

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.