

~LO-RUHAMAH (53)

(Lo-ru-ha'mah)[She Was Not Shown Mercy]

- A girl borne by Gomer, the wife of Hosea. Yehowah told the prophet to give the child this name because He would **no more show mercy again to the house of Israel**. God thus indicated his rejection of Israel as a whole.
- And she proceeded to become pregnant another time and to give birth to a daughter. And He went on to say to him; Call her name **Lo-ruhamah**, for I shall no more show mercy again to the house of Israel, because I shall positively take them away. (**Hosea 1:6**)
- But to the house of Judah I shall show mercy, and I will save them by Yehowah their God, but I shall not save them by a bow or by a sword or by war, by horses or by horsemen. (**Hosea 1:7**)
- And she gradually weaned **Lo-ruhamah**, and she proceeded to become pregnant and give birth to a son. (**Hosea 1:8**)
- Earlier, when Jezreel was born, it was said that Gomer bore to him, Hosea a son, but regarding **Lo-ruhamah** it is only stated that Gomer proceeded to become pregnant another time and to give birth to a daughter, without direct personal reference to Hosea.
- Though the account does not specifically say, it has been suggested that this child was the fruit of Gomer's adultery and was not the prophets own offspring.
- There was a start of the word of Yehowah by Hosea, and Yehowah proceeded to say to Hosea; Go, take to yourself a wife of fornication and children of fornication, because by fornication the land positively turns from following Yehowah. (**Hosea 1:2**)
- And he proceeded to go and take Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, so that she became pregnant and in time bore to him a son. (**Hosea 1:3**)
- There is allusion to her symbolic name in;
- Say to your brothers, My people! And to your sisters, O woman

shown mercy! ([Hosea 2:1](#))

And I shall certainly sow her like seed for me in the earth, and I will show mercy to her who was not shown mercy, and I will say to those not my people; You are my people, and they, for their part, will say; You are my God. ([Hosea 2:23](#))