

Hosea Chapter 3-14 - Questions

Have you ever seen a multi-layered chess game? Maybe you have even played it before. I haven't, so I'm just imagining that it is over-the-top challenging to play an already difficult game on more than one level, each level defining and complicating the others.

Well, that's what the book of Hosea is – a multi-layered story taking us deep into the heart of God.

The levels of this story?

1. The story of a man loving a woman who doesn't love him back, and who constantly shames him.
2. The story of a people (Israel) who do not love their God (The One, True God), Who does love them.
3. The story of a world which does not love the One who created them.
4. The story of a slave in a marketplace, bought back from slavery.
5. The story of miracles -
 - The woman learns to love the man...
 - The nation learns to love their God...
 - The world learns to love their Creator...
 - The slave is set free...only to beg for the right to remain a slave for eternity.
6. The story of me.

Questions:

1. (:1) Who is the "me"?
2. (:1) Who is the "woman"?
3. (:1) What does the Lord ask Hosea to do? And why?

4. (:2) What transaction is taking place here? How much did Hosea have to pay to purchase back his wife?
5. (:3) What were the terms of Hosea's purchase? What did Gomer have to agree to?
6. (:4&5) How is this purchase a picture of the future of Israel?

Application:

7. How is this purchase a picture of the future of the world?
8. How is this purchase a picture of you?