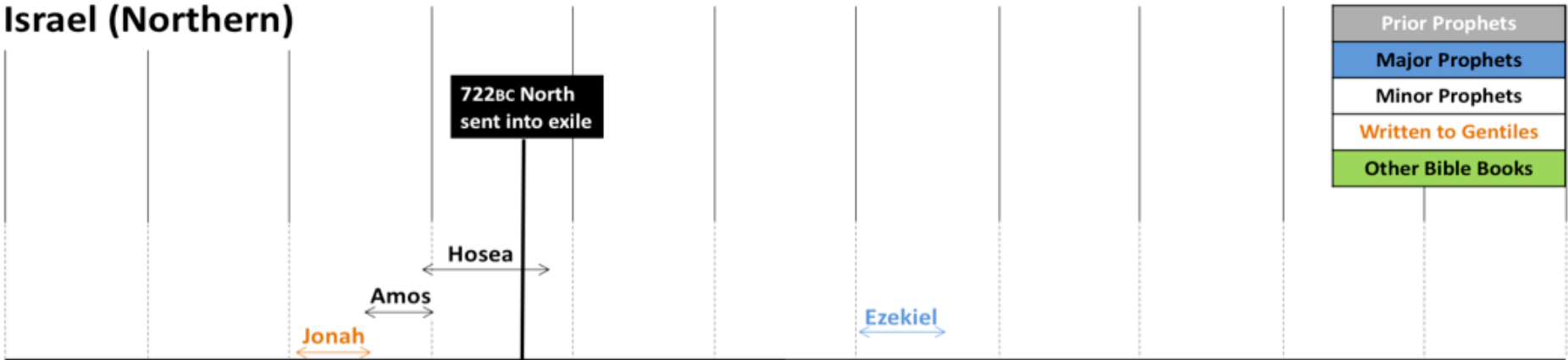




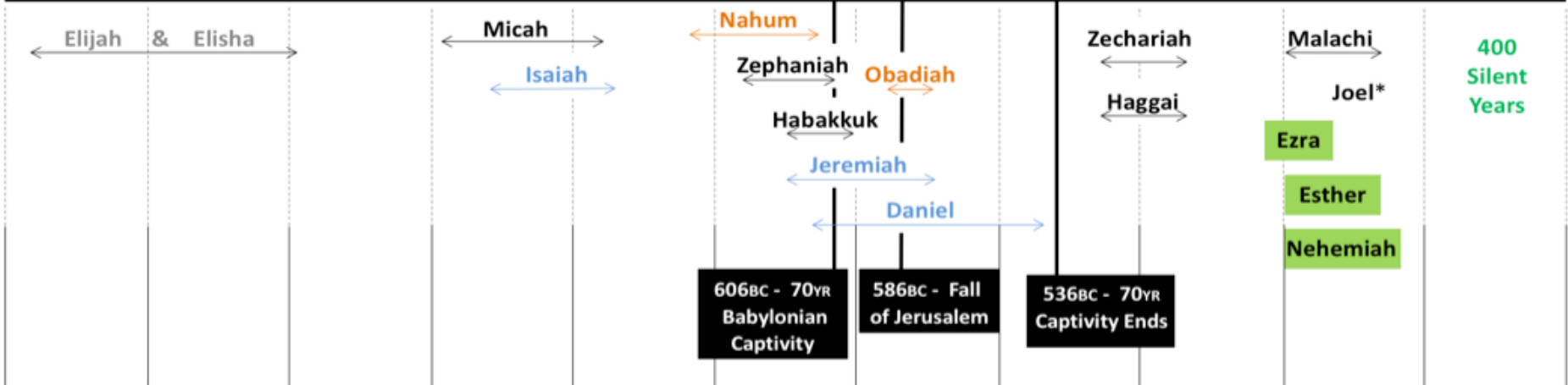
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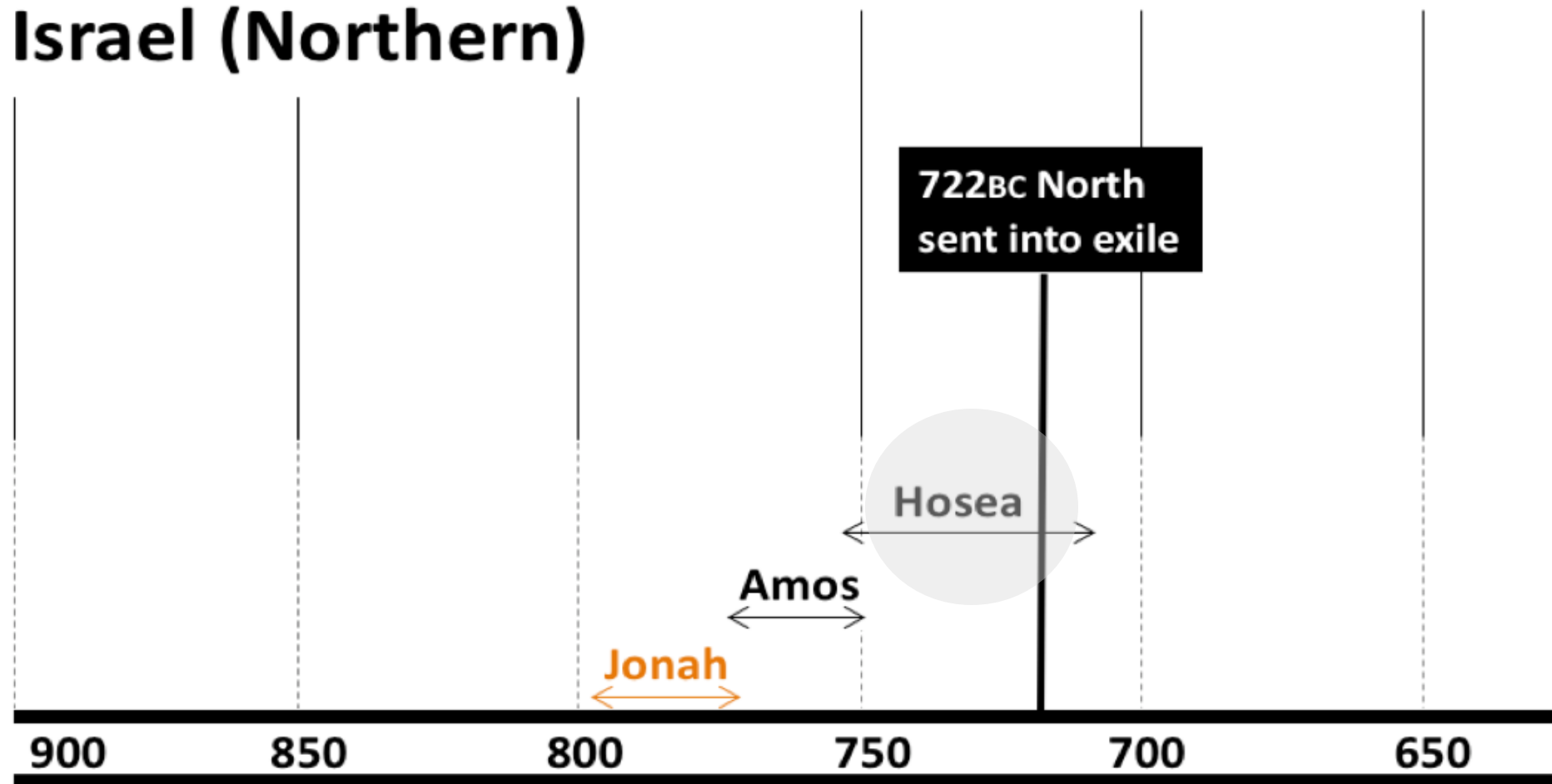


400 Silent Years

Judah (Southern)

*The date of Joel is anywhere between 800-400bc.

Israel (Northern)



Key Words/Phrases

- Adulterer (21x)
 - Whore, whoredom, prostitute, etc
- Land (17x)
- Return (15x)
- I will (65x)

Key Locations

A faded, sepia-toned background image depicting a religious scene. In the foreground, a figure in a long robe stands with arms raised, possibly in prayer or teaching. Behind them, a group of people in similar attire are gathered, some appearing to be in a state of distress or seeking help. The scene is set in an interior space with architectural details like door frames visible.

- Israel (47x)
- Ephraim (37x)
- Egypt (13x)
- Assyria (9x)

Verses quoted in the NT

- 1:9 (1 Pet 2:9-10)
- 1:10 (Rom 9:25-26)
- 6:6 (Matt 9:13)
- 10:8 (Lk 23:30; Rev 6:16-17)
- 11:1 (Matt 2:15)
- 13:14 (1 Cor 15:55)

Ch1-3

Ch1 – 4 Commands for Hosea

- His story becomes an illustration for all of Israel

Ch 2 – God's judgment & mercy

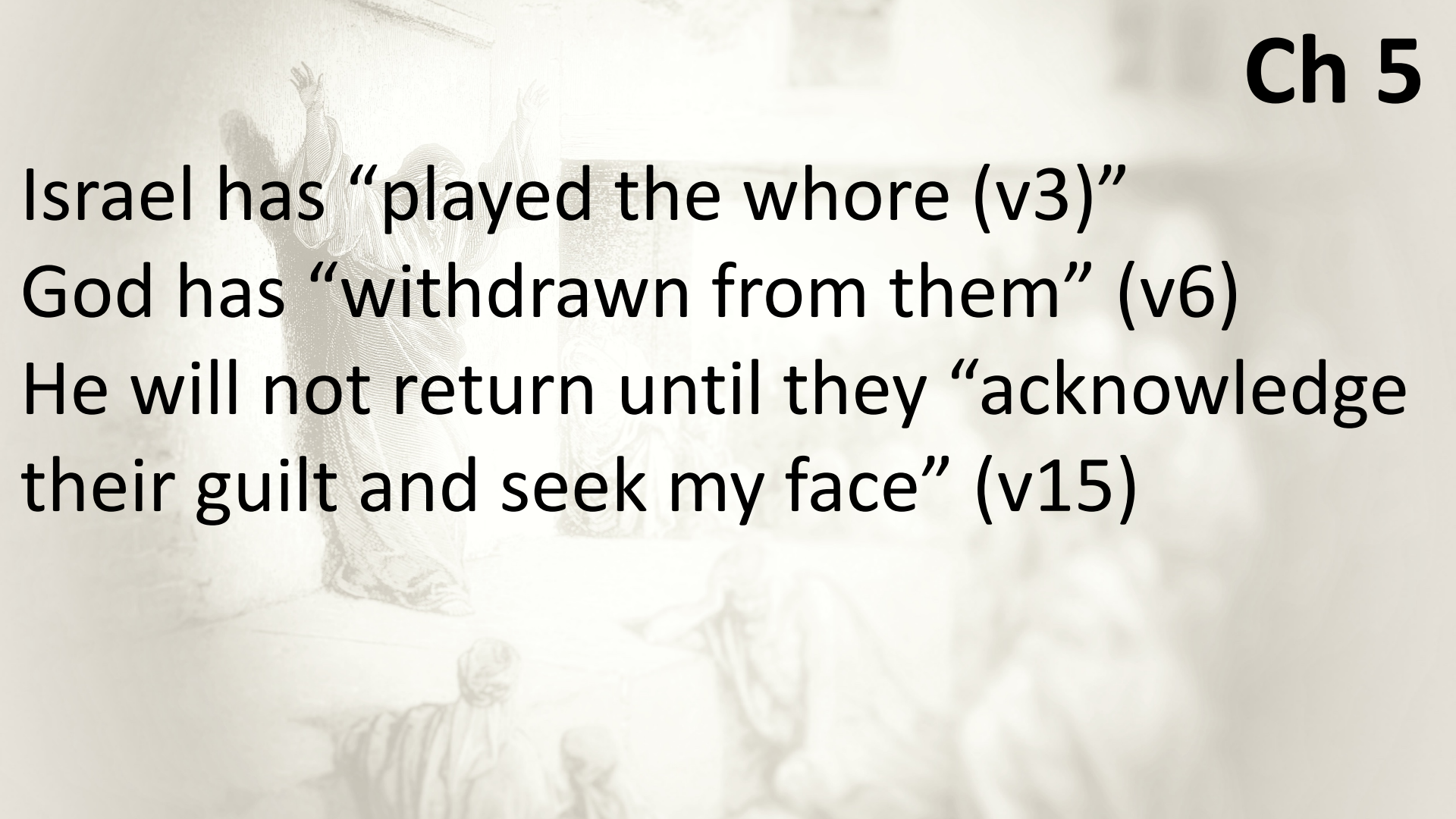
Ch 3 – Command #5 for Hosea

Ch 4

“...There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land; there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.” (1b-2a)

*13 uses of adulteress terms in ch 4

Ch 5



Israel has “played the whore (v3)”
God has “withdrawn from them” (v6)
He will not return until they “acknowledge
their guilt and seek my face” (v15)

Ch 6

Israel says,

“Come let us return to the Lord” (1)

But their love is like “dew that goes early away” (4)

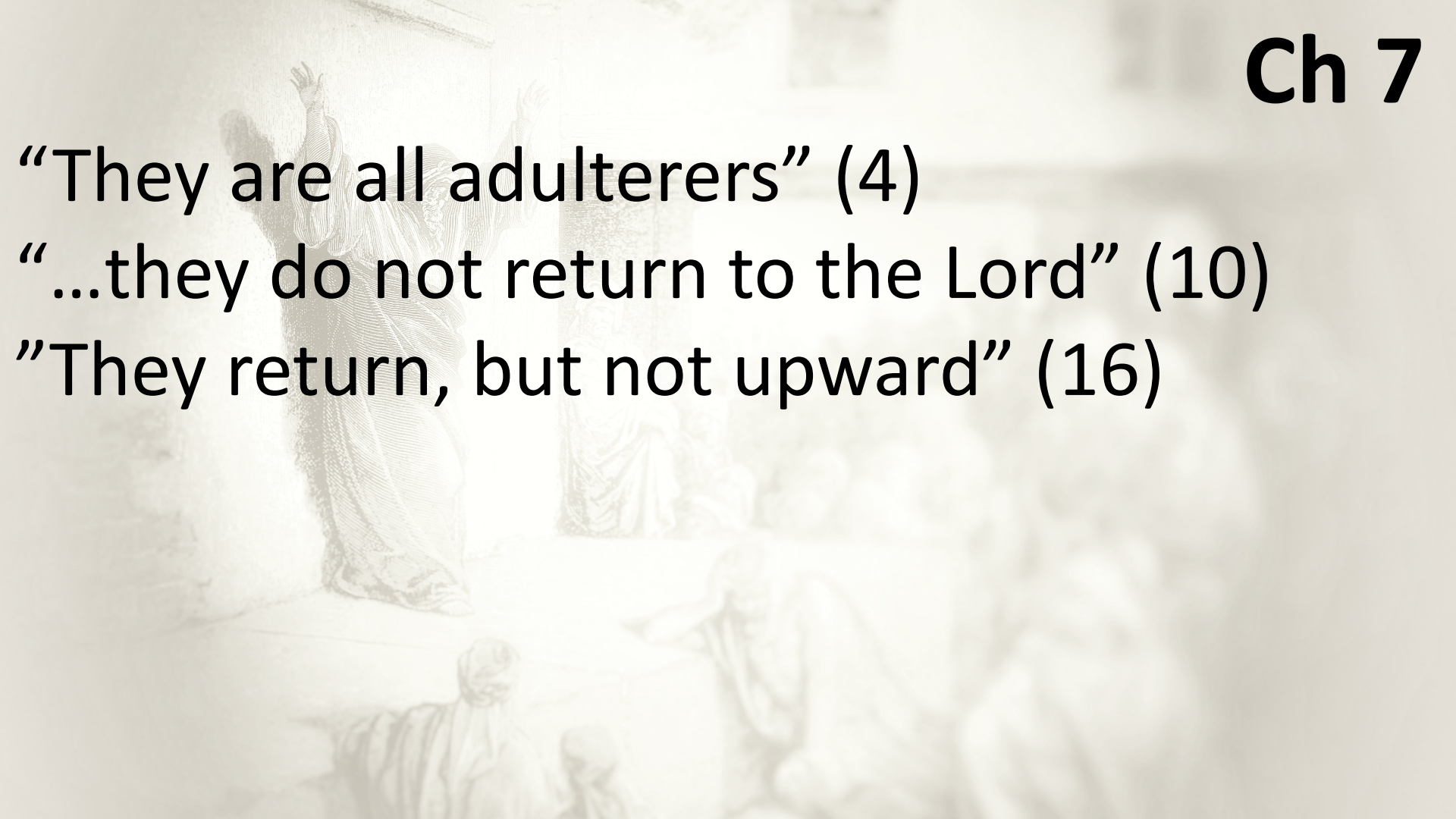
So God responds, “I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice” (6)

Ch 7

“They are all adulterers” (4)

“...they do not return to the Lord” (10)

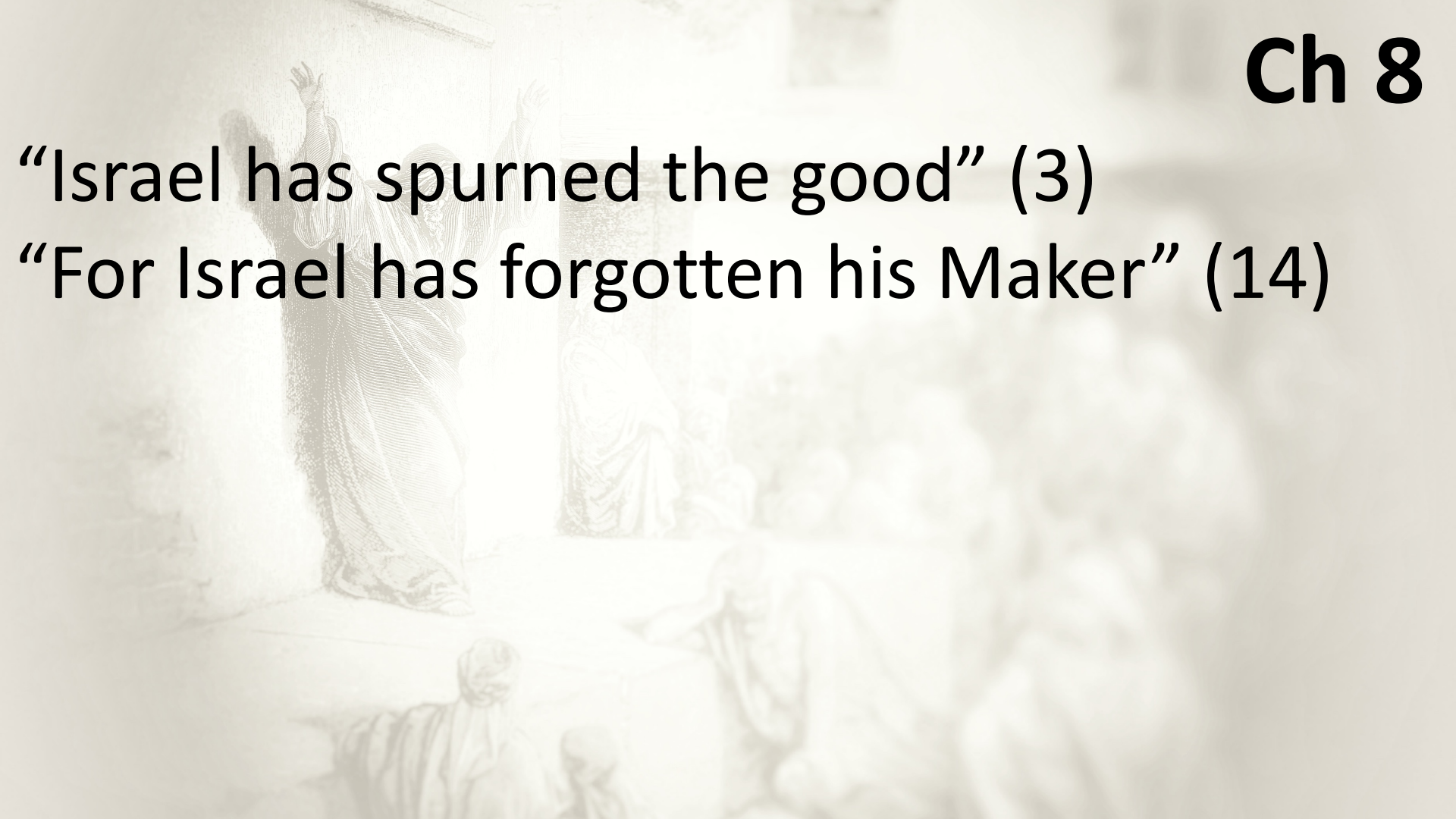
“They return, but not upward” (16)



Ch 8

“Israel has spurned the good” (3)

“For Israel has forgotten his Maker” (14)



Ch 9

Israel has “played the whore, forsaking your God” (1)

“They shall not remain in the land” (3)

“God will reject them because they have not listened to him” (17)

Ch 10

“Their heart is false; now they must bear their guilt” (2)

God desires that they “sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love” (12)

Instead they have “plowed iniquity; you have reaped injustice” (13)

God said...

Ch 11

“Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms” (3)

“How can I give you up, O Ephraim?” (8)

Israel will finally “go after the Lord” (10) and will come “trembling...from Egypt” and from “the land of Assyria” and God will “return them to their homes” (11)

Ch 12

A mini history lesson on Jacob (2-5, 12),
Moses (13), and the prophets (10).

God pleads for them to, “by the help of
your God, return, hold fast to love and
justice, and wait continually for your God”
(6)

Ch 13

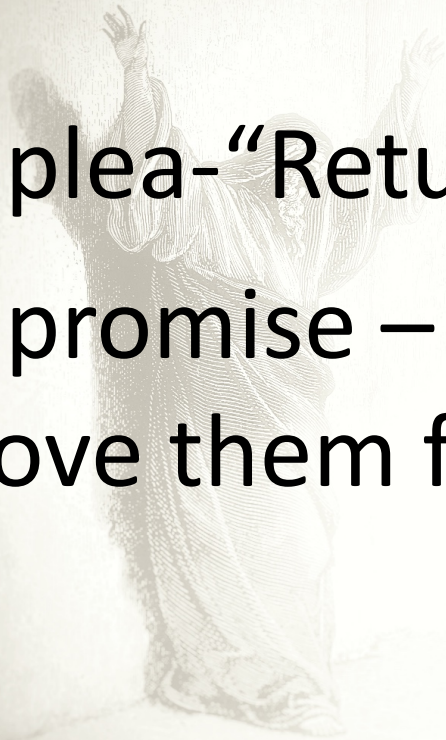
Israel “incurred guilt through Baal” (1) and now they “sin more and more” (2)

God responds, “But I am the Lord your God...you know no God but me, and besides me there is no savior.” (4)

“I shall ransom them...I shall redeem them” (14)

Ch 14

God's plea—"Return, O Israel, to the Lord (1)
God's promise – "I will heal their apostasy;
I will love them freely" (4)



Hosea's Challenge

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. (9)

Ch 1

4 Commands

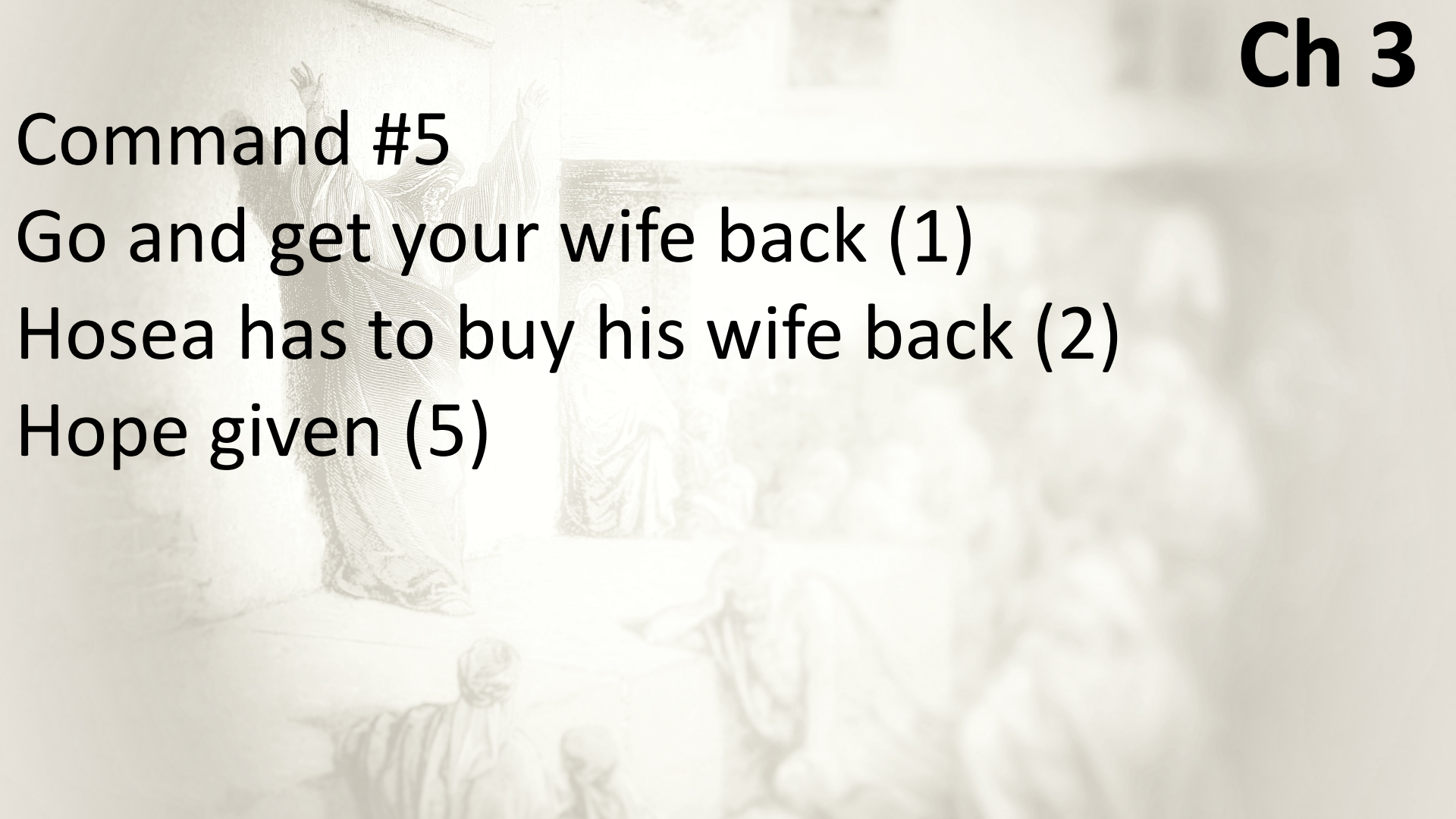
1. Marry a prostitute and have children (2)
2. 1st child – Jezreel, God sows (4)
3. 2nd child – No mercy, Loruhamah (6)
4. 3rd child – Not my people, Loammi (9)

Command #5

Go and get your wife back (1)

Hosea has to buy his wife back (2)

Hope given (5)



Abrahamic Covenant



Seed

- 3:5 “David their king”

Blessing

- 1:10-11 “Children of the living God”

Land

- 2:23 “I will sow her for myself in the land”



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