

Women in Jesus' ancestry:

Eve

Sarah

Rebekah

Leah & Rachel

Tamar [Gen 38]

Rahab [Joshua 2 & 6]

Ruth & Naomi

Bathsheba

Mary

Old Testament Women

Jochebed

Jezebel

✓ Gomer

Esther

New Testament Women

Mary & Martha

Mary Magdalene

Priscilla

Lois & Eunice

Gomer

Historical setting

- a. The prophet Hosea in Northern Israel
100 years after Ahab, Jezebel, & Elijah
- b. Israel still accepted idol worship (Baal, Asherah, etc.)
rather than (or in addition to) to worshipping God.

Hosea 1:2-3

- c. Gomer and her "night job."
- d. God chose Gomer to be Hosea's wife.
- e. That marriage was illustration for Israel.

Hosea 2

- f. Israel's (& Gomer's) messed up mind. (v. 2, 5, & 8)
- g. God's steps to restore Israel:
- h. v.6-7 "a hedge of thorns" - tempters lose interest in her
- i. v.9-12 He will hold back His blessings.
- j. v.14-15 He will get alone with her again & rebuild
the relationship that she abandoned.
- k. v.16-20 A deeper relationship
- l. *Application in our prayers for straying loved-ones.*

Hosea 3

- m. v.1 Hosea's turn to do for Gomer,
as God would do for Israel.
- n. v.2 Hosea's ransom for Gomer.
- o. v.3-4 Gomer's (and Israel's) time to wait.
- p. v.5 Returning to the King from David's family.