

Hosea 2:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil;
and they shall hear Jezreel.

Analysis

The continuation: 'And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel.' The chain of divine response continues: earth responds to heaven's rain by producing grain (דָּגָן, dagan), wine (תִּירוֹשׁ, tirosh), and oil (יִצְהָר, yitshar)—the three staples representing complete provision (Deuteronomy 7:13). These in turn 'answer' Jezreel, whose name transformed from judgment ('God scatters') to blessing ('God sows'). The agricultural imagery reflects covenant blessings: obedience brings fruitfulness, disobedience brings barrenness. This reversal demonstrates grace—Israel deserves scattering, receives sowing. Theologically, this prefigures gospel abundance: Christ's death (the grain of wheat falling, John 12:24) produces eternal fruit, and the Spirit pours out wine of joy and oil of anointing.

Historical Context

In agrarian ancient Israel, grain, wine, and oil represented complete economic sustenance and prosperity. These three also constituted tithes and offerings (Nehemiah 10:37, 13:5,12). Their presence signaled God's blessing; their absence indicated curse. Hosea's audience, facing exile, would lose access to the land's produce. This promise of restored agricultural blessing carried both literal meaning (return from exile, land fruitfulness) and spiritual significance (God's favor restored). New Testament interprets these materially through spiritual lens: Christ as bread of life, wine of communion, anointing oil of the Spirit.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does understanding provision as covenant blessing rather than entitlement change your attitude toward material resources?
2. What does Jezreel's name transformation (scattering to sowing) teach about God's redemptive ability to transform judgment into blessing?

Interlinear Text

וְהָאֵרֶץ	וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ	אֶת	הַדָּגָן	וְאֶת	הַתֵּיבֹר וְשֵׁן	וְאֶת
And the earth	and they shall hear	H853	the corn	H853	and the wine	H853
H776	H6030		H1715		H8492	
וְהַצֶּמֶחַ	וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ	אֶת	יִזְרְעֵאל			
and the oil	and they shall hear	H853	Jezreel			
H3323	H6030		H3157			

Additional Cross-References

Joel 2:19 (Parallel theme): Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:

Hosea 1:4 (Parallel theme): And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.

Hosea 1:11 (Parallel theme): Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

