



Hosea

1.8-2.23

Hosea 1.8-10



When she had weaned No Pity, she conceived again and gave birth to another son. Then the LORD said: “Say his name is ‘Not My People,’ because you’re not my people and I’m not your God.”

However, in the future the number of the people of Israel will be like the sand of the sea that can be neither measured nor numbered. Although it was said to them, “You are not my people,” it will be said to them, “You’re children of the living God!”

Hosea 1.11-2.2



Then the people of Judah and the people of Israel will be gathered together. They will appoint for themselves one leader, and will flourish in the land. Certainly, the day of Jezreel will be great! Then you'll call your brother, 'My People'! You'll call your sister, 'Pity'!

“Plead earnestly with your mother (for she's not my wife, and I'm not her husband), so that she might put an end to her adulterous lifestyle, and turn away from her fornication.

Hosea 2.3-5a



Otherwise, I'll strip her naked,
and expose her like she was when she was born.
I'll turn her land into a wilderness
and make her country a parched land,
so that I might kill her with thirst.
I'll have no pity on her children,
because they are children conceived in adultery.
For their mother has committed adultery;
she who conceived them has acted shamefully.

Hosea 2.5b-7



For she said, “I’ll seek out my lovers;
they’re the ones who give me my bread and my water,
my wool, my flax, my olive oil, and my wine!”
Therefore, I’ll soon fence her in with thorns;
I’ll wall her in so that she can’t find her way.
Then she’ll pursue her lovers, but she won’t catch them;
she’ll seek them, but she won’t find them.
Then she’ll say, ‘I will go back to my husband,
because I was better off then than I am now!’

Hosea 2.8-9



Yet until now she's refused to acknowledge that I was the one who gave her the grain, the new wine, and the olive oil; and that it was I who lavished on her the silver and gold—that they used in worshiping Baal!

Therefore, I'll take back my grain during the harvest time and my new wine when it ripens; I'll take away my wool and my flax that I had provided in order to clothe her.

Hosea 2.10-12a



Soon I'll expose her lewd nakedness in front of her lovers,
and no one will be able to rescue her from Me!

I'll put an end to all her celebrations: her annual religious
festivals, new moon celebrations, and Sabbath
festivities—all her appointed festivals.

I'll destroy her vines and fig trees, about which she said,
'These are my wages for prostitution that my lovers gave
to me!'

Hosea 2.12b-13



I'll turn her cultivated vines and fig trees into an
uncultivated thicket,
so that wild animals will devour them.
I'll punish her for the festival days
when she burned incense to the Baal idols;
she adorned herself with earrings and jewelry,
and went after her lovers,
but she forgot me!" says YHWH.

Hosea 2.14-15



“However, in the future I’ll allure her;
I’ll lead her back into the wilderness,
and speak tenderly to her.

From there I’ll give back her vineyards to her,
and turn the ‘Valley of Trouble’ into an ‘Opportunity for
Hope.’

There she’ll sing as she did when she was young,
when she came up from the land of Egypt.”

Hosea 2.16-18



“At that time,” declares YHWH, “you’ll call out, ‘My Husband!’ You’ll never again call me, ‘My Master.’ For I’ll remove the names of the Baal idols from your lips, so that you will never again utter their names! At that time I’ll make a covenant for them with the wild animals, the birds of the air, and the creatures that crawl on the ground. I’ll abolish the warrior’s bow and sword—that is, every weapon of warfare—from the land, and I’ll allow them to live securely.

Hosea 2.19-20



I'll commit Myself to you forever;
I'll commit Myself to you in righteousness and justice,
in steadfast love and tender compassion.
I'll commit Myself to you in faithfulness;
then you'll acknowledge YHWH.

Hosea 2.21-23



At that time, I'll respond," declares YHWH.

"I'll respond to the sky, and the sky will respond to the ground; then the ground will respond to the grain, the new wine, and the olive oil; and they'll respond to 'God Plants'!

Then I'll plant her as My own in the land.

I'll have pity on No Pity.

I'll say to Not My People, 'You are My people!'

And he'll say, 'You are my God!'"