

## THE CREATION CHRONICLES

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**Scene:** WXPRTV

**Characters:** Chuck (a news reporter), Hosea (the prophet)

**Scripture text:** Hosea 1

**Props:** microphone, notepad

**Length:** 5 minutes

*(Direct to imaginary camera)*

**CHUCK:** Hello everyone. I'm Chuck Orion, and you're tuned in to channel 3, WXPRTV with a special report from the Twenty-third Annual Convention of Prophets of the Northern and Southern Kingdoms ... that's TACOPOTNASK for short. Our top story today is the possible retirement of the prophet Hosea. Yes, the professional prophet Hosea threatens retirement.

This just in, special report. Obadiah's Saturday workshop on "Festering sores: a necessary evil" has been cancelled. That's "Festering Sores" ... has been canceled. Ladies and gentlemen, I've just spotted Hosea himself. Let's see if we can get some answers.

*(CHUCK moves to where Hosea is standing)*

**CHUCK:** Hosea ... you're a relatively young man, why retirement?

**HOSEA:** You're kidding right?

**CHUCK:** *(A bit uncomfortable)* Hosea, what's next?

**HOSEA:** God knows.

**CHUCK:** Ah... *(Checking notes)* It says here that you have been seen as a symbol of Israel's wickedness.

**HOSEA:** It's hell being a walking metaphor ... *(under his breath)* no respect. I didn't do nothing wrong...

**CHUCK:** Chuck ... a man on the edge...

**HOSEA:** I's mindin' my own business.

**CHUCK:** Ah... (*Again to notes*)

**HOSEA:** God made me marry a prostitute.

**CHUCK:** Oh my.

**HOSEA:** Her name is Gomer, but she's Phoenician, so she pronounces it Gomer.  
(*Accent on last syllable*)

**CHUCK:** I've met her. (*Doesn't realize what he has said*)

(*HOSEA turns and just looks at him.*)

**CHUCK:** So, God asked you...

**HOSEA:** Forced me ... no respect...

**CHUCK:** ... forced you to marry a prostitute? (*Beat*)

**HOSEA:** Mom and Dad were real pleased.

**CHUCK:** I'm sure...

**HOSEA:** Then He named the kids.

**CHUCK:** Really?

**HOSEA:** Seemed a little far fetched.

**CHUCK:** I suppose...

**HOSEA:** God naming my kids. (*Ticks them off*) There's three of 'em. That's the biggest there. God named her I Will Show No Mercy. She's a little shy. Lift your veil there, honey. The middle one there is named These Are Not My People. She's real purty, ain't she? And there's the baby. God named her I Will Punish the Descendents of King Jehu of Israel for the Murders He Committed in the Jezreel Valley. We call her JV for short. JV, wave to the reporter, baby. She's missing a finger.

**CHUCK:** Whew! Good luck monogramming your sweaters, sweetheart.

(*HOSEA gives him a look*)

**CHUCK:** (*Uncomfortable again*) Well, perhaps it's time to move along...

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**HOSEA:**        *(Has stayed on him)* So, you knew the wife?

**CHUCK:**        I understand the stuffed pomegranates are especially good this year...

**HOSEA:**        Biblically?

**CHUCK:**        Look at the flower arrangements. Yes, a festive time ... perhaps we should move on.

*(HOSEA grumbles and walks off)*

**CHUCK:**        Finally, much puzzlement over some peculiar statements from Isaiah. In a forum today, the prophet said: "Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning ... will be fuel for the fire." And then he says ... "For unto us a child is born." Boots, blood and babies? What? A child? I mean, whoever heard of a BIRTH metaphor? What can a little KID do? Well, it's a mystery, but more on this story if it develops. Don't need a prophet to tell us ... time's up. This is Chuck Orion at the TACOPOTNASK convention. Stay tuned for Leapin' Leviticus ... the game show of legal trivia. Tonight's category is cleansing from mildew and skin disease. I'm Chuck Orion. Good night everybody.

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