

Hosea 2:14-23

Behold, I Will Allure Her

1. Hosea 2:14 – The Alluring

- a. “*Behold*” ~*def.* To hold in view, fix the eyes upon; to look at, to see, to watch.
- b. “*Therefore*” - Pleading and judgment leads to his unending commitment to her
- c. “*I will...*” Said more by LORD in Hosea 2 (23x) than any other chapter (except Lev 26)
- d. “*allure her*” – His purpose to change her “I will” (see 2:5 and 2:7, then 2:16)
 - i. His love for Israel does not leave her desolate but separates her and allures her.
 - ii. Allure ~*def.* to attract or draw the will/desire; charm; woo.
- e. “*bring her into the wilderness*” where they first met (2:3), Jer 2:2 (also Mt 3:1, Isa 40:1)
- f. “*speak comfortably*” - There’s a romance to seeking faith/trust/heart, since it’s not forced

2. Hosea 2:15-17 – The Wilderness

- a. “*her vineyards from thence*” -Vineyards from the desert - Ez 36:33-36, Jer 31:1-9, 32:15
- b. “*valley of Achor*” Where Achan was judged by Jesus for taking cursed money Josh 7:24
- c. “*door of hope*” – Eze 37 (valley of death → life), also Jesus is the door.
- d. “*she shall sing there, as in...*” – God brought them out and saved them -Ex 15, Isa 51:11
 - i. (There is singing in the Revelation, too – Rev 14:3, 15:3)
- e. “*as in the days of her youth*” – Mic 7:14-20, Lam 5:21, Amos 9:11-15, Mal 3:1-4
- f. “*call me Ishi*” or, Husband, or (my) Man (see the beloved in Song of Solomon)
 - i. I am married to you (Israel) - Jer 3:14, Thy Maker is thine husband - Isa 54:1-8
 - ii. The bridegroom came to Israel once... John 3:29... and again – Rev 19:7, 21:2-3
- g. “*take away the names of Baalim*” - No more ungodliness/idolatry - Rom 11:26, Zec 13:2

3. Hosea 2:18 – The Covenant

- a. “*in that day*” – in the future, when Israel is “reborn” in the wilderness – Exo 4:22
- b. “*make a covenant*” – a new covenant preparing Israel for marriage –Eze 36:25, Jer 31:31
- c. “*for them with the beasts*” – The earth will work for them, not against – Isa 35:1-2, 8-10
- d. “*break the bow and sword*” – peace on earth – Mic 4:1-5, Isa 65:8-10, 17-25, Luke 2:14
- e. “*lie down safely*” as a shepherd does his sheep - Psalm 23:1, 24:1

4. Hosea 2:19-20 – The Betrothal

- a. “*I will betroth thee unto me*” – (said 3x) after the alluring and the proving is the promise
- b. Betroth ~*def.* Promise/pledge to be married. Troth ~ Fidelity, veracity, loyalty, integrity
- c. This betrothal is “for ever” in righteousness, judgment, lovingkindness, mercy (grace)
- d. Beulah land shall be married forever (instead of desolate) - Isa 62:2-5, Isa 60:21
- e. “*in faithfulness*” – Acc. to his promise (troth), and their response in faith – Isa 45:24-25
- f. “*know the Lord*” by his faithfulness to fulfill Jer 31:33-34 and Rom 15:8

5. Hosea 2:21-23 – The Children Return

- a. “*I will hear*” – before they call, I will answer - Isa 65:24, also seat of judgment
- b. The three children show up in these verses: Jezreel, Ruhamah (mercy), Ammi (people)
- c. “*hear Jezreel*” – in that valley will no longer be blood, but peace and joy. Jer 31:12

- d. *"I will sow her unto me in the earth"* – 'Her' is Israel throughout ch. 2 - Jer 31:27
- e. *"I will have mercy upon her..."* – 'Her' is still Israel, the wife of Hosea, the LORD.
- f. *"I will say to them which were not my people"* – Lo-Ammi referred to Israel in Hos 1:9
- g. *"Thou art my people"* - The return of His people, Israel, according to prophecy.
- h. *"Thou art my God"* - New covenant fulfilled when LORD brings them back Rev 21:3
- i. The mystery of this dispensation: mercy to all while Israel in unbelief – Rom 11:30-32