

LESSON 5: THE GREAT REVERSAL (1:10-2:1, 14-23)

Intro:

Inexplicable Hope

¹⁰ Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,” it shall be said to them, “Children of the living God.” ¹¹ And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint for themselves one head. And they shall go up from the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel. Say to your brothers, “You are my people,” and to your sisters, “You have received mercy.”

- In the _____ Text (MT), this is the beginning of _____.
- It looks like God has completely _____ up on His people in the _____ kingdom.
- But ... after exile Deuteronomy talked about the _____ of God’s people.
- Hosea alludes to the promise of _____ with regard to future _____.
- After _____ comes _____ (Deut. 30:1-10). The Abrahamic _____ cannot fail!
- They will return to the _____, and once again be “*children of the Living God.*”
- The two kingdoms, Israel and Judah, will be _____ under one _____ (Ez. 37:19ff).
- Here Jezreel is also _____ from scattering to _____ with a great harvest to come.

⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.” **Malachi 4**

“Divine mercy is not defeated by human sin, because God purposes to win a people for himself by sovereign grace.” **Ray Ortland Jr.**²¹

Return of Romance

¹⁴“Therefore, behold, I will allure her,
and bring her into the wilderness,
and speak tenderly to her.
¹⁵ And there I will give her her vineyards
and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope.
And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth,
as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.

²¹ Ortland, pp. 54.

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- God did not “bring her into the wilderness” to _____ her.
- _____ redemption gives Hosea the categories for explaining _____ redemption.
- “I will allure her” means to _____, romance, or _____. It is when someone attempts to persuade a member of the opposite sex of their interest in or affection for them.”²²
- “I will speak tender to her” is often used of _____ (Gen. 34:3) or winning back _____ (Judges 19:3).
- His harsh words of judgment will be replaced by tender words to bring repentance.
- The “Valley of Achor (_____)” is turned by _____ into a “door of hope”.
- The Valley of Achor was where _____ was executed for breaking faith thru theft.
- His taking of the corban (_____ _____) brought Israel trouble: defeat by ____.
- The word for ‘hope’ sounds like the word for ‘string’ or _____ used by Rahab.
- She had to learn to _____ on Him and _____ Him again.
- Salvation isn’t about the vineyard, but the _____ of God and man.

“It is not until Israel has learned her lesson- been taken to task- that she will be able to respond properly to her Lord’s alluring love.” **Doug Stuart**²³

“Avenging his wife’s adulteries is not God’s ultimate aim, however. He intends to win her love back to himself.” **Ray Ortland Jr.**²⁴

¹⁶“And in that day, declares the LORD, you will call me ‘My Husband,’ and no longer will you call me ‘My Baal.’ ¹⁷For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more. ¹⁸And I will make for them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety. ¹⁹And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. ²⁰I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.

- “In that day” is an escatological _____ used here for “in the future.”
- Israel will respond by calling YHWH “My _____” instead of “My _____”.
- God will work in the heart of Israel in a profound way: circumcision of the _____.
- “I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth” She will stop _____ on them.
- _____ worship would _____ to exist in Israel. “they will be remembered by name no more.”

²² Dearman, pp. 121.

²³ Stuart, pp. 54.

²⁴ Ortland, pp. 67.

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- A new covenant is anticipated here in which they will enjoy peace and safety.
- The categories of animals mentioned reflect those given in Genesis 1.
- God will _____ (3x) them to Himself again. They will be _____ again.
- Betrothal is when marriage is _____ by accepting the groom's _____ of the bride-price.
- This is the final step of _____, which it moves toward. No more _____.
- The marriage will be permanent- no more _____ for them.
- The prepositions w/the nouns can be "with or by means of" or describe the marriage.
- IOW they are either _____ (conversion) or characteristics of marriage (_____).
- *Righteousness*- _____ & equity in keeping with the _____. Rightly _____ to one another.
- *Justice*- "the action and relationship whereby equity and fairness are _____."²⁵
- It is the restraining or punishing of _____ & the _____ of the righteous.
- *Steadfast love (hesed)*- covenantal love, _____, never giving up or ending love.
- It's an "unfailing, and binding devotion that keeps a covenant relationship alive & well."²⁶
- *Mercy*- or _____, that which was denied to them is now theirs. Protective love & forgiveness, concern for the _____ - _____ of those under your _____.
- *Faithfulness*- _____, honesty, dependability.
- Since these are His _____ attributes it means He fully gives Himself to us.
- They will _____ YHWH. This is _____ in Christ who makes YHWH known in eternal life (Jn. 17:3).
- When our marriages are _____, they are also marked by these _____.

"Purified Yahwism inspired by singleness of heart will mark Yahweh's wife when, in that day of wilderness-like affliction, the emptiness of Baalism becomes vividly clear and Yahweh alone is left, subduing her to a loving and tender responsiveness." **Ray Ortland Jr.**²⁷

²¹ "And in that day I will answer, declares the LORD,
I will answer the heavens,

²⁵ Stuart, pp. 60.

²⁶ Stuart, pp. 60.

²⁷ Ortland, pp. 69.

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and they shall answer the earth,
²² and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and they shall answer Jezreel,
²³ and I will sow her for myself in the land.
And I will have mercy on No Mercy,
and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people';
and he shall say, 'You are my God.'"

- A full _____ cycle is here, particularly if we see "*heavens*" as the sky.
- Rain falls & helps the earth _____ the grain, wine & oil. _____ without Baal!
- God _____ the _____ conveyed in all 3 names of his children.

"In the book of Hosea, it is instructive to note how Israel's liberation from the nature myths of the cult of Baal permitted the free study of nature to flourish. ... So we are not left with a mechanistic world on the one hand, nor with a God who keeps us guess on the other, but with a world we can explore and a God we can trust and serve responsibly within it." **Derek Kidner**²⁸

NT Connection

²² What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, ²³ in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— ²⁴ even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? ²⁵ As indeed he says in Hosea, "Those who were not my people I will call 'my people,' and her who was not beloved I will call 'beloved.'"
²⁶ "And in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' there they will be called 'sons of the living God.'"
²⁷ And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved, ²⁸ for the Lord will carry out his sentence upon the earth fully and without delay." ²⁹ And as Isaiah predicted, "If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring, we would have been like Sodom and become like Gomorrah." **Romans 9**

- Paul brings us to Hosea, and the judgment on Israel, to understand _____.
- Paul uses the concept from Hosea but _____ it in an _____ way.
- Previously rejected _____ are now part of His _____ thru the work of Christ.
- Israel is not utterly forsaken, for we see that a _____ of them will be _____.

²⁸ Kidner, pp. 38.

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“Paul cites it to demonstrate the unfettered grace of God towards the undeserving; and Peter, to show that in Christ we are not only reconciled but incorporated into ‘a chosen race, ... God’s own people.” **Derek Kidner**²⁹

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. **1 Peter 2**

- Peter applies a number of ____ references to _____ to the _____.
- Gentiles are included in the _____ (*ekklesia*) of the OT, don't _____ them.
- He refers back to Hosea 1 as well to explain this big shift in their _____.
- God makes us into something by _____ that we were not by _____.

“We hence see that the beginning of all good is from God, when he makes of aliens friends, and adopts as his sons those who were before his enemies.” **John Calvin**³⁰

²⁹ Kidner, pp. 39.

³⁰ Calvin, lecture 3, pp. 122.