

Hosea Chapt 2 "God Seeks His People out" 2/13/94 P007

Last Sunday Night We Began a Series of Sermons on the Book of Hosea. — This is the "Winter Bible Study" And if you attend each session and read the Book of Hosea, you can get a Study Course Credit for it. —

Oh But Listen, Credit or not you will get a Blessing from these 14 chapters, Making up the Prophecy / or "The Word of the Lord that came to us, by way of Hosea. —"

We've already learned how God feels about Sin / How it brings Destruction And How God Deals with Sin —

Sin could be classified as Spiritual Adultery, And it Destroys Homes & Lives also. Just like Physical Adultery.

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God had a message for Israel
And Hosea learned what it
was through his own tragic
marriage - The marital
breakdown Hosea suffered opened
his heart to God's message of
Redeeming love - a love
that is still valid //

Let's Read Hosea Chapter 2 (Ps 6)

Hosea Chapter 2 is called a
"Prophetic Symbolism" // Using the
background of Gomer's Unfaithfulness
to Hosea, the story is told of
Israel's spiritual adultery
against the Lord God of
Israel // It also shows us
the steps God chose to
take to redeem Israel //

Here Hosea pleads with the
children of his marriage -
Just as God pleads with
Israel - & with us //

2/ Gomer is Hosea's Unfaithful
Wife / And Israel is pictured
as God's Unfaithful wife
(Prophetic Symbolism)

"Israel" Represents the people
as a whole // The "children" are
individual Israelites // Guilty
of spiritual adultery // Going
after other gods //

The "Lovers" in Verse 5, 7, 10 etc
Represent those things Israel
has chosen over God //

Oh listen / Israel was under
God's judgment — And so are
people today who seek after
other gods — whatever they are //

Verse 2 could picture a ^{Courtroom} ~~Courtroom~~
Scene // God is bringing the
charges // Prosecuting the suit //
And He will be judge and
jury deciding the outcome //

Israel's Guilt is Beyond
Question // She's Been Caught in
the Act // She has No Defense //

Oh But God as And you'll
find that Neither God Nor
Heser Wants a Divorce //
But a Reconciliation //

Oh But Listen, "Before this could
happen, Gomer of Israel had
to put away their lovers //
They had to Return to their
true love //"

And Beloved the same holds true
today // We must put aside our
"Lovers" // whatever it is that
comes between God and us //
Before our relationship with
God can be as it ought //

King James says: "Plead with your
mother" // New International Version says
"Rebuke your mother"

3/ Another version says 'Contend with your mother' // all strong words yet necessary to get God's message across —

In Verse 3 & 4 There is a Six Fold Warning of impending judgement —

If Israel would not return to God, He would be compelled to

- ① Strip her naked (Expose her for what she was before all nations)
- ② Make her a wilderness
- ③ Make her like a desert land
- ④ Slay her with thirst.
- ⑤ Show no compassion for her.

Here God is saying: "Except ye repent, you will be but to your shame" — Except ye repent, your land will be laid waste — Except ye repent you will become an outcast —

Oh listen, the judgement of God would be severe but merciful

In Hosea's Case He Could have
paul Gomer killed because of
her adultery // And God could
have done the same to Israel. //

oh listen Israel had chosen
Lies — She had said: "I will
Go after ^{other} lovers" // They were
turning their back on a loving
God, just as Gomer turned her
back on a loving husband —
"God had to do something"

Verse 6 then I begin to tell
us what God chose to do —

The word "therefore" in verse 6
depicts God going into action —

The word "behold" points to
the action God would take
1st. He would build restrooms /
(using what ever He chose to)
(use to lead His people back.
Some of it harsh //

Here's the reason for the restrooms.

4/ Israel would not be free to follow her lovers = // She would not be able to find them //

And the restraints would remind them that God really could — // oh but verse 8 says: "They were not ready to come back to God —"

So God had to take step 2 and verses 9-13 tells us about it — //

There was a story ^{after} told ~~after~~ about the shepherd who broke the leg of rebellious sheep to teach it obedience & dependence //

He did it because he loved his sheep // This illustrates God's purpose and methods in dealing with unfaithful Israel //

God tried everything else, but in the end he had to revert to strong measures —

After the sheep's leg was broken
it was isolated for a while //

(So the Storm came) After a while
the shepherd came back with food
but the sheep would not eat - In
fact it sought to bite the
shepherd - So the shepherd

left the sheep alone for a while,
and when he came back, the
sheep not only ate but licked
the shepherd's hand in appreciation //

The final result was an obedient,
appreciative, loving sheep.

There is a message there :

God threatened 5 steps to bring
Israel to the place the shepherd
brought the sheep -

1-9 I will withhold my blessings

Second: God would expose Israel
as fickle 10-11

Third: God would put an end
to the celebrations of Baal
worship - they would
find no joy in them 11-17

5/ Fourth God would destroy the
Unfaithful of His Grace the
Israelites were turning to pay
their "Lithis" to Baal

Those things they felt abandoned
because they worshiped Baal
rather than God. And Fifth
God would openly punish the
Israelites for chasing after
other lovers / other gods

As Gomer chased after other
lovers / Israel chased after
other lovers, forgetting the Lord
their God who had chosen them

Oh Listen, what we have here
is a "Prophetic Symbolism"

God using a man & his
unfaithful wife, to teach
the unfaithful nations, how
God works -

And all the while sending this
message - "I love you / but I
hate your sins" (Beloved, it's
God's message to us today)

Verses 14-20 & Verse 21-23
Continue God's efforts to woo
Israel back -

The judgments we just mentioned
were designed to bring Israel
back - And verses 14 thru 20
speak of positive steps God
took to accomplish it -

Listen beloved, "those God loves
He chastens" // NA because He gets
pleasure in it not but because of
His great love //

The first stage would involve 3 steps.

- 1 God would bring Israel to a
place where He could woo her
and win her back - (God would
bring Israel out of bondage
& back home) He would get His ~~affection~~
and He would "speak kindly to
her" (show His affection)
And 3rd. ^{He would} give Israel back her young men

6/ He would return that which
she forfeited // all of this
to show that He still loved
Israel // Oh what a Great God we serve
God promised to renew His
Covenant, even tho the people
did not deserve it // That's Grace

Moses uses 2 words here that we
need to understand - "Ishi" meaning
"my husband" and Baali meaning
"my master"

One was to recognize God
As God // The other to renounce
Baal as unholly and unacceptable

The word "Baali" implying a master
relationship involving slavery -
while "Ishi" implies a working
love / An intimate relationship /
freely given //

God also promised to remove
the cause that prompted
His judgment - And by loving
judgment w/ blessings.

The Third Stage Involved Israel's
Becoming like a faithful wife
to God

Over of Our God Wants from
faithfulness obedience to ^{being} necessary
for a right relationship -

Finally God speaks more clearly
about the blessings of a
right relationship -

If Israel would respond to God,
He would bless them more than
ever before -

He would provide for all
their needs. The word
"Jezreel" in verse 22 would
say to all people - "God bless
his faithful people" - when
once it said "She has broken
her vows, Now she must pay -"

Oh Listen, God loved them because
He wanted a God marriage

7/ A Right Relationship - But
Israel must come back to God.

God promised to change the
meaning of the Chaldean Name //
Lo-Ruh. A. Mera would now
be changed to Ruh. A. Mera
"New meaning God has had mercy"

And ~~Lo~~ Lo-Amorri would now
be called Amorri meaning "New
my people"

oh listen below, Norea chapt. 2
is more than a study in Ancient
History // The same God who
sought to redeem Israel, is
the same God who sent His
son to seek & save the lost"

We need to hear God's call to
repentance // We need to respond
to God's love and His call
for obedience - even in His
chastisement ~

The last need to give their hearts to Jesus, and acknowledge Him as Lord —

Just as God promised Israel a blessing/so He promises all who seek Him & respond to Him "a blessing" —

Dear loved ones, would you come tonight to renew your vows to God // Will you openly express your love for the Father — you will have the opportunity which is going — pray about it now

Dear loved ones, God loves you, but He hates it when you reject His love / you can be loved tonight, and if you'll come, I'll tell you how —

Room of the Church is open — you come —
Let's pray