

“A Lovesick Husband, A Longing Father”

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# The Husband's Goodness

Hos. 1:2 ¶ When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, “Go, take to yourself a wife of harlotry and have children of harlotry; for the land commits flagrant harlotry, forsaking the Lord.”

Hos. 1:3(a) So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim...

# The Husband's Goodness

Hos. 2:8      She did not know  
that it was I who gave her  
the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and who lavished upon her silver  
and gold that they used for Baal.

# The Father's Goodness

Hos. 11:1 ¶ When Israel was a child, I  
loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.

# The Father's Goodness

Hos. 11:3 Yet it is I who taught Ephraim to walk,

I took them in My arms;

But they did not know that I healed them.

Hos. 11:4 I led them with cords of a man, with bonds of love,

And I became to them as one who lifts the yoke from  
their jaws;

And I bent down and fed them.

# The Harlot Wife & Children

Hos. 1:3(b) "...and she conceived and bore him a son."

Hos. 1:6(a) ¶ She conceived again and bore a daughter...

Hos. 1:8 ¶ When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son.

Hos. 1:9 Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God."

# The Harlot Wife & Children

Hos. 2:5 “For their mother has played the harlot;

She who conceived them has acted shamefully.

For she said, ‘I will go after my lovers,

Who give me my bread and my water,

My wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.’

# The Harlot Wife & Children

Hos. 11:1 ¶ I fell in love with Israel When he was still  
a child; And I have called [him] My son Ever  
since Egypt.

Hos. 11:2 ¶ Thus were they called, But they went  
their own way; They sacrifice to Baalim And  
offer to carved images.

# The Harlot Wife & Children

Hos. 11:3 I have pampered Ephraim,  
Taking them in My arms; But they have  
ignored My healing care.

# The Harlot Wife & Children

Hos. 11:4 I drew them with human ties, With cords of love; But I seemed to them as one Who imposed a yoke on their jaws, Though I was offering them food.

Hos. 11:5 ¶ They shall return to the land of Egypt,  
and Assyria shall be their king,  
because they have refused to return to me.

# The Longing Father

Hos. 11:8 ¶ How can I give you up, Ephraim?

How can I hand you over, O Israel?

How can I make you like Admah?

How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me;

my compassion grows warm and tender.

# The Longing Father

Hos. 11:9 I will not execute my fierce anger;  
I will not again destroy Ephraim;  
for I am God and no mortal,  
the Holy One in your midst,  
and I will not come in wrath.

# The Longing Father

Hos. 11:10 The LORD will roar like a lion, And they shall march behind Him; When He roars, His children shall come Fluttering out of the west.

Hos. 11:11 They shall flutter from Egypt like sparrows, From the land of Assyria like doves; And I will settle them in their homes — declares the LORD.

# The Lovesick Husband

Hos. 1:10 ¶ Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor 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.”

# The Lovesick Husband

Hos. 2:14 ¶ Therefore, I will now  
allure her,  
and bring her into the wilderness,  
and speak tenderly to her.

# The Lovesick Husband

Hos. 2:15 From there I will give her her vineyards,  
and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope.  
There she shall respond as in the  
days of her youth,  
as at the time when she came out of  
the land of Egypt.

# The Lovesick Husband

Hos. 2:16 On that day, says the Lord, you will call me, "My husband," and no longer will you call me, "My Baal."

# Our Lone Dissenter

Hos. 14:4 ¶ I will heal their apostasy,  
I will love them freely,  
For My anger has turned away  
from them.

# Our Lone Dissenter

Hos. 14:5 I will be like the dew to Israel;

He will blossom like the lily,

And he will take root like the cedars of Lebanon.

Hos. 14:6 His shoots will sprout,

And his beauty will be like the olive tree

And his fragrance like the cedars of Lebanon.

# Our Lone Dissenter

Hos. 14:7 Those who live in his shadow  
Will again raise grain,  
And they will blossom like the vine.  
His renown will be like the wine of  
Lebanon.

# Our Dissenter of Grace

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