

HOSEA

– THE PROPHET OF GOD'S HEART –

Scenes from a Broken Home

HOSEA 1:10 “Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not My people,’ there it shall be said to them, ‘You are sons of the living God.’”

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.”

WHEN SORROW TURNS TO HOPE

HOSEA 1:10 “Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not My people,’ there it shall be said to them, ‘You are sons of the living God.’¹¹ Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and appoint for themselves one head; and they shall come up out of the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel!^{2:1} Say to your brethren, ‘My people,’ and to your sisters, ‘Mercy is shown.’”

WHEN SORROW TURNS TO HOPE

First, God promises them fruitfulness.

HOSEA 1:10a “Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered.”

WHEN SORROW TURNS TO HOPE

Second, God promises them acceptance.

HOSEA 1:10b “And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not My people,’ there it shall be said to them, ‘You are sons of the living God.’”

HOSEA 2:1 “Say to your brethren, ‘My people,’ and to your sisters, ‘Mercy is shown.’”

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Second, God promises them acceptance.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.¹⁸ And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;¹⁹ to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

WHEN SORROW TURNS TO HOPE

Second, God promises them acceptance.

GALATIANS 4:4 But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,⁵ to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

EPHESIANS 1:5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

WHEN SORROW TURNS TO HOPE

Third, God promises them unity.

HOSEA 1:11a “Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together,”

PROVERBS 17:1 Better is a dry morsel with quietness, than a house full of feasting with strife.

1 JOHN 3:23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

WHEN SORROW TURNS TO HOPE

Fourth, He promises them identity.

HOSEA 1:11b “And appoint for themselves one head; and they shall come up out of the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel!”

WHEN HOPE TURNS TO HOSTILITY

HOSEA 2:2 “Bring charges against your mother, bring charges; for she is not My wife, nor am I her Husband! Let her put away her harlotries from her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;³ lest I strip her naked and expose her, as in the day she was born, and make her like a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst.⁴ I will not have mercy on her children, for they are the children of harlotry.”