Book of Hosea

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Hosea's Directive:

- 1. To expose Israel's breach of Obedience or Sin.
- 2. To announce God's intention to implement Curses for Disobedience, from Deut 28:15-68
- 3. To affirmed God's Covenant promise of Israel's ultimate Restoration, from Deut 30:1–10

Three Major Themes:

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Sin, Judgment, and Restoration
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A. Israel's Sin: idolatry (3:1, 4:17; 8:4, 6; 10:5; 11:2; 13:2), Baal worship (2:8, 13; 11:2; 13:1), Broke Covenant and rebelled against the Law, (6:7, 8:1)

B. Israel's Judgment: (1:2-9, 2:2-13, 4:1-5:14, 6:4-11:7, 11:12-13:16)

C. Israel's Restoration: (1:10-2:1, 2:14-3:5, 5:15-6:3, 11:8-11, 14:1-9)



Theme Verse:

Whoever is wise, let him understand **these things** (things of Lord, prophesied by Hosea); Whoever is discerning, let him know **them** (these things).

[WHY?] For the ways of the LORD are right, And the righteous will walk in them (ways of LORD)

But transgressors will stumble in them (ways of LORD), Hosea 14:9

Bible Text Interpretation > Process

First > Read the Book thoroughly

Second > Develop your own [Book Outline]

- **I.** [Book Sections]
 - **A.** [Sub-Sections]
 - 1. [Paragraphs]
 - a. [Sub-Points]

Creating your own Outline, instead of using someone else's, requires You to:

- Break the TEXT down into its Major and Minor Points and Sub-Points. It helps You to SEE the CONTEXT of the PASSAGE.
- Once Completed You are then better able to SEE what the TEXT is saying, which is the TEXT INTERPRETATION, Your Goal.

Working Outline > Hosea 2:14-20

IV. Israel Allured to the Lord and Restored, in that day (Millennial Kingdom), 2:14-20¶

A. The Lord foretells Israel's Future Return to Himself, 2:14-17

(Restore)

B. Therefore (because of that, 2:9-13), behold (observe), 2:14

1. I will allure her (Israel, wife), Bring her into the wilderness (like Ex 4:23, to serve Lord) And speak kindly to her (to her heart), 2:14 (Restore)

2. Then I will give her (Israel) her vineyards from there,

a. And the valley of Achor (trouble) (Jos 7:1-26) as a door of hope (Isa 65:10). (simile)

3. And she (Israel) will sing there (valley of Anchor)

(Restored)

a. as in the days of her youth (simile), 2:15

b. as in the day when she (Israel) came up from the land of Egypt (simile), 2:15

C. It will come about in that day (Israel > vineyard, singing, 2:15 call Lord Husband, 2:16 > Time) you will call Me Ishi (my husband) and no longer call Me Baali (my master), 2:16

1. For (because) I will remove the names of the Baals from her (Israel's) mouth, 2:17

a. So that (Reason) they (the Baals) will be mentioned by their names no more, 2:17

D. A Covenant, in that day (Covenant with creation, for Israel, in Safety > Time) (Mill Kingdom), 2:18

1. In that day, I will also make a covenant for them (for Israel), 2:18 (Restored)

2. (Covenant) With the beasts of the field, 2:18 (Ezek 34:25)

3. (Covenant with) The birds of the sky, 2:18

4. (Covenant with) And the creeping things of the ground, 2:18

5. And I will abolish the bow, the sword and war from the land (Peace), 2:18

6. And will make them (beasts, birds, creepers) lie down in safety, 2:18 (Isa 11:6-8, 65:25)

E. Betrothal of Lord to Israel, in that day (Israel > betrothed > forever) (Mill Kingdom), 2:19-20

1. And I will betroth (promise to marry) you (Israel) to Me forever, 2:19 (Restored)

2. Yes, I will betroth you (Israel) to Me in righteousness, in justice, 2:19

3. (betroth you) In lovingkindness and in compassion, 2:19

4. And I will betroth you (Israel) to Me in faithfulness,

5. Then you (Israel) will know the LORD, 2:20

Commentary > Hosea 2:14-20

"Therefore (because of that), behold (observe)", in 2:14, refers back to Israel being judged by the Lord, in Hos 2:1-13. Because of and after those judgements, the Lord will allure (entice) Israel,

and bring her, His wife, to a place like "the wilderness", where she will serve Him (like Ex 4:23, 5:1-3). The Lord will "speak kindly to her (His wife)", to her heart (Hebrew). Then the Lord will give her vineyards and she will sing "as in the days of her youth, as in the day when she (Israel) came up from Egypt.

"It will come about in that day" "you (Israel, wife) will call Me Ishi (my husband) and no longer call Me Baali (my Baal), 2:16. This will occur, "For (because) I will remove the names of the Baals from her (Israel's) mouth, So that (Reason) they (the Baals) will be mentioned by their names no more", 2:17



Achan took some of the things Banned by the Lord, Joshua 7:1. This caused the Lord to remove His protection of Israel, and they became accursed, Jos 7:12. Achan confessed of his theft, Jos 7:20-21. Then they took him and all of his possessions and stoned and burned them, Jos 7:25, all in the Valley of Anchor, 7:24, 7:26.

The Valley of Anchor, was a place of Past sin and rebellion of the Lord, But in the Future it will be a place of "hope", Hos 2:14, and "a resting place for herds" and a resting place "for My people who seek me", Isa 65:10, and "she will sing there as in her youth and "as in the day she came out of Egypt", Hos 2:15

The Lord will allure His Wife Israel Back - She will Call Him Husband Hosea 2:14-18

The Lord
Faithful Husband

Again Marries Wife/Children

Israel
Wife of Harlotry

The Lord will allure Her (Israel) and speak kindly to Her, 2:14

The Lord will give Her (Israel), Her Vineyards, 2:15

The Lord will give Valley of Achor, as a door of Hope, 2:15

in Valley of Achor She (Israel) will sing there, as before, 2:15

In that day, You (Israel) will call Me Ishi (husband), Not Baali, 2:16

I will remove the Names of Baal from Her mouth, 2:17

In that day, I will make a Covenant: for them (Israel), 2:18

Lord's Covenant: with Beasts, Creeping things, and Birds, 2:18

Lord's Covenant: I will abolish Bow, Sword, and War, 2:18

Lord's Covenant: I will make them lie down in safety, 2:18

Commentary > Hosea 2:14-20 (Continued)

A Covenant of Peace and Safety for Israel in the Millennial Kingdom, 2:18

The Lord will make a Covenant (a binding unilateral agreement) "for them (for Nation of Israel)"

- 1. That will, "abolish the bow, the sword and war from the land (cause Peace), 2:18, Ezek 34:25, 37:26
- 2. That will, "make **them** (beasts, birds, creepers) lie down in safety, 2:18 (Isa 11:6-8, 65:25)

Isaiah 11:6-8

- 6 And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together;

 And a little boy will lead them.
- **7** Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together, And the lion will eat straw like the ox.
- 8 The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.

Isaiah 65:25

25 "The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent's food.

They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain," says the Lord.

[See more on Millennial Kingdom and its Covenants in the Next lesson]

The Lord will promise to Marry Israel, in that day, in the Millennial Kingdom, 2:19-20

The Lord "will betroth (promise to marry) (Israel) to Himself forever, 2:19
The Lord again Re-Marry Israel as His Wife with the following characteristics:

- (1) in righteousness, 2:19
- (2) in justice, 2:19
- (3) in lovingkindness, 2:19
- (4) in compassion, 2:19
- (5) in faithfulness, 2:20

Because of and as part of that Re-Marriage of the Lord with Israel

Israel will know, have a personal relationship with, or be saved by the Lord

"Then you (Israel) will know the LORD", 2:20

This is referring to the New Covenant being applied to Israel, in the Millennial Kingdom

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Jeremiah 31:33–34
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33 "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the Lord, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it (law); and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

34 "They will <u>not</u> teach again, each man <u>his</u> neighbor and each man <u>his</u> brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,'
for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the Lord,
"for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

Romans 11:25-26

25 For I do not want you, brethren (fellow believers), to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;
26 and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written,
"The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob."

[See more on New Covenant in the Next Lesson]

Working Outline > Hosea 2:21-23

IV. The Lord will Respond to the Heavens, Earth and Land, in that day, (Mill Kingdom), 2:21-23 A. It will come about in that day that I will respond (provide answer), declares the LORD, 2:21 1. I will respond (provide answer) to the heavens, 2:21 (Restored) 2. and they (the heavens) will respond (provide answer) to the earth, 2:21 3. And the earth will respond (provide answer) to the grain, the new wine, and to the oil, 2:22a B. The Lord will Sow (Jezreel) Israel in the Land, in that day, 2:22b-23 (Restored) 1. And they (Israel) will respond (provide answer) to Jezreel (God's sowing), 2:22b 2. I will sow her (Israel) for Myself in the land, 2:23 (sowing, like Matt 13:24) 3. I will have compassion (racham), on her (Israel) (Restored) who had not obtained compassion (Lo-ruhamah), 2:23 4. And I will say to those who were not My people (Lo-ammi, Not - My people), 2:23 (1:8) 'You (Israel) are My people! (ammi, My people), 2:23 (Restored) 5. They (Israel) will say, 'You are my God!, 2:23 (Restored)

Commentary > Hosea 2:21-23

In that day the Lord will >

- respond to the heavens > the heavens to the earth > the earth to grain, wine, and oil.
- sow her (Israel) for Himself in the land, 2:23 (sowing, like Matt 13:24)
- <u>have compassion</u> (racham), on <u>her</u> (Israel) who had <u>not</u> obtained <u>compassion</u> (Lo-ruhamah), 2:23
- say to those who were not My people (Lo-ammi, Not My people), 2:23 (1:8)
- 'You (Israel) are My people! (ammi, My people), 2:23
- They (Israel) They (Israel) will say, 'You are my God!, 2:23

In that Day You Israel, (Hosea 2:16, 2:18, 2:21)

"You (Israel) will call Me Ishi (my husband), 2:16
And will No Longer Call Me Baali (my master)"

"I will betroth (promise to marry) you (Israel)
to Me forever, 2:19a

"I will betroth (promise to marry) you (Israel) in Righteousness, Justice, Lovingkindness and Compassion, 2:19b

"I will betroth (promise to marry) you (Israel) in Faithfulness, 2:20a

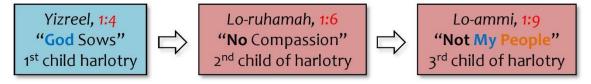
"Then you (Israel) Will know the Lord, 2:20b

"they (Israel) will respond (provide answer)
to Jezreel (God's sowing), 2:22b
"I will sow her for Myself in the Land", 2:23a

"I will have Compassion (racham) on her (Israel) who had Not obtained Compassion (Lo-ruhamah)", 2:23b

"I will say to those who were not My people (Lo-ammi, Not My People),
You (Israel) are My People (ammi, my people)!"
and they (Israel) will say "You are my God (elohim, my God)", 2:23c (1:8)

Hosea's 3 Children's Names Metaphor or Exemplify How the Lord saw Israel the Lord "will no longer have Compassion" on Israel and they are "Not My People"



How the Lord will see Israel "in that day" when He Re-Marries Israel the Lord "will have compassion" and say "You are My People"

