

- Means salvation
- Was a prophet to the northern tribes of Israel
- Prophesied during the period of Jeroboam II

**Spiritual adultery of Israel**

**Israel's worship of idols was treated as spiritual infidelity**

**Hosea's marriage to Gomer (1:2)**

- God told Hosea to marry an adulterous woman.
- Israel was unfaithful to God like a woman who is unfaithful to her husband.

**Gomer's first son (1:4)**


**Jezreel means "God scatters". The name Jezreel signifies the great punishment that God would bring on the house of Jehu.**

**Gomer's second daughter (1:6)**

**Lo-Ruhamah means "not loved". The name Lo-Ruhamah signifies that God would no longer show love to Israel.**



**Gomer's third son (1:9)**

**Lo-Ammi means "Not my people". The name signifies the breaking of the covenant relationship between God and Israel**



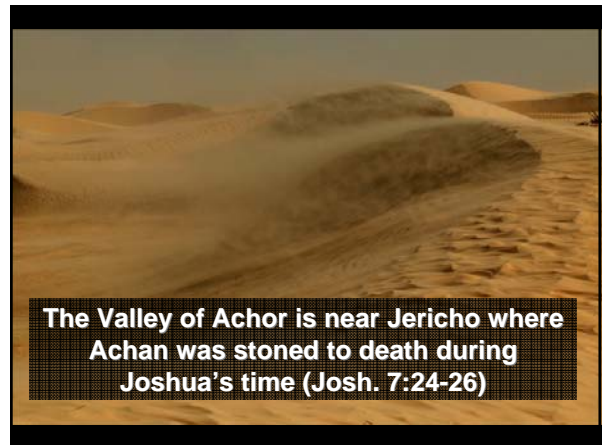
**God's charges against Israel (2:8)**

- People did not consider God as the source of their blessings
- Israel gave their silver and gold to make idols of Baal





**God's punishment (2:15)**

**God decided to send the disobedient people of Israel to the Valley of Achor.**




**The Valley of Achor is near Jericho where Achan was stoned to death during Joshua's time (Josh. 7:24-26)**



**Israel and Achan**

**The people of Israel were stealing from God like Achan (Hos. 2:8, 13)**



**Door of Hope**

**The door of hope opens to a person when he repents and return to Jesus Christ**