

(See Jonah 1:3.) What are some reasons why we choose not to share the gospel? What can we learn from the story of Jonah that can help us be more valiant in obeying the Lord and sharing the gospel?

- What did Micah prophesy about the latter-day temple? (See Micah 4:1–2.)
- How can Micah 6:6–8 help us when we feel overwhelmed by all that is expected of us?

“I Will Betroth Thee unto Me in Righteousness”

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Hosea 1–3; 11; 13–14

Study the following scriptures:

- a. Hosea 1–3. Using the similitude of a faithful husband and an adulterous wife, the prophet Hosea describes the relationship between the Lord and Israel. In these chapters Hosea represents the Lord as the husband, and Gomer represents Israel as the wife.
 - b. Hosea 11; 13–14. Because of his love for his people, the Lord continues to invite Israel to repent and return to him.
- What does the comparison in Hosea 1–3 teach us about the level of com-

mitment and devotion the Lord expects from us?

- Who or what were Israel’s “lovers”—the things that caused the people to turn from the Lord? What things may divert us from our dedication to following the Savior?
- What did the husband promise his wife if she would return to him? (See Hosea 2:19.) What does the Lord promise his people if they will repent and return to him? (See Hosea 2:20, 23.)

Additional reading: The rest of Hosea.

God Reveals His Secrets to His Prophets

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Amos 3; 7–9; Joel 2–3

Study the following scriptures:

- a. Amos 3:6–7. Amos teaches that the Lord reveals his secrets to the prophets.
- b. Amos 7:10–17; 8:11–13; 9:8–15. Amos is called of God to be a prophet (7:10–15). He prophesies of the captivity and scattering of Israel (7:16–17; 9:8–10). He prophesies that there will be a famine of hearing the word of the Lord (8:11–13). He prophesies that in the last days Israel will be a great and prosperous people (9:11–15).

- c. Joel 2; 3:16–17. Joel prophesies of the wars and calamities of the last days (2:1–11). He calls on the people to repent (2:12–14; note that the Joseph Smith Translation of verses 13 and 14 explains that the people, not the Lord, were to repent). Joel prophesies that God will bless his people in the latter days and pour out his Spirit upon them (2:15–32; 3:16–17).

Amos ministered to the people of the kingdom of Israel from about 800 to 750 B.C. Most of these people were in apostasy. As Amos confronted the