

**“Hosea, Your Life is an Illustration of my Love”**  
**Hosea 3:1-5, Unlocking the Old Testament**  
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The LORD said to me again, “Go, love a woman who has a lover and is an adulteress, just as the LORD loves the people of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love raisin cakes.”<sup>2</sup> So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer of barley and a measure of wine.<sup>a</sup> <sup>3</sup> And I said to her, “You must remain as mine for many days; you shall not play the whore, you shall not have intercourse with a man, nor I with you.”<sup>4</sup> For the Israelites shall remain many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or teraphim.<sup>5</sup> Afterward the Israelites shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; they shall come in awe to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.