



**GOD'S LOVE
ILLUSTRATED**

HOSEA 1-3

SETTING THE STAGE

- We are still in the reign of Jeroboam II (1:1).
- God instructs Hosea to marry a wife of harlotry (1:2-3).
- Jezreel would remind them of the faithlessness of Jehu (1:4-5).
- Lo-ruhamah and Lo-ammi show what the end result for God's people will be (1:6-9).
- But there remains hope (1:10-2:1).
- Then the attention returns to the mother (2:2-13).

GOD'S PURSUIT OF SINNERS



- After all of this, God tells Hosea to pursue her (3:1).
- Hosea pays the purchase price for her (3:2; cf. Ex. 21:32).
- Her response is a prophecy of years to come (3:3-5).
- Now let us consider the love song (2:14-23)