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1 The Devar Hashem that came unto Hoshea, ben Be'eri, in the yamim of Uziyah, Yotam, Achaz, and Yechizkiyah, melachim of Yehudah, and in the yamim of Yarov`am ben Yoash, Melech Yisroel.

|2| The beginning of the Devar Hashem by Hoshea: And Hashem said to Hoshea, Go, take unto thee an eshet zenunim (wife of whoredoms) and yeladim of zenunim; for ha'aretz hath committed great whoredom, by departing from Hashem.

|3| So he went and took Comer bat Divlayim; which conceived, and bore him ben.

|4| And Hashem said unto him, Call shmo Yizre'el (G-d will sow); for yet a little while, and I will visit vengeance upon Bais Yehu for the demei Yizre'el (massacre at Yizre'el), and will cause to cease the Mamlechet Bais Yisroel [*See 2Kg chp 9*].

|5| And it shall come to pass on Yom Hahu, that I will break the keshet Yisroel (bow of Israel), in the Emek Yizre'el (Jezreel Valley).

|6| And she conceived again, and bore a bat. And G-d said unto him, Call her shem Lo-ruchamah (not pitied); for I will no more have pity upon Bais Yisroel; since I have been utterly betrayed by them [*1K 2:10*].

|7| But I will have mercy upon the Bais Yehudah, and will save them by Hashem Eloheihem, and will not save them by keshet, nor by cherev, nor by milchamah, by susim, nor by parashim.

|8| Now when she had weaned Lo-ruchamah, she conceived, and bore ben.

|9| Then said G-d, Call shmo Lo-ami; for ye are lo ami (not My people), and to you (*pl*) not eh'h'yeh (I am, *which is*

ALEFH HEH YOD HEH 1 common sg form of YOD HEH VAV HEH-HASHEM, i.e., to you I am not Hashem).

2 |10 [2:1]| Yet the number of the Bnei Yisroel shall be as the sand of the yam (sea), which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are lo ami (not My people), there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the Bnei El Chai. |11 [2:2]| Then shall the Bnei Yehudah and the Bnei Yisroel be gathered together, and appoint for them Rosh Echad [*Moshiach; see Isa chp 11; Hoshea 3:5*], and they shall come up out of ha'aretz; for gadol shall be the Yom Yizre'el (Day of Jezreel [G-d will sow]). |2:1 [2:3]| Say ye unto your achim, Ami (My people); and to your achayot, Ruchamah (Pitied).

|2 [2:4]| Plead with immechem (your mother), plead; for she is not my isha (wife), neither am I her ish (husband); let her therefore put away her zenunim (whoredoms) out of her sight, and her na'afufim (adulteries) from between her breasts; |3 [2:5]| Lest I strip her naked, and set her as bare as the day she was born, and make her as a midbar, and turn her like an eretz tziyyah (parched land), and kill her with tzamah (thirst).

|4 [2:6]| And I will not have mercy upon her banim; for they are the bnei zenunim.

|5 [2:7]| For their em hath played the zonah (prostitute); she that conceived them hath done shamefully; for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my lechem and my mayim, my wool and my flax, mine shemen (oil) and my shikkui (drink).

|6 [2:8]| Therefore, hinei, I will hedge up thy path with thorns, and wall in her wall, that she shall not find her netivah (way).

|7 [2:9]| And she shall chase after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them; then shall she say, I will go and return to my ish harishon (first husband); for then was it better with me than now.

|8 [2:10]| For she did not have da'as that I gave her dagan (grain), and tirosh (new wine), and yitzhar (oil), and multiplied her kesef and zahav, which they prepared for Ba'al.

|9 [2:11]| Therefore will I return, and take away My dagan in the season thereof, and My tirosh in the season thereof, and will take back My wool and My flax given to cover her nakedness.

|10 [2:12]| And now will I expose her navlut (lewdness) in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of Mine hand.

|11 [2:13]| I will also cause all her masos (exultation, joy) to cease, her Chag (feast), her Chodesh (New Moons), and her Shabbatot, and all her Mo'adim (appointed feasts).

|12 [2:14]| And I will destroy her gefanim (vines) and her te'enim (fig trees), whereof she hath said, These are my etnan (harlot's wages) that my lovers have given me; and I will make them a forest, and the wild beasts of the sadeh shall devour them.

|13 [2:15]| And I will visit upon her the yamim of Ba'alim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her ring and her jewelry, and she went after her lovers, and