

Assignments on Hosea 2

Read Hosea 2, then answer the following questions.

1. Explain how 2:1 relates to the concluding concepts of chapter 1.
2. What does God call upon the children to do regarding their mother in 2:2? What reason does He give?

3. **Special Assignment:** Explain how verse 2 would relate to Hosea's relationship to Gomer. How would it illustrate God's relationship to Israel?

4. What would a father hope that his children would do for an unfaithful wife?

5. **Application:** What can we learn about divorce from the illustration?

6. What would God do to the unfaithful wife – 2:3? Explain the significance to God's treatment of Israel.
7. How would the children be treated if they support their mother in harlotry – 2:4?
8. How would this relate to the nation of Israel?
9. What did the unfaithful wife want from her lovers – 2:5?

10. **Application:** How might people in our society be similar to Israel?

11. What would the husband do to his unfaithful wife – 2:6,7?
12. What did he hope would happen as a result?
13. What mistake did Israel make regarding her blessings – 2:8,9?
14. What would God do to Israel like the husband would do to the unfaithful wife?
15. What other consequence would Israel face – 2:10? (Think: What would be the purpose of this?)
16. What would God cause to cease according to 2:11? How would this punish Israel? (Think: How does the description of the holy days compare to Colossians 2:16?)
17. What punishment would God bring according to 2:12,13?
18. What purpose would this punishment accomplish?

19. **Application:** List some modern philosophies or practices that have in effect become idols in our modern society. What lessons can we learn about these philosophies from Hosea?

20. After the wayward wife had been punished, what offer would be made – 2:14,15?
21. Run cross-references and describe the significance of the valley of Achor in the history of Israel. What would this symbolize at this point in Hosea's prophecy?

22. How did the wilderness relate to the history of Israel when she left Egypt? How did this in turn relate to God's covenant with Israel?
23. What did God hope would result in His relationship with Israel – 2:16,17?
24. What kind of covenant would God then make with the people – 2:18?
25. List **passages** showing that the New Testament is a covenant.
26. List **passages** that describe the peace God offers people in the New Testament.

27. **Special Assignment:** Explain the significance of the symbolic promises made in the covenant God offered Israel here.

28. In this covenant, what will characterize God's relationship to the people – 2:19,20?
29. What does it mean to know the Lord, and how would a renewed marriage relationship illustrate this?
30. How is God's new relationship with the people described in 2:21,22?
31. How does the promise of 2:23 relate back to the names of Hosea's children?