

Hosea 2

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Israel's Unfaithfulness

- ¹ Say ye unto your brethren, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah.
 - ² Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;
 - ³ Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst.
 - ⁴ And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they be the children of whoredoms.
 - ⁵ For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink.
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- ⁶ Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths.
 - ⁷ And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now.
 - ⁸ For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal.

- 9** Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness.
- 10** And now will I discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand.
- 11** I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.
- 12** And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, These are my rewards that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.
- 13** And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgat me, saith the LORD.
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God's Promise of Restoration

- 14** Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her.
- 15** And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.
- 16** And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali.
- 17** For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.
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- 18** And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.

- 19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.
- 20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.
- 21 And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the LORD, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth;
- 22 And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel.
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- 23 And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.
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Covenant — בְּרִית (Berit)

Covenant, treaty

The Hebrew **berit** (בְּרִית) denotes a covenant—a binding agreement, often ratified by blood sacrifice. God's covenants (Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic) structure redemptive history, culminating in the New Covenant.

Faith — אֱמוּנָה (Emunah)

Faithfulness, trust

The Hebrew **emunah** (אֱמוּנָה) encompasses both faith and faithfulness—trusting God and being trustworthy. It implies steadfast reliability, as in 'The just shall live by his faith' (Habakkuk 2:4).

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

Hope — תִּקְוָה (Tikvah)

Hope, expectation

The Hebrew **tikvah** (תִּקְוָה) means hope or expectation—confident trust in God's promises. 'Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God' (Psalm 146:5).

Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Love — אַהֲבָה / חֶסֶד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אַהֲבָה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (חֶסֶד) describes God's steadfast, loyal love—faithful covenant commitment beyond mere emotion.

Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

CROSS REFERENCES

Hosea 2:1 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 2:23; 1 Peter 2:10

Hosea 2:2 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 1:2; Isaiah 50:1; Jeremiah 3:1; 3:13; 19:3; Ezekiel 16:25; 23:45

Hosea 2:3 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 13:22; Ezekiel 16:22; 19:13

Hosea 2:4 **Grace:** Hosea 1:6; Jeremiah 13:14. **Parallel theme:** Hosea 1:2; Ezekiel 8:18

Hosea 2:5 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 2:8; Isaiah 1:21. **Love:** Hosea 3:1

Hosea 2:6 **Parallel theme:** Job 3:23; 19:8

Hosea 2:7

Love: Jeremiah 2:2. **Parallel theme:** Hosea 5:13; 13:6; Jeremiah 14:22; Ezekiel 23:4

Hosea 2:8 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 4:11; 8:4; 13:2; Isaiah 1:3

Hosea 2:9 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 2:3; Malachi 1:4; 3:18

Hosea 2:10 **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 23:29

Hosea 2:11 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 7:34; 16:9; Amos 5:21; 8:5

Hosea 2:12 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 13:8; Isaiah 5:5; 7:23. **Love:** Hosea 2:5

Hosea 2:13

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Hosea 2:14 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 34:3; Isaiah 30:18; Revelation 12:6; 12:14

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Hosea 2:19 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 54:5; Ezekiel 39:29; Joel 3:20; John 3:29; Romans 7:4; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Revelation 21:2. **Righteousness:** Psalms 85:10; Isaiah 1:27; 54:14

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Hosea 2:22 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 1:4; 1:11; Joel 2:19

Hosea 2:23 **References God:** Psalms 68:31; Jeremiah 32:38; Zechariah 13:9; Romans 3:29.
Parallel theme: Psalms 22:27; Jeremiah 16:19; 31:27; Zechariah 2:11; Malachi 1:11. **Grace:**
Hosea 1:6

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