

**Hosea 3**  
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The Greatest Chapter in the Whole Bible?  
Why would this chapter be called the greatest chapter in the whole Bible?  
It is only 5 verses!  
Let's find out why....

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**Love**  
Hosea is called to love Gomer  
  
How hard can this be? She is his wife!  
  
But...

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## Love

- Gomer is no longer living as Hosea's wife
- Gomer has left Hosea and is an adulterer
- She has prostituted herself with other men

Yet....

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## Love

- God commands Hosea to love her!
- She is left him for other men
- She has become unlovely to Hosea
- She has become unlovable to Hosea

• How...

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## Buy Back

- God commands Hosea to buy her back

Question: Why does Gomer need to be bought back? From what?  
How? Where?

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## Buy Back

- Gomer's lifestyle of adultery and prostitution has left her with debt(s)
- She has no way to pay them off herself
- She is sold into slavery because of her debts

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## Buy Back

- Perhaps Gomer was sold as a concubine or a temple prostitute
- Hosea can buy her back at the slave auction

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## Buy Back

- Hosea pays the price of 15 shekels of silver and a bushel and a half of barley
  - Hosea now *owns* Gomer
  - He can do whatever he wants to her – even death
- So...

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## Buy Back

• Hosea *loves* her

- He does not shame her, abuse her, or kill her
- He chooses to love her!

This is called...

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## Buy Back

**REDEMPTION**

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## The Story of Redemption

**God...**

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## The Story of Redemption

- God is the great Redeemer
- God is the great lover of people
- God steps into the slave auction

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## The Story of Redemption

- Humanity is in debt to satan
- Humanity has become a slave to sin and satan
- Humanity has no way to pay the debt

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## The Story of Redemption

- God bids for humanity – those once His
- God bids for the bride He loves
- God offers the only price that can be enough to His people back

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## The Story of Redemption

- Jesus – the kinsmen redeemer
- Jesus – the crucified
- Jesus – saviour

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## The Story of Redemption

- God loves us
- God bought us back
- God owns us

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## The Story of Redemption

Question:

Is there any reason that we are not giving ourselves fully to this God?

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The Story of Redemption

## God's Redemption

Hosea 3

The greatest chapter in the Bible

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