

2. No feast days
3. No new moons
4. No Sabbaths
5. No appointed feasts

D. Destroying Lovers' G _____—2:12

1. Her vines
2. Her fig trees
3. Her rewards from lovers
4. Turning them to forests
5. Letting wild animals feed on them

E. Punishing I _____—2:13

1. Sacrificing to Baals
2. Adorning herself for wickedness
3. Pursuing her lovers
4. Forgetting the LORD

APPLICATIONS:

1. Turning away from God results in serious consequences and judgments.
2. Forgetting the source of our spiritual and physical blessings and provisions is deadly and dangerous (2:4 and 2:8).
3. Trying to find a substitute for God, for Jesus, for the Bible, for Salvation never works. There is no one and no thing better than the Lord Jesus! (2:7d).
4. Returning to God (our first husband) from sinful ways is the remedy for God's returning to us in discipline (2:7c & 2:9a).

TEXT: Hosea 2:2-13

TITLE: "Remember and Return!"

→ The Problem with Spiritual Unfaithfulness.

God used Hosea's family as symbols to pronounce His messages of judgment on the people of Israel. Hosea and family were living object lessons to a people who were hardened in rebellion against their God.

Let's look at this family and learn what God is saying to Israel. A key to understand is 1:2—Israel, "the land," has apostatized and turned her back on the LORD—her "husband."

Remember there are cycles of judgment and of restoration/renewal in the book. Let's review:

*** The Book of Hosea—Chapter One**

1. HOSEA, THE HUSBAND, REPRESENTS THE LOVING G _____ OF ISRAEL—1:1
2. GOMER, THE WIFE, REPRESENTS THE WAYWARD N _____ OF ISRAEL—1:2-3
3. JEZREEL, THE SON, REPRESENTS THE SCATTERING J _____ OF GOD—1:4-5
4. LO-RUHAMA, THE DAUGHTER, CONTRASTS LOSS OF COMPASSION FROM YAHWEH FOR I _____ AND JUDAH'S GAIN—1:6-7
5. LO-AMMI, A SON, REPRESENTS LOSS OF R _____ WITH YAHWEH—1:8-9a
6. F _____ CHILDREN OF ISRAEL DEMONSTRATE RESTORED RELATIONSHIP WITH YAHWEH—1:10-2:1
 - A. Multiplication—1:10a-c
 - B. Reinstatement—1:10d-f
 - C. Reunification—1:11-2:1

*** The Book of Hosea—Chapter Two**

1. Hosea Tells the Children to B _____ C _____ against Gomer (Their Mother)—2:2-3

A. The Reasons—2:2

1. She is not his wife
2. He is not her husband
3. She must rid herself of her unfaithfulness
4. She must rid herself of her adulteries

B. The Retribution—2:3

1. She would be made naked
2. She would be exposed as at birth
3. She would become like a wilderness
4. She would be set like a dry land
5. She would die of thirst

2. Hosea Has No M _____ on Gomer's Children—2:4-8

A. The Reasons—2:4-5

1. They are children of harlotry
2. Their mother has played the harlot
3. She has done shamefully
4. She resolutely followed her lovers

→ **NOTE: Israel thought false gods—"Baals" had blessed her and supplied her needs.**

B. The Retribution—2:6-8

1. She will be hedged in—2:6
2. She will be walled in
3. She won't find her paths
4. She will seek her lovers, but, not find them—2:7a
5. She will resolve to return to her first husband—2:7b
 - a. It was better then
 - b. Than it is now

6. She failed to recognize the source of her provisions—2:8

7. She squandered much of the provisions on false gods—Baal

3. Hosea Metes out J _____ on Gomer (Jehovah on Israel)—2:9-13

A. Retaking G _____—2:9

1. Grain
2. New Wine
3. Wool (used for covering)
4. Linen (used for covering)

B. Exposing N _____—2:10

1. Before lovers
2. Without deliverance

→ **NOTE WELL: The land will be made bare, exposed in judgment and the inhabitants will be carried away in exile!**

C. C _____ Celebrations—2:11

1. No mirth