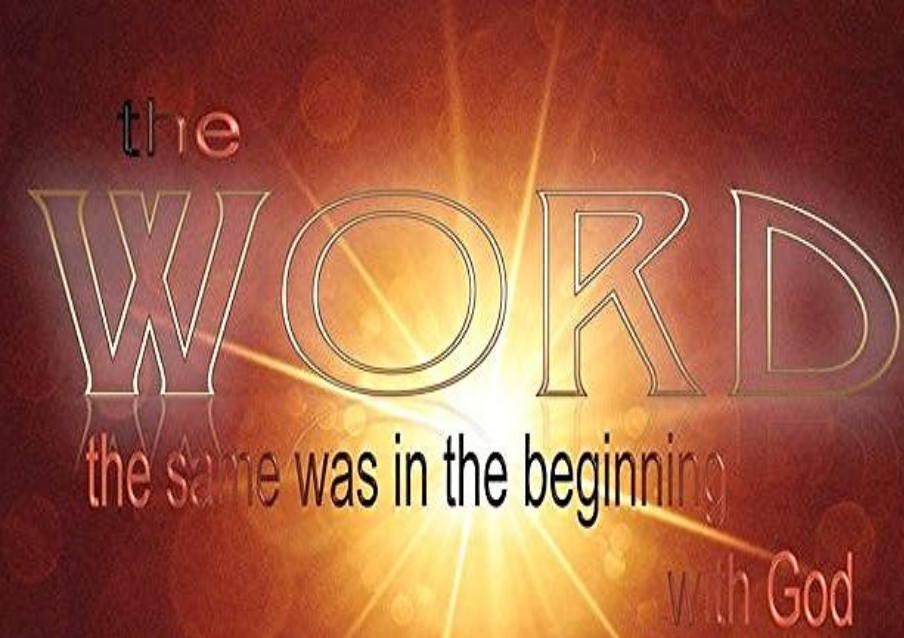
Symbolic vs. Literal



- Symbolism is at the heart of Hosea and most prophets
- Symbolism is a way of explaining God-principles making them easier to remember and apply
- In Hosea, symbolism is often expressed with the literary device of poem
- The final verses of chapter 1 might appear to begin chapter 2 in some Bible versions



- Hosea's prophecy applied to the Northern Kingdom
- 3rd child (son) Lo-ammi
- ***Dabar Yehoveh asher hayah el-Hoshe***
- Does NOT say "God", it says "The Word"
- The Word is a living divine entity
- John 1:1 – 5 ***In the beginning was The Word.....***

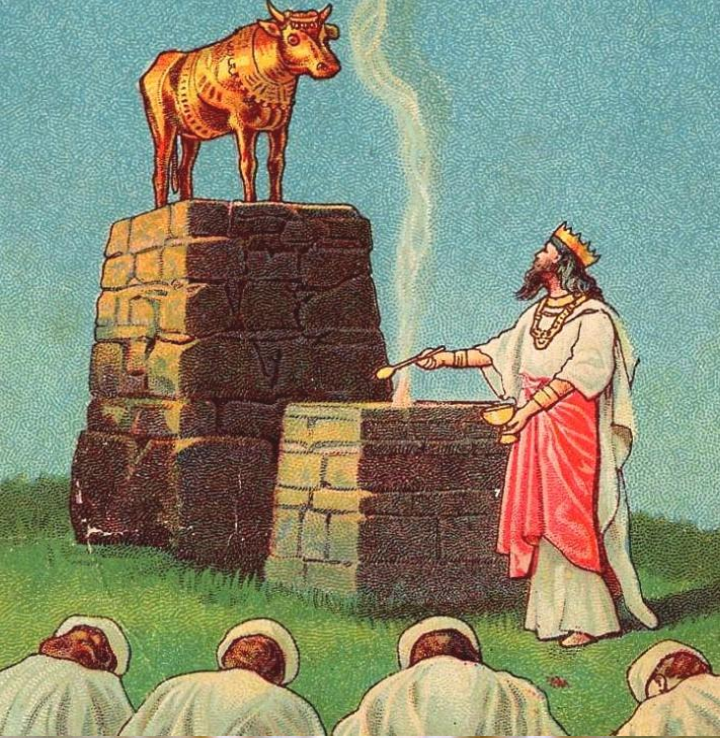


- Does Jesus as “The Word” mean that The Word was transformed entirely and completely into a Jewish man named Jesus and for 30 years existed only as Jesus?
- The Holy Spirit can be spoken of as a singular divine entity, but yet we envision Him as being in many people at once, and therefore in many locations
- Is the Holy Spirit limited to presence only on earth?

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

John 1:1

- The Word exists and works similar to the Holy Spirit (but with different functions)
- It was the divine living entity called The Word speaking to Hosea, and not the person of Jesus
- Jesus was a fleshly, living human being subject to the same effects that all of humanity is
- Because Israel is “Not My people”, automatically God is not Israel’s god



ISRAEL'S NATIONAL GOD IS YHWH

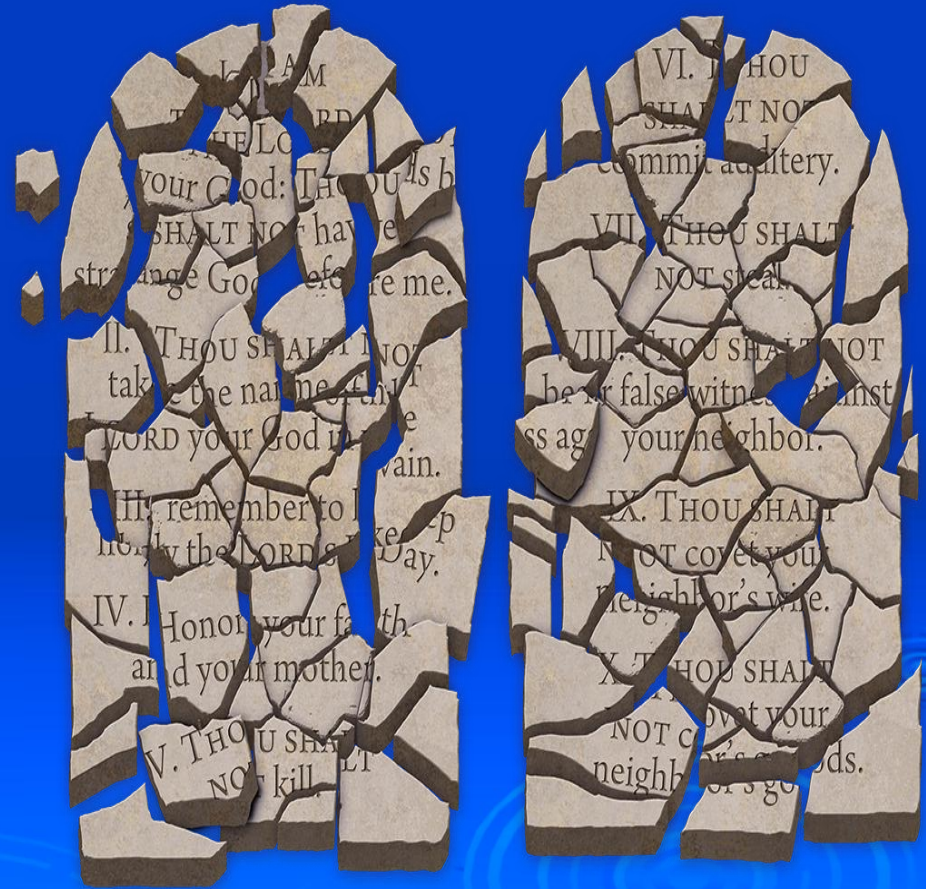
- King Jeroboam instituted Baal worship to the 10 tribes
- The people saw no contradiction to worshipping YHWH along with other gods
- If the Hebrews are expelled from their land, then they believe they go out of the jurisdiction of YHWH
- Exodus 6:7
- Shunning our obligations to God can dissolve the relationship



HOSEA

CHAPTER 2

- Chapter 1 ends with the consequences of breaking The Law
- Chapter 2 begins with Israel's restoration
- God did NOT dissolve the Covenant of Moses
- God did NOT divorce Israel
- God applied the terms of the covenant as what would happen if they did break it
- This was NOT a divorce proceeding, it was an adultery proceeding





RESTORE THE RUINED YEARS O' LORD

- 1) Israel will be afflicted, 2) Israel will be shown no mercy, 3) Israel will lose their (national) God
- Hosea 2:1 says in time He will take back Israel
- Will God take Israel back because they repent and come back to faithfulness? No. It's because of His promises to the Patriarchs
- Genesis 13:11 – 16

GOD'S STRANGE DUALITIES

- Both fire and water can purify, or destroy
- God said He'd return Israel to the same place from where they left
- To go "up from the Land" means to go to the Temple in Jerusalem
- Israel overjoyed because the Temple was the only place they could atone for their sins





THEY'RE BACK!

- The Day of Jezreel is the day of restoration
- Ezekiel Chapter 37
- Jews are technically of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin
- Hosea 2:3 God has lifted the curse
- Black “Jews” of Ethiopia are actually of the tribe of Dan



Our problem is that we don't take Bible prophecy literally enough!



- If we don't take prophecy literally enough, we miss it when it is fulfilled!
- Israel was certain their worship pleased YHWH but they disregarded the Covenant of Moses
- Hosea 2:4
A judicial trial
- Gomer (Israel) is accused of adultery
- Israel is NOT God's wife, and God is NOT Israel's husband except in metaphor