# Hosea 2:1-13

## Pleading and Punishment

#### 1. Hosea 1:11

- a. 1:11 "great shall be the day of <u>Jezreel</u>" God sows Hos 2:22-23, Jer 31:27-28
- b. There are different sowings, the ground (land) was not always ready (see Matt 13:18)
- c. When the root of Jesse matures, his people will return Isa 11:10-13,16

#### 2. Hosea 2:1-3 – Pleading to Put Away

- a. Every chapter (1-3) begins with the family and quickly gets to Israel's failure/reunion.
- b. "Say ye unto your brethren... sisters" the children (prophecies) speak to Israel.
- c. "Ammi... Ru-hamah" You are my people and have obtained mercy of the Lord.
- d. "Plead" An appeal to the people for their mother (land) to "put away", stop, repent.
- e. "for she is not my wife" A description of what adultery does to marriage Mt 19:9
  - i. Israel will be given a bill of divorce Jer 3:1, 6-8, 20 (speaks of Hosea's day)
- f. "Lest I strip her naked..." Removal of three responsibilities in marriage Ex 21:10
  - i. Mother = Israel; "as in the day she was born" was in the desert w/nothing.

### 3. Hosea 2:4-8 – Preventing Her Departure

- a. "upon the children" All the people will go through punishment.
- b. "I will not have mercy... for they be..." Adulterous problem: who's the father?
- c. "For their mother ...shamefully" Will to adultery, for vanity, material, lies, false hope
- d. "Therefore..." He plots to forcefully prevent her from finding her lovers Lam 3:7
- e. "I will return..." This shows the jealousy and passion God has for Israel
- f. "for she did not know" She forgot, ungrateful, ignorance Jer 44:15-23, Eze 16:1-14
- g. "which they prepared for Baal" Offending the blessings of God Eze 16:15-34

#### 4. Hosea 2:9-13 – Poverty and Punishment

- a. Israel was prospered by God, but God will remove his provision and protection.
- b. When God becomes their enemy, they know that Baal does nothing for them.
- c. Food: "I will... take away my corn" They brought nothing into the land 1 Tim 6:7
- d. Clothes: "discover her lewdness" Eze 16:15-37, a return to Rom 1:21, 24-28
  - i. "in the sight of her lovers" for shame, but also to sever their relationship
- e. Mirth: "mirth to cease...feats, sabbaths" they are iniquity Isa 1:10-14
- f. Land/fruit: "I will destroy... vines, fig" reign/religion, will return to nature.
- g. Judgment: "I will visit upon them,..." Amos 5:21-27
- h. "The days of Baalim" When they worshipped many false gods Judges 2:11-14, 3:7