

THISWEEK'S READING:

WED, SEP 3 ISAIAH 28—30

THU, SEP 4 ISAIAH 31—34

FRI, SEP 5 ISAIAH 35—36

SAT, SEP 6 ISAIAH 37—39; PSALM 76

SUN, SEP 7 ISAIAH 40-43

MON, SEP 8 ISAIAH 44—48

TUE, SEP 9 2 KINGS 19; PSALMS 46, 80, 135







PART: THE MARRIAGE METAPHOR



HOSEA1:2

2 WHEN THE LORD BEGAN TO SPEAK THROUGH HOSEA, THE LORD SAID TO HIM, "GO, MARRY A PROMISCUOUS WOMAN AND HAVE CHILDREN WITH HER, FOR LIKE AN ADULTEROUS WIFE THIS LAND IS GUILTY OF UNFAITHFULNESS TO THE LORD."



- JEZREEL SCATTERED
- LO-RUHAMAH NOT LOVED
- LO-AMMI NOT MY PEOPLE



HOSEA1:10

10 YET THE ISRAELITES WILL BE LIKE THE SAND ON THE SEASHORE, WHICH CANNOT BE MEASURED OR COUNTED. IN THE PLACE WHERE IT WAS SAID TO THEM. YOU ARE NOT MY PEOPLE,' THEY WILL BE CALLED 'CHILDREN OF THE LIVING GOD.'



ROMANS 9:24-26

24 EVEN US, WHOM HE ALSO CALLED, NOT ONLY FROM THE JEWS BUT ALSO FROM THE GENTILES? 25 AS HE SAYS IN HOSEA: "I WILL CALL THEM 'MY PEOPLE' WHO ARE NOT MY PEOPLE: AND I WILL CALL HER 'MY LOVED ONE' WHO IS NOT MY LOVED ONE," 26 AND, "IN THE VERY PLACE WHERE IT WAS SAID TO THEM, YOU ARE NOT MY PEOPLE,' THERE THEY WILL BE CALLED 'CHILDREN OF THE LIVING GOD."

EPHESIANS 5:31-33

31 FOR THIS REASON A MAN WILL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE UNITED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO WILL BECOME ONE FLESH." 32 THIS IS A PROFOUND MYSTERY—BUT I AM TALKING ABOUT CHRIST AND THE CHURCH. 33 HOWEVER, EACH ONE OF YOU ALSO MUST LOVE HIS WIFE AS HE LOVES HIMSELF, AND THE WIFE MUST RESPECT HER HUSBAND.



REVELATION 19:6–8

6 THEN I HEARD WHAT SOUNDED LIKE A GREAT MULTITUDE, LIKE THE ROAR OF RUSHING WATERS AND LIKE LOUD PEALS OF THUNDER, SHOUTING: "HALLELUJAH! FOR OUR LORD GOD ALMIGHTY REIGNS. 7 LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD AND GIVE HIM GLORY! FOR THE WEDDING OF THE LAMB HAS COME, AND HIS BRIDE HAS MADE HERSELF READY. 8 FINE LINEN, BRIGHT AND CLEAN, WAS GIVEN HER TO WEAR." (FINE LINEN STANDS FOR THE RIGHTEOUS ACTS OF GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE.)





HOSEA2:7 7 SHE WILL CHASE AFTER HER LOVERS BUT NOT CATCH THEM; SHE WILL LOOK FOR THEM BUT NOT FIND THEM. THEN SHE WILL SAY, 1 WILL GO BACK TO MY HUSBAND AS AT FIRST,

FOR THEN I WAS BETTER OFF THAN

NOW.

- I WILL TAKE AWAY...
- I WILL TAKE BACK...
- I WILL EXPOSE...
- IWILL RUIN...
- I WILL PUNISH...





HOSEA2:16

16 "IN THAT DAY," DECLARES THE LORD, "YOU WILL CALL ME 'MY HUSBAND'; YOU WILL NO LONGER CALL ME 'MY MASTER.





ACOVENANTENDURES BECAUSETWOPEOPLE WAKEUPEACHDAYAND CHOOSEFAITHFULNESS AGAIN.

IDOLATRY CHASES PASSION; COVENANT CHOOSES FAITHFULNESS.

1PETER 2:10-11

10 ONCE YOU WERE NOT A PEOPLE, BUT NOW YOU ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD; ONCE YOU HAD NOT RECEIVED MERCY, BUT NOW YOU HAVE RECEIVED MERCY. 11 DEAR FRIENDS, I URGE YOU, AS FOREIGNERS AND EXILES, TO ABSTAIN FROM SINFUL DESIRES, WHICH WAGE WAR AGAINST YOUR SOUL.FAITHFULNESS TO GOD, LIKE FAITHFULNESS IN MARRIAGE, IS NOT AUTOMATIC. TEMPTATIONS COME. BUT WE DAILY CHOOSE TO HONOR THE COVENANT.

HOSEA 2:19-20 19 I WILL BETROTH YOU TO ME FOREVER: I WILL BETROTH YOU IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE, IN LOVE AND COMPASSION. 20 I WILL BETROTH YOU IN FAITHFULNESS, AND YOU WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THE LORD.



PART2: REDEEMING LOVE





HOSEA 3:1

THE LORD SAID TO ME, 'GO, SHOW YOUR LOVE TO YOUR WIFE AGAIN, THOUGH SHE IS LOVED BY ANOTHER MAN AND IS AN ADULTERESS. LOVE HER AS THE LORD LOVES THE ISRAELITES, THOUGH THEY TURN TO OTHER GODS AND LOVE THE SACRED RAISIN CAKES."



WHAT DUMB THINGS DO WE TRADE GOD FOR?





HOSEA3:2

2 SO I BOUGHT HER FOR FIFTEEN SHEKELS OF SILVER AND ABOUT A HOMER AND A LETHEK OF BARLEY.



1PETER 1:18-19

18 FOR YOU KNOW THAT IT WAS NOT WITH PERISHABLE THINGS SUCH AS SILVER OR GOLD THAT YOU WERE REDEEMED FROM THE EMPTY WAY OF LIFE HANDED DOWN TO YOU FROM YOUR ANCESTORS, 19 BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, A LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH OR DEFECT.

HOSEA3:5

5 AFTERWARD THE ISRAELITES WILL RETURN AND SEEK THE LORD THEIR GOD AND DAVID THEIR KING. THEY WILL COME TREMBLING TO THE LORD AND TO HIS BLESSINGS IN THE LAST DAYS.



REMEMBER: IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, "THE LAST DAYS' DOESN'T MEAN THE END OF THE WORLD. IT MEANS THE TIME BETWEEN CHRIST'S FIRST COMING AND HIS RETURN.



HOSEA4:1

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD, YOU ISRAELITES, BECAUSE THE LORD HAS A CHARGE TO BRING AGAINST YOU WHO LIVE IN THE LAND: "THERE IS NO FAITHFULNESS, NO LOVE, NO ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GOD IN THE LAND.

HOSEA4:6

6 MY PEOPLE ARE DESTROYED FROM LACK OF KNOWLEDGE. "BECAUSE YOU HAVE REJECTED KNOWLEDGE, I ALSO REJECT YOU AS MY PRIESTS; BECAUSE YOU HAVE IGNORED THE LAW OF YOUR GOD, I ALSO WILL IGNORE YOUR CHILDREN.

JAMES 3:1

NOT MANY OF YOU SHOULD BECOME TEACHERS, MY FELLOW BELIEVERS, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT WE WHO TEACH WILL BE JUDGED MORE STRICTLY.



HOSEA 4:14

14 "I WILL NOT PUNISH YOUR DAUGHTERS WHEN THEY TURN TO PROSTITUTION, NOR YOUR DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW WHEN THEY COMMIT ADULTERY, BECAUSE THE MEN THEMSELVES CONSORT WITH HARLOTS AND SACRIFICE WITH SHRINE PROSTITUTES—A PEOPLE WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WILL COME TO RUIN!



HOSEA 5:13

13 WHEN EPHRAIM SAW HIS SICKNESS, AND JUDAH HIS SORES, THEN EPHRAIM TURNED TO ASSYRIA, AND SENT TO THE GREAT KING FOR HELP. BUT HE IS NOT ABLE TO CURE YOU, NOT ABLE TO HEAL YOUR SORES.



HOSEA 8:4

4 THEY SET UP KINGS WITHOUT MY CONSENT; THEY CHOOSE PRINCES WITHOUT MY APPROVAL. WITH THEIR SILVER AND GOLD THEY MAKE IDOLS FOR THEMSELVES TO THEIR OWN DESTRUCTION.



HOSEA8:9

9 FOR THEY HAVE GONE UP TO ASSYRIA LIKE A WILD DONKEY WANDERING ALONE. EPHRAIM HAS SOLD HERSELF TO LOVERS.



PARTS: RESTORING LOVE





HOSEA 6:1-2

1 COME, LET US RETURN TO THE LORD. HE HAS TORN US TO PIECES BUT HE WILL HEAL US; HE HAS INJURED US BUT HE WILL BIND UP OUR WOUNDS. 2 AFTER TWO DAYS HE WILL REVIVE US; ON THE THIRD DAY HE WILL RESTORE US, THAT WE MAY LIVE IN HIS PRESENCE.



THE "THIRD DAY" IS ONE OF THE MOST CONSISTENT SALVATION PATTERNS IN SCRIPTURE

HOSEA6:4 4 WHAT CANIDO WITH YOU, EPHRAIM WHAT CAN I DO WITH YOU, JUDAH? YOUR LOVE IS LIKE THE MORNING MIST, LIKE THE EARLY DEW THAT DISAPPEARS.



JAMES 1:23-24

23 ANYONE WHO LISTENS TO THE WORD BUT DOES NOT DO WHAT IT SAYS IS LIKE SOMEONE WHO LOOKS AT HIS FACE IN A MIRROR 24 AND, AFTER LOOKING AT HIMSELF, GOES AWAY AND IMMEDIATELY FORGETS WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE.

HOSEA7:14 14 THEY DO NOT CRY OUT TO ME FROM THEIR HEARTS BUT WAIL ON THEIR BEDS. THEY SLASH THEMSELVES, APPEALING TO THEIR GODS FOR GRAIN AND NEW WINE, BUTTHEY TURN AWAY FROM ME.

THERESA DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REGRET AND REPENTANCE.

2 CORINTHIANS 7:10 V

10 GODLY SORROW BRINGS
REPENTANCE THAT LEADS TO
SALVATION AND LEAVES NO REGRET,
BUT WORLDLY SORROW BRINGS
DEATH.



IT'S TURNING AWAY FRO SIN BECAUSE OF SINCERE LOVE FOR GOD.

HOSEA 9:10A

10 WHEN I FOUND ISRAEL, IT WAS LIKE FINDING GRAPES IN THE DESERT; WHEN I SAW YOUR ANCESTORS, IT WAS LIKE SEEING THE EARLY FRUIT ON THE FIG TREE.





HOSEA 10:12

12 SOW RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR
YOURSELVES, REAP THE FRUIT OF
UNFAILING LOVE, AND BREAK UP YOUR
UNPLOWED GROUND; FOR IT IS TIME TO
SEEK THE LORD, UNTIL HE COMES AND
SHOWERS HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ON YOU.



HOSEA 12:6

6 BUT YOU MUST RETURN TO YOUR GOD; MAINTAIN LOVE AND JUSTICE, AND WAIT FOR YOUR GOD ALWAYS.



HOSEA14:1-2

1RETURN, ISRAEL, TO THE LORD YOUR GOD. YOUR SINS HAVE BEEN YOUR DOWNFALL! 2 TAKE WORDS WITH YOU AND RETURN TO THE LORD. SAY TO HIM: "FORGIVE ALL OUR SINS AND RECEIVE US GRACIOUSLY, THAT WE MAY OFFER THE FRUIT OF OUR LIPS.



HOSEA 14:4

4 I WILL HEAL THEIR
WAYWARDNESS AND LOVE
THEM FREELY, FOR MY ANGER
HAS TURNED AWAY FROM
THEM.

