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Hosea 1:1 ESV

The word of the LORD that came to Hosea, the son of Beerī, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of **Judah**, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of **Israel**.

THE KINGDOMS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH

1 KINGS 12



The United Kingdom

Saul
David
Solomon

The Southern Kingdom of Judah

Beginning of Rehoboam



There were 20 kings,
some evil and some good



Invaded and taken captive by the
Babylonians in 586 B.C. (2 Kings 24-25)

The Northern Kingdom of Israel

Beginning of Jeroboam



There were 19 kings,
and they all did evil in God's sight



Invaded and taken captive by the
Assyrians in 722 B.C. (2 Kings 17)

Recap

Chapters 1 – 3

God who never gives up

Chapters 4 – 10

God who judges

Chapter 11

God who loves

The Root of Unfaithfulness

Hosea 2:5,8 ESV

⁵ For their mother has played the whore; she who conceived them has acted shamefully. For she said, 'I will go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.'

⁸ And she did not know that it was I who gave her the grain, the wine, and the oil, and who lavished on her silver and gold, which they used for Baal.

Judgement and God's love:

- God's holiness judges sin.
- Without judgement, there is no need for grace and mercy.

Judgement and God's love:

Ezekiel 18:23 ESV

²³ Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord GOD, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?

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God Who Forgives - Chapter 14

Forgiveness of sin is an integral part of salvation and restoration.

Hosea 14:1-3 ESV

Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity.

² **Take with you words** and return to the LORD; say to him, "Take away all iniquity; accept what is good, and we will pay with bulls the vows of our lips.

³ **Assyria shall not save us;** we will not ride on horses; and we will say no more, 'Our God,' to the work of our hands. In you the orphan finds mercy."

The forgiveness of sin requires:

- Humility – remorse and repentance.
- Confession of sin and turning away from false gods.
- Praise and gratitude to God.

Hosea 14:4-7 ESV

⁴ I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them.

⁵ I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily; he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon;

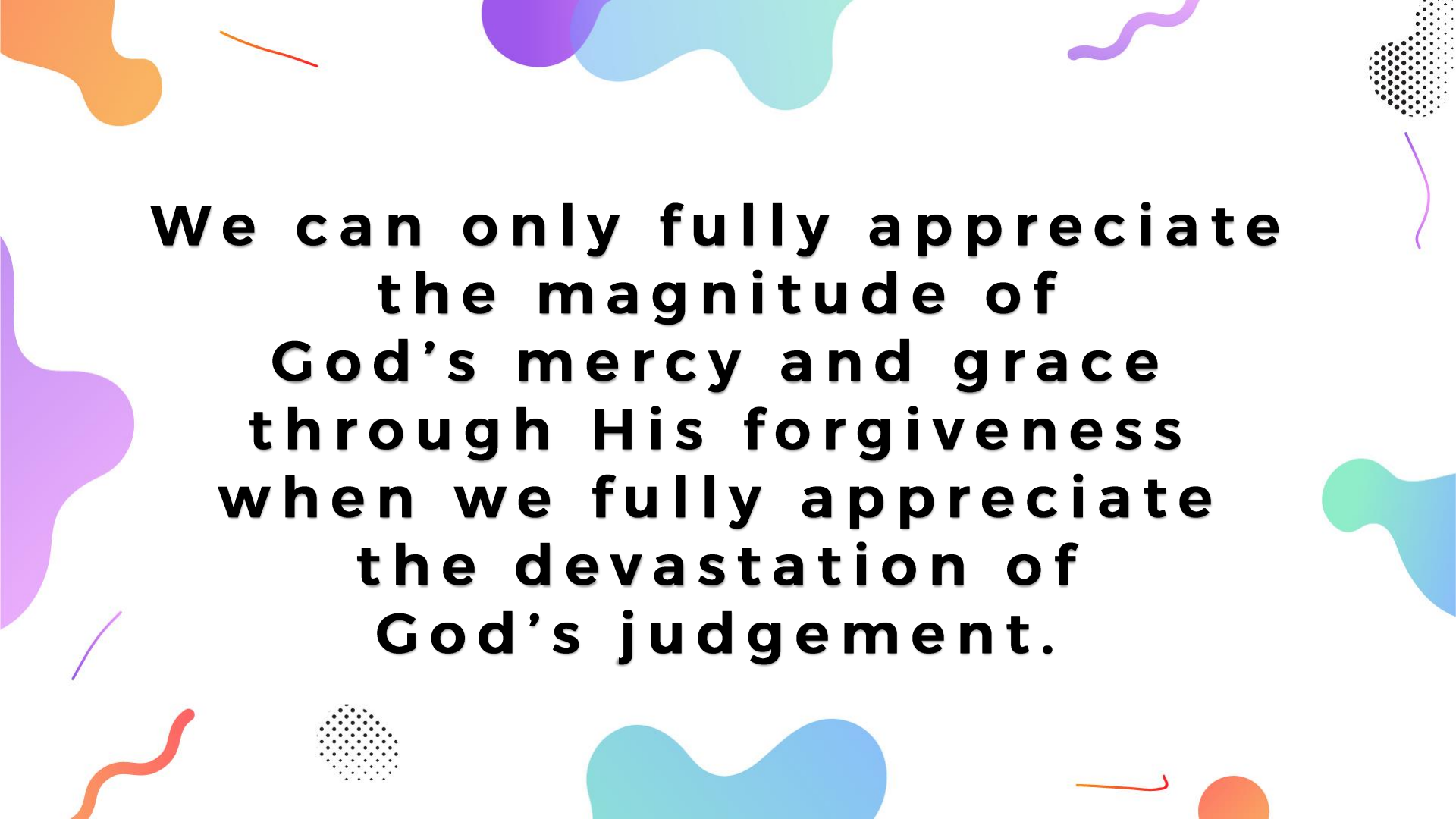
⁶ his shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive, and his fragrance like Lebanon.

⁷ They shall return and dwell beneath my shadow; they shall flourish like the grain; they shall blossom like the vine; their fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

Hosea 14:8-9 ESV

⁸ O Ephraim, what have I to do with idols? It is I who answer and look after you. I am like an evergreen cypress; from me comes your fruit.

⁹ Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is discerning, let him know them; for the ways of the LORD are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them.

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**We can only fully appreciate
the magnitude of
God's mercy and grace
through His forgiveness
when we fully appreciate
the devastation of
God's judgement.**

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