6. In faithfulness

7. With knowledge of the LORD

1. Given in that day

2. The LORD answers

3. The Lord answers the heavens

4. The heavens answer the earth

5. The earth answers with produce

a. Grain

b. New wine

c. Oil

6. The produce answers Jezreel (God sows!)

→ NOTE: The curse is lifted and the earth abundantly brings forth!

G. S_____ R____-2:23

- 1. The LORD sows for Himself the land
- 2. He will show mercy on the "Not Mercy" people ("Lo-Ruhamah")
- 3. The "Not People" ("Lo-Ammi") become "My People"
- 4. The People respond to the LORD, "You are My God"

APPLICATIONS:

TEXT: Hosea 2:14-23 TITLE: "Restoration at Last!" → Though Hosea prophesies of judgment, God's mercy and restoration are promised.

God used Hosea's family as symbols to pronounce His messages of judgment on the people of Israel. Hosea and family were living object lessons to a people who were hardened in rebellion against their God.

Let's look at this family and learn what God is saying to Israel. A key to understand is 1:2—Israel, "the land," has apostatized and turned her back on the LORD—her "husband."

Remember there are cycles of judgment and of restoration/renewal in Hosea. Let's review:

* Chapter One

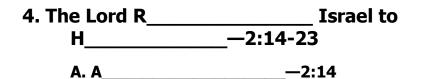
- 1. HOSEA, THE HUSBAND, REPRESENTS THE LOVING GOD OF ISRAEL-1:1
- 2. GOMER, THE WIFE, REPRESENTS THE WAYWARD NATION OF ISRAEL-1:2-3
- 3. JEZREEL, THE SON, REPRESENTS THE SCATTERING JUDGMENT OF GOD-1:4-5
- 4. LO-RUHAMAH, THE DAUGHTER, CONTRASTS LOSS OF COMPASSION FROM YAHWEH FOR ISRAEL AND JUDAH'S GAIN—1:6-7
- 5. LO-AMMI, A SON, REPRESENTS LOSS OF RELATIONSHIP WITH YAHWEH-1:8-9a

6. FUTURE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL DEMONSTRATE RESTORED RELATIONSHIP WITH YAHWEH—1:10-2:1 A. Multiplication—1:10a-c B. Reinstatement—1:10d-f C. Reunification—1:11-2:1

* Chapter Two

- 1. Hosea Tells the Children to Bring Charges against Gomer (Their Mother)—2:2-3 A. The Reason—2:2 B. The Retribution—2:3
- 2. Hosea Has No Mercy on Gomer's Children—2:4-8 A. The Reasons—2:4-5

- [NOTE WELL: Israel thought false gods—"Baals" had blessed her and supplied <u>her needs.</u>]
 - B. The Retribution—2:6-8
- 3. Hosea Metes out Judgments on Gomer (Yahweh on Israel)-2:9-
 - 13
 - A. Retaking Gifts—2:9
 - B. Exposing Nakedness—2:10
- → [NOTE WELL: <u>The land will be made bare, exposed in judgment and the</u> <u>inhabitants will be carried away in exile!</u>]
 - C. Ceasing Celebrations—2:11
 - D. Destroying Lovers' Gifts-2:12
 - E. Punishing Idolatry-2:13



- 1. Into the wilderness
- 2. With words of comfort "I will speak to her heart"

B. G______-2:15

- 1. Vineyards given as gifts
- 2. Valley of Achor given as a door of hope
 - a. Singing as in her youth

b. Singing as when she came from Egypt

- → NOTE: Joshua 7:1, 10, 20-24, 25-26—Achor was the valley of "Trouble" where Achan was punished for causing disturbance and defeat for the whole nation of Israel!
- → NOTE: Exodus 15:1ff—Triumphant singing of Moses and Israel when they came up from Egypt.
- ➔ The trouble and destruction that was upon Israel, prophesied by Hosea, would be turned to opportunity & gateway for glad hope and expectation from God!

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- 1. In that day
- 2. The LORD called "My Husband" אִישִׁי
- 3. The Lord no longer called "My Master" בַּעְרָ
- 4. Names of "Baal" removed
- 5. Remembered by "Baal" no longer
- → NOTE: The remembrance of Baal = false gods, will be completely removed!
- → NOTE WELL: A new relationship is now reinstated for the people of Israel.

D. C_	with N_	 8
	1. In that day	
	2. With wildlife	
	a. With beasts	
	b. With birds	
	3. With creeping things	
	4. By shattering Bow and Sword	
	5. By resting in peace	
E. B_	to Y	 ·20
	1. Forever	
	2. In righteousness	
	3. In justice	
	4. In lovingkindness	
	5. In mercy	