

HOSEA

– THE PROPHET OF GOD'S HEART –

Scenes from a Broken Home

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HOSEA 1:2 When the LORD began to speak by Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea: “Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry and children of harlotry, for the land has committed great harlotry by departing from the LORD.”

THE PAINFUL CONFRONTATION

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THE DELUDED DECISION

HOSEA 2:4 “I will not have mercy on her children, for they are the children of harlotry.² For their mother has played the harlot; she who conceived them has behaved shamefully. For she said, ‘I will go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, my wool and my linen, my oil and my drink.’”

THE DIVINE APPLICATION

HOSEA 2:6 “Therefore, behold, I will hedge up your way with thorns, and wall her in, so that she cannot find her paths.”

JOB 1:9 So Satan answered the LORD and said, “Does Job fear God for nothing?¹⁰ Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.”

THE DIVINE APPLICATION

HOSEA 2:7 “She will chase her lovers, but not overtake them; yes, she will seek them, but not find them. Then she will say, ‘I will go and return to my first husband, for then it was better for me than now.’”

THE DIVINE APPLICATION

HOSEA 2:8 “For she did not know that I gave her grain, new wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold—which they prepared for Baal.⁹ Therefore I will return and take away My grain in its time and My new wine in its season, and will take back My wool and My linen, given to cover her nakedness.¹⁰ Now I will uncover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and no one shall deliver her from My hand.¹¹ I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her New Moons, her Sabbaths—all her appointed feasts.”

THE DIVINE APPLICATION

HOSEA 2:12 “And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, of which she has said, ‘These are my wages that my lovers have given me.’ So I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.¹³ I will punish her for the days of the Baals to which she burned incense. She decked herself with her earrings and jewelry, and went after her lovers; **but Me she forgot,**” says the LORD.