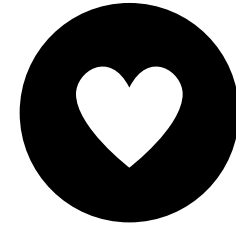


God in the Old Testament is

JUDGMENT



God in the New Testament is

GRACE

A watercolor illustration of a desert camp. In the foreground, a large blue tent is pitched on sandy ground. Behind it, a line of smaller blue tents stretches into the distance. The background features rugged, rocky mountains under a bright blue sky with white clouds. The overall style is soft and painterly.

God's

GRACE

In The Old Testament

EXODUS 34:6-7



Then Yahweh passed by in front of him and called out, “Yahweh, Yahweh God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression, and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.”

hesed

steadfast love // mercy // covenant faithfulness

חֶסֶד

Love that goes
beyond the
bounds of what
is expected.

An eagerness to
extend mercy to
those who need
or ask for it.

Loyalty to his
promises and his
to his people.

PSALM 51:1

Have mercy on me, O
God, according to your
steadfast love;
according to your
abundant mercy blot out
my transgressions.

HOSEA



UNDERSTANDING THE STRUCTURE OF BIBLICAL BOOKS OF PROPHECY

1 COLLECTION OF ORACLES



MADE UP OF INDEPENDENT ORACLES, POEMS, SAYINGS, AND SERMONS GATHERED TOGETHER.

4 NO MAIN PLOT



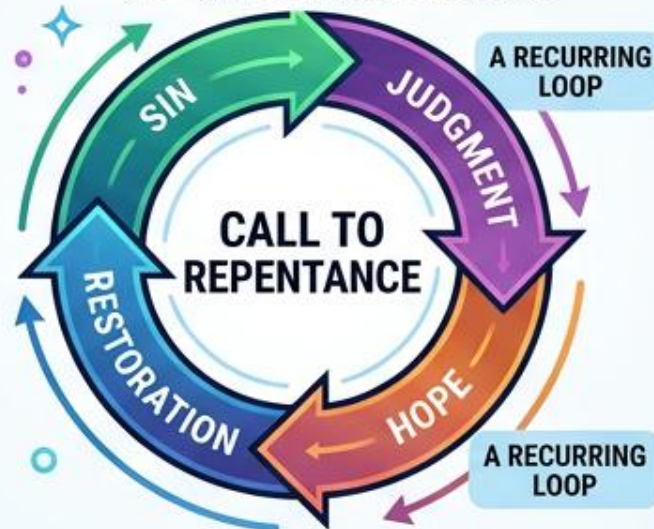
FOCUSES ON MESSAGES FROM GOD TO A SPECIFIC GROUP

LACKS CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT & NOVEL-LIKE PLOT ARCS



2 CYCLICAL THEMES

REPEATS CORE IDEAS INSTEAD OF LINEAR PROGRESSION



A RECURRING LOOP

3 SHIFT IN TIME

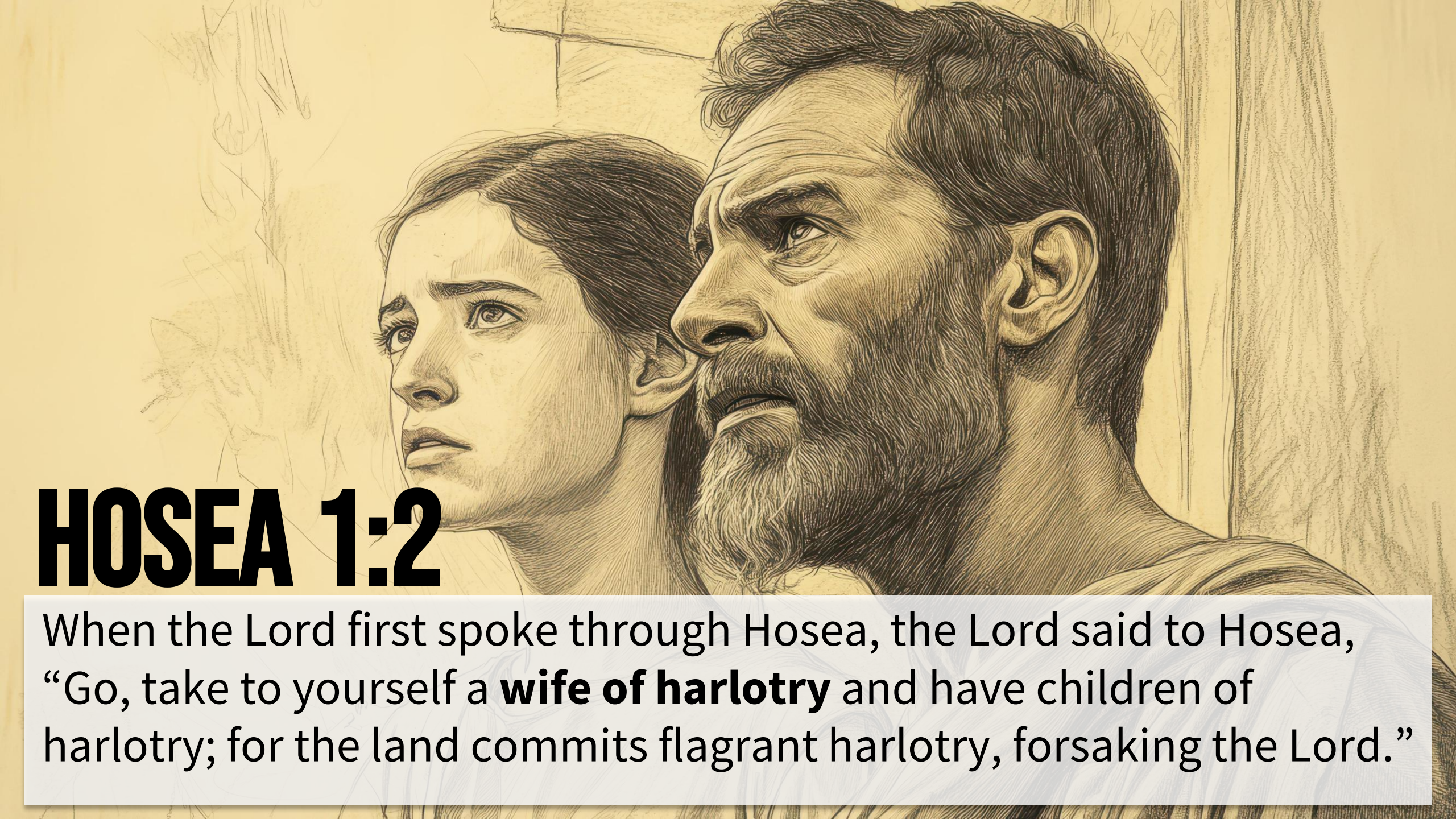
JUMPS BACK & FORTH BETWEEN DIFFERENT TIME PERIODS



5 MIXED GENRES



COMBINES DIFFERENT LITERARY FORMS & STYLES



HOSEA 1:2

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, “Go, take to yourself a **wife of harlotry** and have children of harlotry; for the land commits flagrant harlotry, forsaking the Lord.”

HOSEA 4:1-3

Listen to the word of the LORD, O sons of Israel, For the LORD has a case against the inhabitants of the land, Because there is no faithfulness or kindness Or knowledge of God in the land. There is swearing, deception, murder, stealing and adultery. They employ violence, so that bloodshed follows bloodshed. Therefore the land mourns, And everyone who lives in it languishes Along with the beasts of the field and the birds of the sky, And also the fish of the sea disappear.

HOSEA 7:2

And they do not consider in their hearts That I remember all their wickedness. Now their deeds are all around them; They are before My face.

HOSEA 4:7-10

The more they multiplied, the more they sinned against Me; I will change their glory into shame. They feed on the sin of My people And direct their desire toward their iniquity. And it will be, like people, like priest; So I will punish them for their ways And repay them for their deeds. They will eat, but not have enough; They will play the harlot, but not increase, Because they have stopped giving heed to the LORD.

HOSEA 11:1

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.



HOSEA 11:3

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms, but they did not know that I healed them.



HOSEA 11:4

I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them.



HOSEA 11:8

How can I give you up, O Ephraim... My heart is turned over within Me, All My compassions are kindled.



HOSEA 11:9

I will not execute My fierce anger; I will not destroy Ephraim again. For I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst, And I will not come in wrath.



GOD'S GRACE...



Does not overlook sin.
It does not ignore it.
**God's grace is seen in
Him refusing to give
up on us.**

- Hosea teaches us that God is keenly aware and offended by our sin
- 75% of the verses in the book are words of hurt and a desire for judgment
- God even allows discipline and punishment, **but never abandons**

GOD'S GRACE...



God's grace is seen in
**His efforts and
investments in us.**

Hosea 2:14, 18, 19-20

“I will betroth you to Me forever;
Yes, I will betroth you to Me in
righteousness and in justice, In
lovingkindness and in
compassion, And I will betroth
you to Me in faithfulness. Then
you will know the LORD.”

GOD'S GRACE...



God's grace is seen in
**His unseen kindness
to bring us to where
we are.**

Hosea 11:3

“Yet it is I who taught Ephraim
to walk, I took them in My
arms; But they did not know
that I healed them.”

- *We do not even understand the
grace that we have been given*

GOD'S GRACE...



God's grace is seen in
**our opportunities to
come back and
restore our
relationship.**

Hosea 6:1-3

“Come, let us return to the LORD. For He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but He will bandage us.

“He will revive us after two days; He will raise us up on the third day, That we may live before Him. “So let us know, let us press on to know the LORD. His going forth is as certain as the dawn; And He will come to us like the rain, Like the spring rain watering the earth.”

GOD'S GRACE IS...

...still desiring a relationship with us in spite of our unfaithfulness, by demonstrating his deep love and compassion for us that allows us to return to Him again and again.

HOSEA 14:9

Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; Whoever is discerning, let him know them. For the ways of the Lord are right, And the righteous will walk in them, But transgressors will stumble in them.