

Israel – The Restored Wife of God

Hosea 2

The Historical Setting

1. It appears that Hosea's wife, Gomer, is the focus at the beginning of the chapter. She had returned to a life of whoredom, breaking her marital vows with Hosea.
vs. 2
2. But immediately it becomes apparent that Gomer typifies the _____ of Israel. In verses 3-5, God outlines Israel's sin in departing from Him.
 - Israel did exactly what God had warned them about in Deuteronomy 6:10-14. They _____ the Lord and attributed their material blessings to pagan gods. vs. 5, 8
3. Instead of being a _____, they had learned the way of the heathen.
 - *"Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them."* **Jeremiah 10:2**
 - *"And ye shall know that I am the Lord: for ye have not walked in my statutes, neither executed my judgments, but have done after the manners of the heathen that are round about you."* **Ezekiel 11:12**

The Prophetical Teaching

1. Hosea prophesied that God would return in judgment and take away all of Israel's _____ that they had prepared for Baal. vs. 8-9, 11-13;
Ezekiel 16:28-39
2. When everything looks dark and without hope, suddenly a ray of hope shines, and in verses 14-23 we have one of the greatest passages in Scripture concerning the future blessing God has in store for the nation of Israel.
3. God gives Israel twelve "I wills" in verses 15-23. These are divine promises from the mouth of God to the nation of Israel.
4. God will once again give Israel their _____, never to be uprooted again.
vs. 15, 23a

- *“Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.*

For thus saith the Lord; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.”

Jeremiah 32:41-42

5. God will remarry Israel, and this time the marriage will _____ forever.
vs. 16-17, 19-20; Isaiah 54:5-8
6. God will lift the Lo-ammi sentence (not my people) and say to them, *“Thou art my people.”* vs. 23
7. When will all of these kingdom blessings occur? They won’t show up until the _____ shows up. Jeremiah 33:14-17
8. All of prophecy points to this day, the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to earth.
Joel 3; Revelation 19

Practical Application for the Body of Christ

1. Just as Israel took God’s _____ and used them for their own idolatrous practices (poured them out on the altars of Baal), we can be tempted to do the same.
2. We are to _____ ourselves to Christ (2 Corinthians 8:5) and use our blessings to be a blessing to others (2 Corinthians 9:6-7).

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