



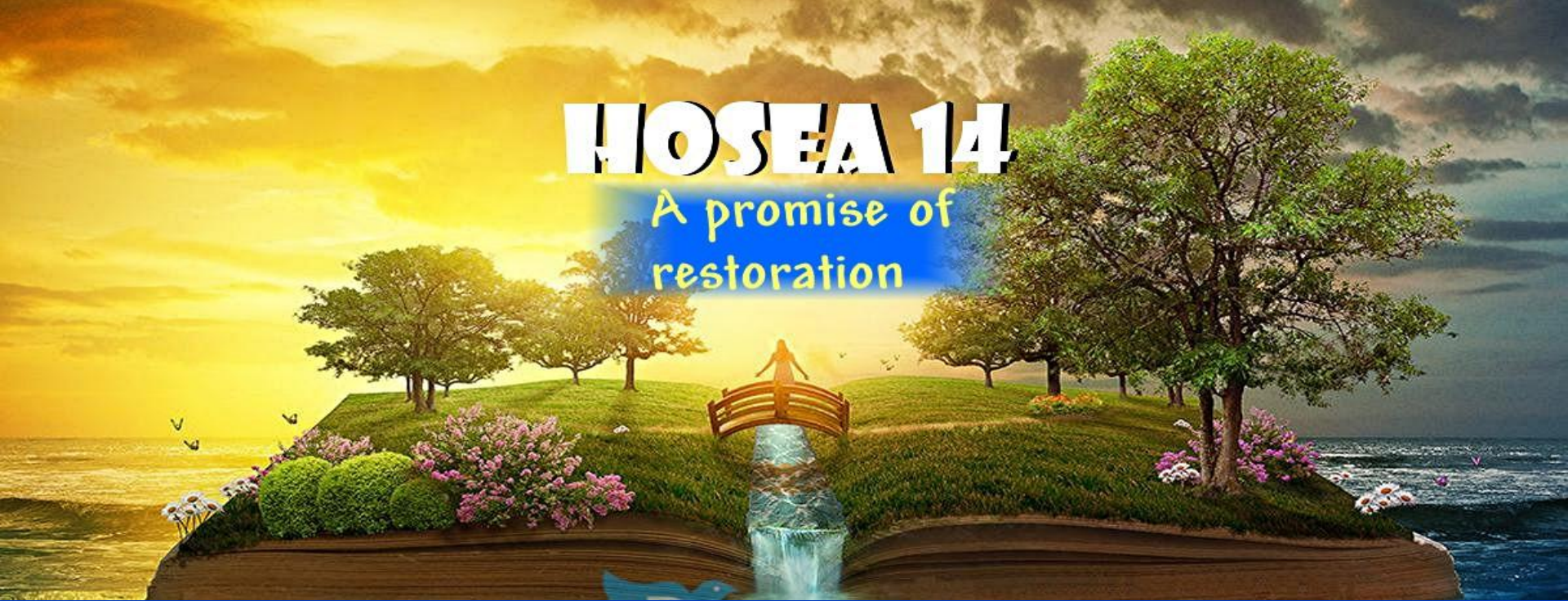
ISRAEL EXILED

ISRAEL RETURNS

- Hosea's message given over a 35 year time span
- Israel's wars with Judah led to Israel seeking alliances with Egypt and Assyria
- First 13 chapters speak of God's condemnation and judgment on Israel
- Chapter 14 Israel receives a message of love and hope, but deliverance won't happen until End Times

HOSEA 14

A promise of
restoration



- Vs. 3 “Take words with you” If Israel was obedient, there would be no need for sacrifices
- 1Samuel 15:22 Mark 12:32 – 33
- Words (*debarim*) must mean “prayer” in this case
- Israel is to pray this prayer of repentance as a prayer model when they sacrifice

**REPENTANCE IS A
RECOGNITION OF SIN,
FOLLOWED BY A
HEARTFELT SORROW,
CULMINATING IN A
CHANGE OF BEHAVIOR.**



- Our fruit is NOT what we feel in our heart
- The fruit of repentance is a change of our behavior
- Prayer of repentance: “Forgive all iniquity and accept what is good”
- Ezekiel 3:17 – 21
- God defines sin according to what we do

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A PRAYER OF COMFORT

- Sacrifices are pointless unless approached with obedience and a proper attitude
- Exiled Israel believes without the Altar they must live in their sins
- 3 things Israel promises:
 - 1) No alliance with Assyria's god
 - 2) No reliance on their military
 - 3) No longer create idols and images
- Deuteronomy 17:16



- References to the “handi-work” are to the golden calf images
- Deuteronomy 4:27 – 31
- In Bible times, showing mercy to orphans was seen as the greatest of virtues
- Vs. 5 AFTER Israel offers their Prayer of Repentance and when YHWH accepts their repentance, their abundance will return



UNDER HIS SHADE

- Forests and plant life of Lebanon were legendary in Bible times
- In the future, Israel's restoration will be more grand than when they first entered the Promised Land
- ***Tsel*** = shade or shadow
- Judges 9:15 Ezekiel 31:6
- God's "shade" means His ultimate protection
- Agricultural metaphors are used as poetry to describe a beauty like the Garden of Eden





The Hope of the
Restoration
of Israel

WHEN?

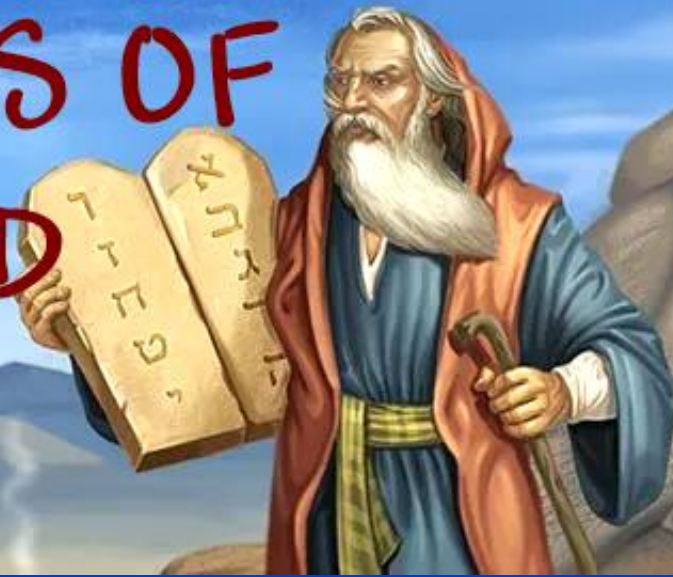
- “Why would I have use for any more idols?”
- Giving up idolatry and gaining restoration are linked
- Israel’s history: blessing > curse > blessing
- No specific timeframe for the restoration, just as no specific timeframe for Messiah’s return
- **PREPARE!** Prepare our minds, lifestyles, and pantries

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. James 3:13



- Hosea 14:10 Challenge to the Wise Reader
- A proverb... a Wisdom saying
- Psalm 107:43
- Hosea 4:6 “... *Because you rejected knowledge...*”
- The ways of God are in the Covenant of Moses and remain that way for Believers!
- Matthew 5:17 - 20

THE WAYS OF THE LORD



- Douglas Stuart: *“The ways of Yahweh are in fact covenant stipulations of the Pentateuch. For the righteous to walk in them is nothing other than for them to keep them”.*
- Believers!!! To be wise MEANS to obey the terms of the Covenant
- The reminders of verse 10 are for all generations, and not just for the ancient Hebrews