

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:

Sin, **Judgment**, and **Restoration**

- 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 (Focusing on Hosea 2:18-20)

- IV. **Israel Allured to the Lord and Restored, in that day** (Millennial Kingdom), 2:14-20 ¶ (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 Baal), 2:16 (Restored)
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 2:18-20

“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



A Covenant of Peace and Safety for Israel in the Millennial Kingdom, Hosea 2:18
The Lord will make a **Covenant** (a binding unilateral agreement) “**for them** (for Nation of Israel)”

A Covenant of Peace and Safety for Israel – Concerning Beasts of the Earth

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

Isaiah 11:6–8

6 And **the wolf** will dwell with **the lamb**, (**Isa 65:25**)

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**. (**Isa 65:25**)

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.

9 **They** will not hurt or destroy in all **My** holy mountain, (**Isa 65:25**)

For **the earth** will be full of the knowledge of **the Lord** As the waters cover the sea.

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**.

Ezekiel 34:25

25 “**I will** make a **covenant of peace** with **them** (Israel)

and **eliminate harmful beasts** from the land

so that **they** (Israel) may live securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.

A Covenant of Peace and Safety for Israel – Concerning War

2. That will, “abolish **the bow, the sword** and **war** from **the land** (cause **Peace**), **Hosea 2:18**

Ezekiel 37:26

26 “**I will** make a **covenant of peace** with **them** (Israel);

it will be an **everlasting covenant** with **them** (Israel).

And **I will** place **them** (Israel) and multiply **them** (Israel),

and will set **My sanctuary** in **their** (Israel’s) midst **forever**.

Isaiah 9:5–7

5 For every boot of the booted warrior in the battle tumult,

And cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire.

6 For **a child** will be born to us, **a son** will be given to us; (**Isa 7:14, Isa 11:1-2**)

And the government will rest on **His** shoulders;

And **His name** will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

7 There will be no end to the increase of **His** government or (no end) of **peace**,

On **the throne of David** and over **his** kingdom,

To establish **it** (the throne) and to uphold **it** (the throne) with justice and righteousness

From **then on** and **forevermore**.

The zeal of **the Lord of hosts** will accomplish this.

the Lord's Covenant of Peace for Israel

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

Lord's Covenant of Peace for Israel: Concerns Beasts and Birds

Covenant of Peace: with **Beasts**, **Creeping things**, and **Birds**, 2:18

Covenant of Peace: with harmful **Beasts**, Ezek 34:25

The Lord will “eliminate harmful **Beasts** so that **they** may live **securely**, Ezek 34:25

Lord's Covenant of Peace for Israel: Concerns War & Safety

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

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

Lord's Covenant: “I will make a **covenant of peace** with **them** (Israel);
it will be an **everlasting covenant** with **them** (Israel)”, Ezekiel 37:26

Lord's Covenant of Peace for Israel: is during the **Millennial Kingdom**

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

Because of and as part of that **Re-Marriage with Israel** (See Previous Lesson)

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

“Then **you** (Israel) will **know the LORD**”, **Hos 2:20**

This is when the **New Covenant** is applied to **Israel as a Nation**,

in the Millennial Kingdom, Hosea 2:21-23 (See Previous Lesson)

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**

Jeremiah 31:33-34

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 not teach again, each man **his** neighbor and each man **his** 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 Next Lesson]

The Lord “will betroth (promise to marry) Israel to Himself forever”, Hos 2:19-20

The Lord will 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

Read Verses in Chart. The Lord Married Israel, Israel was Rebellious Wife, and The Lord Divorces Israel.

Metaphor > the Lord’s Marriage and Divorce of Israel, Hosea 2:1-5

The Lord > Marries/Husband to His Wife – Israel, 1446BC, Jer 31:32

The Lord
Faithful Husband

Marries
By Covenant

Israel
Wife of Harlotry

Israel > is Rebellious Wife – from day they left Egypt, Deut 9:7

Israel as Wife, is Adulteress and Harlot, Hos 2:2, 4

Israel as Wife, goes after other lovers, Hos 2:4, 5

Therefore > she (Israel) is not My Wife and I am not Her Husband , Hos 2:2

The Lord > Divorces His Wife - Israel , Hos 2:2, Jer 3:8, Isa 50:1

The Lord, Gives N. Israel, Writ of Divorce, Jer 3:8, Isa 50:1

The Lord, sends away N. Israel (722BC), Jer 3:8, Isa 50:1

The Lord, Gives S. Judah, Writ of Divorce, Jer 3:8

The Lord, sends away S. Judah (605BC), 2 Kings 24:1-2

Metaphor > the Lord's Writ of Divorce of Israel, Hosea 2:1-7

The Lord > Divorces His Wife - Israel, Hos 2:2, Jer 3:8, Isa 50:1

Writ of Divorce Law – allowed, if “indecent” of Wife, Deut 24:1-2

Writ of Divorce – Husband “sends away” Wife, Deut 24:1

The Lord – sends away Wife Israel, “dispersed”, Deut 28:64-65, 4:27

The Lord Husband – separated from Wife Israel

The Lord will have No Compassion for Israel's Children, Hos 2:4-5

Israel Pursues other lovers, Hos 2:7

Read Verses in Chart. The Lord gives Israel a Writ of Divorce and The Lord sends away Israel and Judah

Metaphor > the Lord's Re-Marriage of Israel, Hosea 2:7-20

Then Israel will go back to Her First Husband the Lord, Hos 2:7

Then, In the Future, Israel will call the Lord Husband again, Hos 2:16

you will call Me Ishi (my husband) and no longer call Me Baali (my Baal), 2:16

In Future, the Lord will Betroth (Marry) Israel Forever, Hos 2:19-20

The Lord will Betroth (promise to marry), Hos 2:19-20

in righteousness, justice, lovingkindness, and mercy, Hos 2:19

in faithfulness, Hos 2:20

you (Israel) shall know the Lord, Hos 2:20

“for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin
I will remember no more, Jer 31:34

“..I will save you from all your uncleanness”, Ezek 36:29, 25, 33

New Covenant Applied to Israel

Read Verses in Chart. The Lord Re-Marries (Betroths) Israel and Forgives Her Sins.