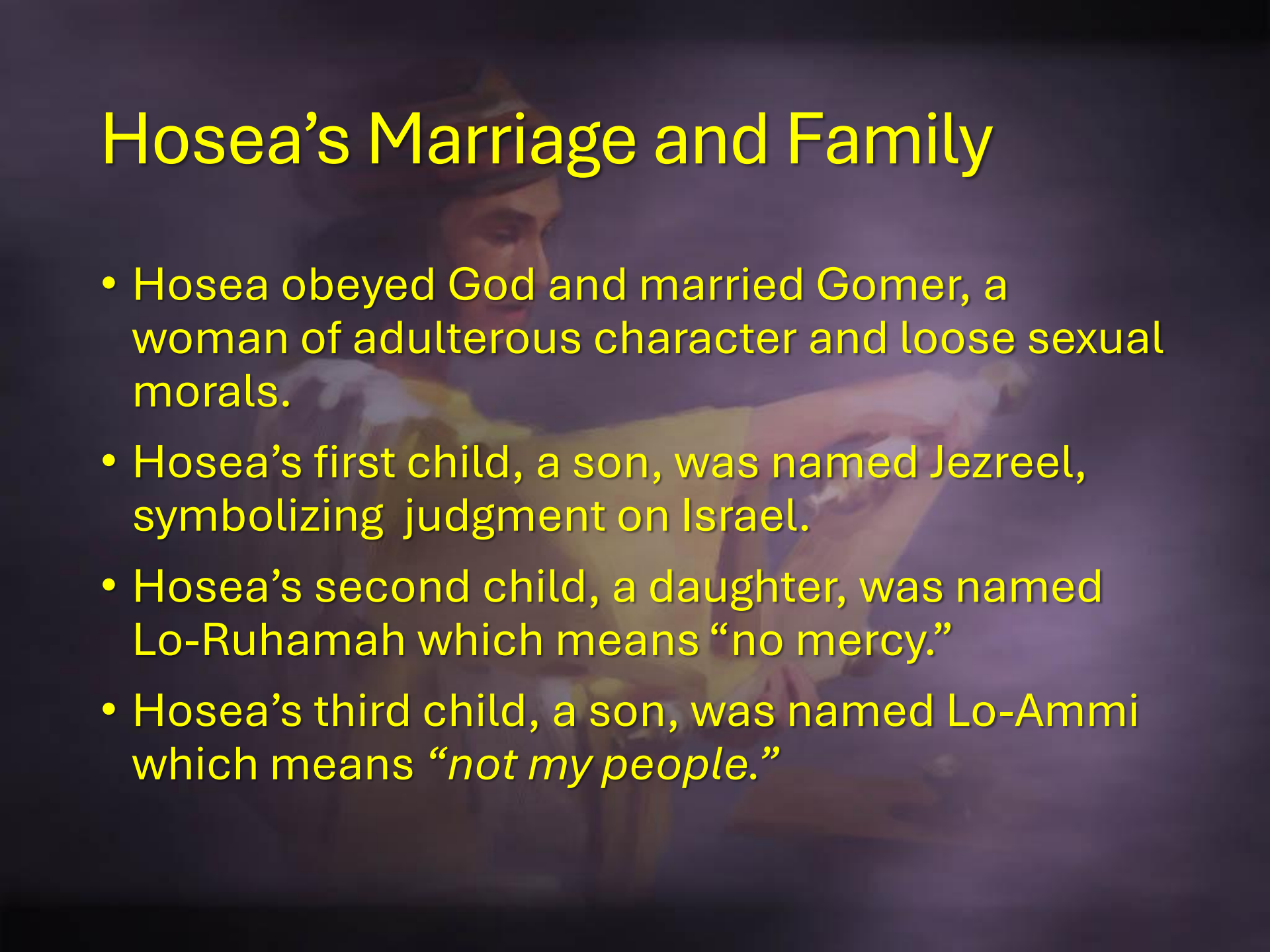




I Will Buy Thee Back

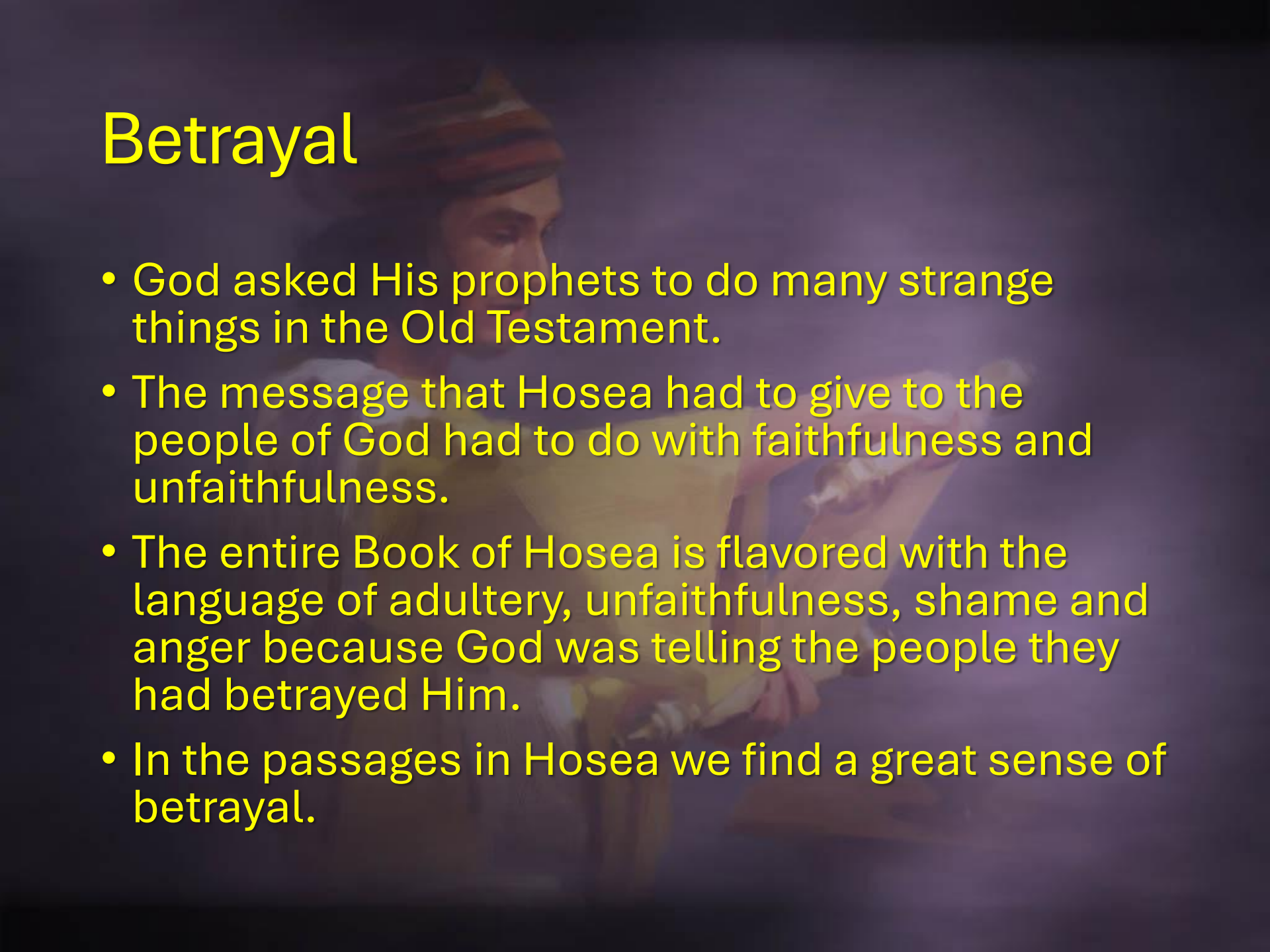
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Hosea's Marriage and Family



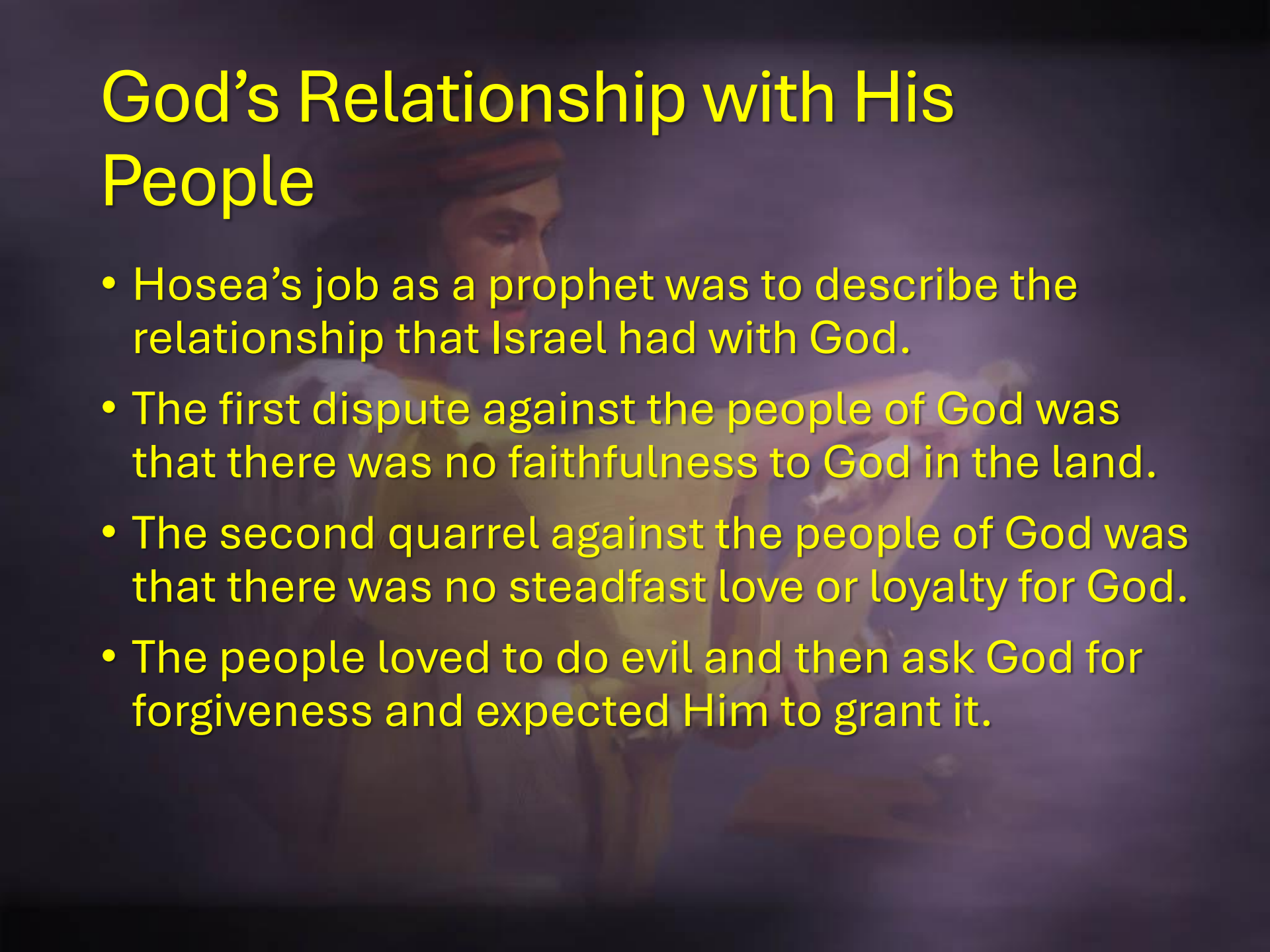
- Hosea obeyed God and married Gomer, a woman of adulterous character and loose sexual morals.
- Hosea's first child, a son, was named Jezreel, symbolizing judgment on Israel.
- Hosea's second child, a daughter, was named Lo-Ruhamah which means "no mercy."
- Hosea's third child, a son, was named Lo-Ammi which means "*not my people.*"

Betrayal

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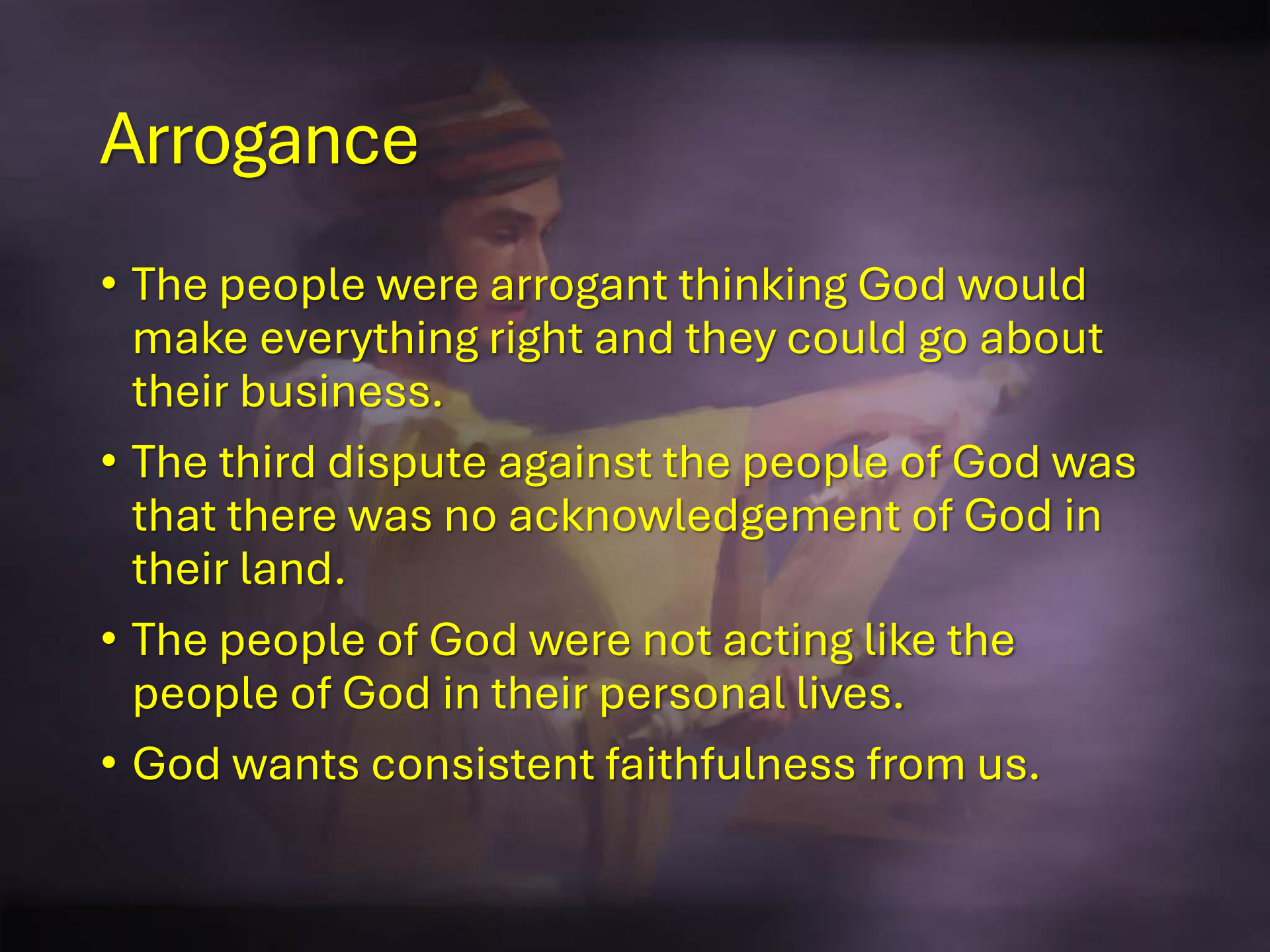
- God asked His prophets to do many strange things in the Old Testament.
- The message that Hosea had to give to the people of God had to do with faithfulness and unfaithfulness.
- The entire Book of Hosea is flavored with the language of adultery, unfaithfulness, shame and anger because God was telling the people they had betrayed Him.
- In the passages in Hosea we find a great sense of betrayal.

God's Relationship with His People



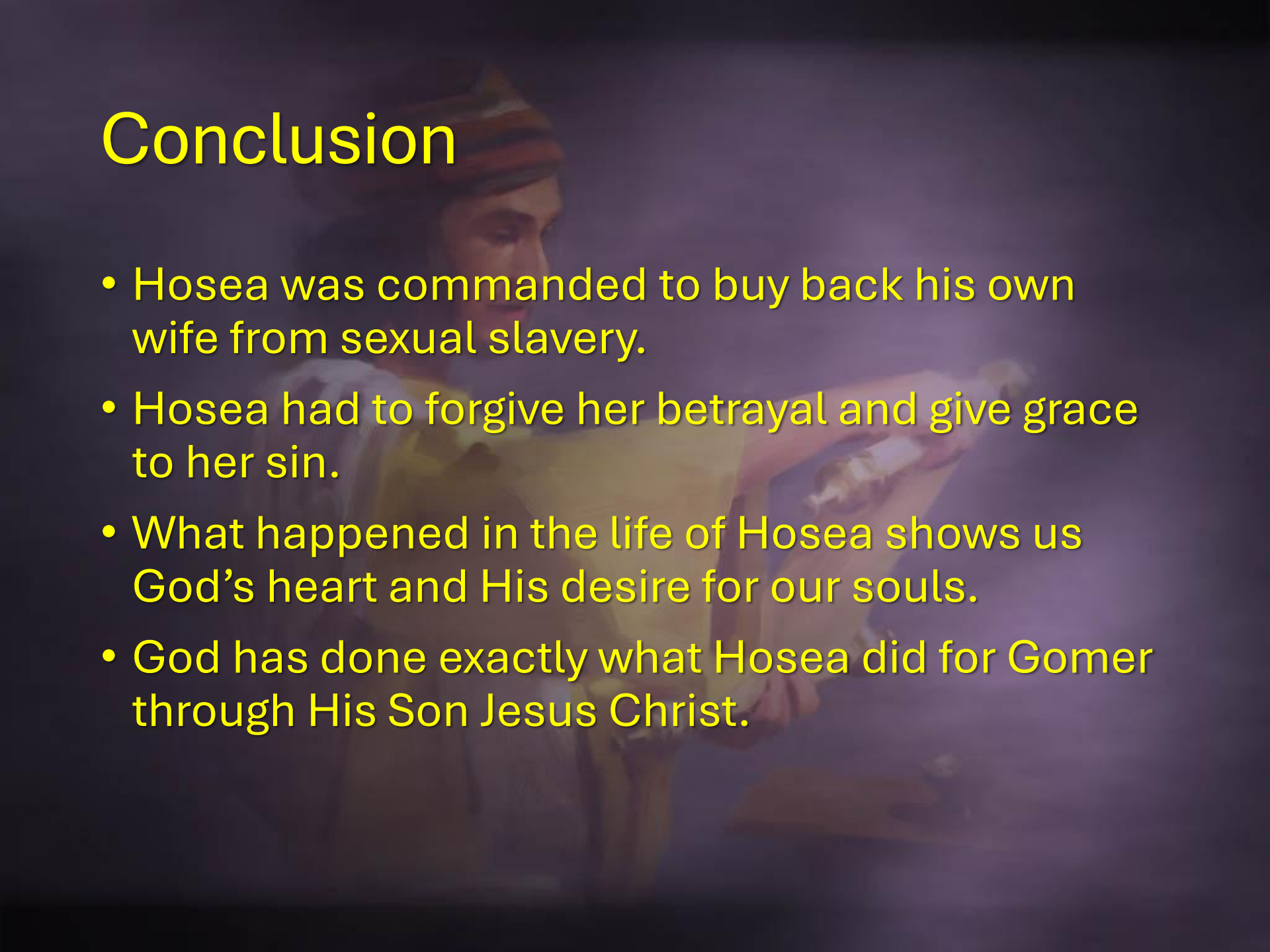
- Hosea's job as a prophet was to describe the relationship that Israel had with God.
- The first dispute against the people of God was that there was no faithfulness to God in the land.
- The second quarrel against the people of God was that there was no steadfast love or loyalty for God.
- The people loved to do evil and then ask God for forgiveness and expected Him to grant it.

Arrogance



- The people were arrogant thinking God would make everything right and they could go about their business.
- The third dispute against the people of God was that there was no acknowledgement of God in their land.
- The people of God were not acting like the people of God in their personal lives.
- God wants consistent faithfulness from us.

Conclusion

A background image of a man wearing a turban and a white robe, holding and reading a large scroll. The image is dimly lit and serves as a background for the text.

- Hosea was commanded to buy back his own wife from sexual slavery.
- Hosea had to forgive her betrayal and give grace to her sin.
- What happened in the life of Hosea shows us God's heart and His desire for our souls.
- God has done exactly what Hosea did for Gomer through His Son Jesus Christ.