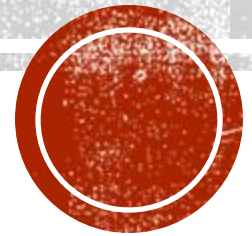


HOSEA 2:1-14

THEN YOU WILL KNOW THE LORD



GOOD MORNING!

What is something you have ever learned about God that interested or excited you?



LAST WEEK: HOSEA 1

Any observations from last week?

1. Do any of you have any thoughts on God saying “I am not your God/you are not my people?”
2. Did any of you have any thoughts on God saying he will forgive Judah, but not Israel?
3. How much of Hosea is a story for us to observe, and how much of it involves us?
Who is the audience, and is it limited in any way?
4. Any other thoughts or questions?



LET'S READ IT: HOSEA 2:1-13

Say to your brothers, “Ammi,” and to your sisters, “Ruhamah.”

² “Dispute with your mother, dispute,
Because she is not my wife, and I am not her husband;
But she must remove her infidelity from her face
And her adultery from between her breasts,

³ Otherwise, I will strip her naked
And expose her as on the day she was born.
I will also make her like a wilderness,
Make her like desert land,
And put her to death with thirst.

⁴ Also, I will take no pity on her children,
Because they are children of infidelity.
LORD. ⁵ For their mother has committed prostitution;
She who conceived them has acted shamefully.
For she said, ‘I will go after my lovers,
Who give *me* my bread and my water,
My wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.’



LET'S READ IT: HOSEA 2:1-13

⁶ Therefore, behold, I will obstruct her way with thorns,
And I will build a stone wall against her so that she cannot find her paths.

⁷ And she will pursue her lovers, but she will not reach them;
And she will seek them, but will not find *them*.

Then she will say, 'I will go back to my first husband,
Because it was better for me then than now!'

⁸ "Yet she does not know that it was I myself who gave her the grain, the new wine, and the oil,

And lavished on her silver and gold,
Which they used for Baal.

⁹ Therefore, I will take back My grain at harvest time
And My new wine in its season.

I will also take away My wool and My flax
That I gave to cover her nakedness.

¹⁰ So now I will uncover her lewdness
Before the eyes of her lovers,
And no one will rescue her from My hand.



LET'S READ IT: HOSEA 2:1-13

¹¹ I will also put an end to all her joy,
Her feasts, her new moons, her Sabbaths,
And all her festivals.

¹² And I will destroy her vines and fig trees,
Of which she said, 'They are my wages for prostitution
Which my lovers have given me.'
And I will turn them into a forest,
And the animals of the field will devour them.

¹³ I will punish her for the days of the Baals
When she used to offer sacrifices to them
And adorn herself with her nose ring and jewelry,
And follow her lovers, so that she forgot Me," declares the LORD.



HOSEA 2:1-13

- What repetitive elements do we identify in this passage?
- How would you summarize the passage in a sentence?
- What emotions does God seem to be displaying in this passage and the prior passage?



HOSEA 2:1-13

- Has anyone here experienced the pain of an unfaithful spouse? What is it like?
- If one of your friends was about to marry an unfaithful woman, what advice would you give him?
- How do we try to protect ourselves from painful relationships? How do we see God handling his pain?



HOSEA 2:1-13

- Why did God choose this situation?
- Who are we supposed to identify with in this story?
- How does our role in this story shape how we relate to other shmucks?

