

Hosea 3

The Love of the Lord

1. Hosea 2:23 – God’s Mercy, God’s People

- a. Gomer & 3 children = departed Israel (1:2), Hos 2:23 = Israel returned.
- b. Paul’s quote of this in Rom 9:26 confuses those who think the mystery church is in view.
- c. *“I will sow her”* - Throughout the chapter her = Gomer/Israel – Jer 31:10-14, 27
- d. *“in the earth”* - The place of the sowing, growing, and harvest = Israel (not heaven)
- e. *“not obtained mercy [Lo-Ruhamah]”* was departed Israel, they will get mercy.
- f. *“were not my people [Lo-Ammi]”* was departed Israel, they will be returned - Rom 11
- g. *“Thou art my God”* said to husband/bridegroom by remnant Israel returned – John 20:28
- h. Rom 9:22-27: identifying true Israel, who God gives mercy by faith – answer: Hos 2:23
- i. God’s people can be not his people and they can be called again e.g. Israel in Hosea.

2. Hosea 3:1 – The Love of the LORD

- a. *“Then said the LORD... Go yet”* – Do this more... this is separate from Hos 1 and 2.
- b. *“love a woman beloved of her friend”* – Debate: same or different woman? What friend?
 - i. Same woman, then what happened to Hosea 2:7,10,14? Deu 21:14?
 - ii. Different woman, then either Gomer died, left, or this is a second wife.
 - iii. Friend: changed to husband or lover depending on their opinion.
 - iv. Rom 9:26 might help, it quotes Hosea 3, “her beloved, which was not beloved”
- c. *“acc. to the love of the LORD”* - Love as God: faithful to the departed - Hos 2:14-20
- d. *“toward the children of Israel... who [commit idolatry]”* –The main point (not marriage)

3. Hosea 3:2-4 – Many Days Without

- a. *“I bought her... ”* – Not manstealing – Exo 21, *“for fifteen...”* – see Exo 21:32, Lev 27
 - i. Trying to explain this situation is the reason for all the interpolations of verse 1
 - ii. Another account of a concubine playing a whore and being redeemed - Judges 19
 - iii. Barley mentioned most in Ruth – another woman purchased/redeemed Ruth 4:10
- b. *“abide for me many days”* – A length of time (a dispensational issue concerning Israel)
 - i. Upon the repurchase of Israel (Heb 9:12-15), they abide and God is “for thee”
- c. *“For the children of Israel.... ”* – If extended to this time, it is not prophesy of the church
- d. *“without a king/prince”* – Not national ruler, which stopped with Hoshea, Jeconiah
 - i. (This rejects the idea of British Israelism who has had many kings/princes.)
- e. *“without a sacrifice/ephod”* –No practiced religion – Dan 9:26-27, Matt 24:1-2, 2 Th 2:4
- f. *“without an image...teraphim”* No idolatry – Judges 18 – Micah and Michal 1 Sa 19:13

4. Hosea 3:5 – The Latter Days

- a. *“afterward... Israel return”* – The hope of future return (22x) in Hosea (1:11, 2:23, 3:5).
- b. *“seek the LORD their God”* – and they will find him – Matt 7:7-8
- c. *“fear the LORD and his goodness”* – Obedience, faith, goodness of God (his grace 14:2)
- d. *“David their king”* – David has everlasting covenant - Eze 34:23, Jer 23:5, 30:9, Lk 1:33
- e. *“in the latter days”* – Of Israel’s return in their kingdom - Ruth 3:10, Joel 2:23, 27, 32