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Cornerstone Church  
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**Main Point: Return to the Lord**

**#1** “The inclusion of twelve prophets in one scroll ensured that they sang together, not only in physical unison but also in theological harmony. Although each of the Twelve had different parts to sing in the prophetic choir, they all followed the same Conductor, conveying his message. Furthermore, when we listen to their voices together, we hear far more than if we listen only to the individual parts.”

Stephen Dempster

What the Old Testament Authors Really Cared About: A Survey of Jesus’ Bible

**#2** “All other relational claims must yield to the primacy of marital union. It requires an exclusive, life-long bonding of one man with one woman in one life fully shared. It erects barriers around the man and woman, and it destroys all barriers between the man and the woman. God so joins them together that they belong fully to one another, and to one another only. This is the vision of human marriage which provides the coherent network of meanings necessary for an understanding of the covenanted nation’s (Israel’s) relationship with Yahweh (the LORD), as the story unfolds in the rest of Scripture.”

Ray Ortlund

God’s Unfaithful Wife: A Biblical Theology of Spiritual Adultery

**#3** “Flitting about like a frightened bird, panicky Israel does not turn to the one true source of strength and security...The spiritual answers and resources offered in the covenant seemed unreal in the face of visible dangers...faith seemed irrelevant, and...God...remote.”

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**#4** “Consider God’s agenda...God is not working to deliver to you your personal definition of happiness. If you’re on that agenda page, you are going to be disappointed with God, and you are going to wonder if he loves you. God is after something better: your holiness – that is, the final completion of his redemptive work in you, which includes deep and abiding happiness in him. The difficulties you face are not in the way of God’s plan, they do not show the failure of God’s plan, and they are not signs he has turned his back on you. No, those tough moments are a sure sign of the zeal of his redemptive love (for you).”

Paul Tripp

Every Other Hope Will Disappoint

**#5** “Where does life, in all its richness and fullness, come from? Does it come from Yahweh alone, or from Yahweh plus others?...The folk theology permeating Israel at this time obscured the clarity (of pure Judaism)...by mingling the alternatives together in one dimly perceptible theological blur.”

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**Bill Kittrell**  
**Hosea**  
**Our All-Sufficient God**

**Sermon Quotes**  
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