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Love

The relationship between and was best illustrated by the real-life love story of a man who chose to marry an persistently woman.	The naming of the children was not the last word as Yahweh promised reversals of destruction to, condemnation to, and rejection to
HOSEA I:I-3A	HOSEA 1:10-2:1
Each that Gomer had represented the results of Israel's persistent unfaithfulness: of their special status, of His favor, and the of	God's relationship with His people is a story not only of His disappointmen anger, and judgment but also of a love that refuses to give up on His promise even after covenant unfaithfulness. It is a relationship that is clearly broken but not beyond repair because He's willing to pursue the relationship even when it has been deeply scarred by unfaithfulness. While Israel would

HOSEA 1:3B-9

their national existence.

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