

# Hosea 3

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## Hosea Redeems His Wife

(Zechariah 2:6–13)

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD said unto me: 'Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend and an adulteress, even as the LORD loveth the children of Israel, though they turn unto other gods, and love cakes of raisins. <sup>2</sup>So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver and a homer of barley, and a half-homer of barley; <sup>3</sup>and I said unto her: 'Thou shalt sit solitary for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be any man's wife; nor will I be thine.' <sup>4</sup>For the children of Israel shall sit solitary many days without king, and without prince, and without sacrifice, and without pillar, and without ephod or teraphim; <sup>5</sup>afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall come trembling unto the LORD and to His goodness in the end of days.