

Hosea 2:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Restoration promised: '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.' After judgment (vv. 2-13), hope emerges. 'From thence' (the wilderness, v. 14) means from the place of discipline comes restoration. Vineyards destroyed (v. 12) will be regiven—not earned but graciously restored. 'Valley of Achor' (trouble/disturbance) recalls Achan's judgment (Joshua 7:24-26), yet becomes 'door of hope' (petach tiqvah). Trouble transformed into hope demonstrates God's redemptive power. 'Sing as in the days of her youth' references exodus joy (Exodus 15, Miriam's song), suggesting new exodus—greater deliverance prefiguring Christ's redemption. Isaiah 65:10 prophesies Achor becoming place of flocks—barren trouble yielding fruitfulness. This shows God's pattern: judgment isn't final for the repentant; grace transforms cursing into blessing.

Historical Context

Historically fulfilled partially in return from Babylonian exile (for Judah), yet fuller fulfillment awaits Christ's return when Israel recognizes Messiah (Romans 11:25-27). The 'valley of Achor' becoming hope demonstrates that places of past judgment can become sites of future blessing through repentance. Early church

experienced this: persecution (Acts 8:1) scattered believers, spreading the gospel—trouble becoming door of hope. The new exodus theme pervades Scripture: greater than Moses' exodus is Christ's deliverance from sin's bondage (Luke 9:31, Greek 'exodus'). The church sings 'new song' (Revelation 5:9-10, 14:3) celebrating redemption, fulfilling Israel's restored singing. God redeems history, using even judgment to accomplish restoration for those who repent.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How has God transformed 'valleys of Achor'—places of trouble and judgment—into doors of hope in my life?
2. Does my worship reflect the joy of 'youth'—fresh gratitude for deliverance—or has it become routine and joyless?

Interlinear Text

וְנָתַתִּי	אֶת	לָהּ	כְּכַמֵּי יָהּ	מִשָּׁם	וְאֶת
And I will give			her her vineyards		
H5414		H0	H853	H8033	H853
			H3754		
עַמְּקָה	וְעַכְשָׁנָה	לְפֶתַח	תְּקוּהָ	וְנָתַתִּי	
from thence and the valley	of Anchor	for a door	of hope	and she shall sing	
H6010	H5911	H6607	H8615	H6030	
שָׁמָּה	וּכְיוֹם	נְעוּרֶיהָ	וּכְיוֹם	עָלוֹתָהּ	
H8033	and as in the day	of her youth	and as in the day	when she came up	
	H3117	H5271	H3117	H5927	
מִמֶּנִּי	מִמִּצְרַיִם:				
out of the land	of Egypt				
H776	H4714				

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 2:2 (Parallel theme): Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.

Ezekiel 28:26 (Parallel theme): And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I am the LORD their God.

Ezekiel 16:8 (Parallel theme): Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I sware unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine.

Hosea 11:1 (References Egypt): When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

Joshua 7:26 (Parallel theme): And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day.

Isaiah 65:21 (Parallel theme): And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

Acts 14:27 (Parallel theme): And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

John 10:9 (Parallel theme): I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

Amos 9:14 (Parallel theme): And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

Ezekiel 16:60 (Parallel theme): Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant.