

6. In faithfulness
7. With knowledge of the LORD

F. A _____—2:21-22

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 her needs.]**

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: The land will be made bare, exposed in judgment and the inhabitants will be carried away in exile!]**

C. Ceasing Celebrations—2:11

D. Destroying Lovers' Gifts—2:12

E. Punishing Idolatry—2:13

**4. The Lord R_____ Israel to
H_____—2:14-23**

A. A_____—2:14

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!**

C. H_____ vs. M_____—2:16-17

1. In that day
2. The LORD called "My Husband" 'אִשִּׁי ה'ֵי
3. The LORD no longer called "My Master" הָאֱלֹהִים
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_____—2:18

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_____—2:19-20

1. Forever
2. In righteousness
3. In justice
4. In lovingkindness
5. In mercy