

the explanation, turn to the book of Hosea, where you find that Hosea's wife deserted him and ~~xxx~~ went off into ~~xxx~~ sin and wickedness, and yet he follows her with love in spite, as an example of ~~xxx~~ God's love to His people. That, even though they are cast off into exile for their sins, He doesn't desert them, but follows them with His love.

(question) Certainly it is a prophecy of the future. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

(question) It is a figure of speech. It doesn't mean that God was ever literally married to Israel in the sense that a man would be married to a woman. Or that He was divorced from them. But He has taken a relationship to them in ~~xxxx~~ which there is a similarity. There is a great similarity to the relationship of ~~xxxxxxxx~~ marriage. He has a love for them and an interest in them which ~~xxx~~ continues, but on account of their sins, He has cast them off into exile. But He has not ~~xxx~~ actually broken off relationships with them. He is still married to them ~~x~~ in the sense that they should have the opportunity to....

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Well, if all the individuals would come, it would be the nation as a whole. But you notice, he says, return, in verse 12, return thou backsliding Israel, singular, saith the Lord, and I will not cause my anger to fall upon you plural. And then he says, turn oh backsliding ~~x~~ children, plural, for I am married unto you, plural. And it is the individuals who have the opportunity of taking advantage of the ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ relationship of the love which God has for the nation. Which He will show to the individual.

(question) He says, only acknowledge your iniquity, you have done all this sin, you haven't obeyed my voice. Well, now you can admit your sin, confess the sin fo the nation, and as individuals turn to ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ God and seek His forgiveness, and what will He do if you do. He tells us in verse 14, he said, I will take you, one of the city and two of the family, see, the individual, come back to the Lord and I will take you, one of a city and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion. To Jerusalem. Which wasn't in the northern kingdom at all. Jerusalem is standing. The southern