

# The Adultery

## Hosea 1v2

### Introduction: taking the lid off adultery

#### Layout of Hosea

Chapters 1-3 whole message portrayed in Hosea's life (1&3) and a poem (2)  
Chapters 4-14 the same message given detail and explanation.

#### Adultery language

- *If we've experienced something of the pain of adultery*
- *Remember adultery is only a picture – the real issue is spiritual unfaithfulness*
- *Gomer gets no back story, nor particular condemnation*

#### 1) Spiritual adultery, 1v2

- **Israel spurned her true husband, God. Exodus 20v1-3, Hosea 1v2**
- **By selling herself to other gods/idols**
  - Baal: 4v12-14; 13v1-2
  - Assyria & Egypt: 7v11; 12v1
  - This adultery is actually prostitution, 8v9; 9v1; 2v5

#### 2) Christians can be adulterous, James 4v4-5

- **True nature of sin**
- **True nature of God**

#### Questions

What are the most common 'rival lovers' to God that are around today? What do they offer to pay for our worship? Which lovers do we find most tempting?

How does Hosea change how you think and feel about sin?

How does Hosea change your view of God and what he thinks of what we do wrong?

How is that a helpful way of thinking and feeling?