

Hosea Chapter 2 - Questions

Gomer has born three children to Hosea. Because of this underlined phrase in Hosea 1:2, “*Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry and children of harlotry...*” there is reason to think it’s possible some of Hosea & Gomer’s children were not fathered by Hosea. Perhaps Gomer slipped back into her wild and sinful lifestyle of harlotry before Hosea realized it. There are no further comments in scripture which help us know this for sure.

At any rate, by the time Gomer had born three children she was apparently lured back permanently into the life she had lived before Hosea. She left her home with Hosea, left her children, and went back into the arms of other men.

The Lord has Hosea tell us their continuing heart-breaking story, but as he tells it, we are able to see that the devastating feelings Hosea is experiencing are literally also the feelings God has for His people, Israel, who have also left their loving relationship with Him.

The feelings of Hosea and the feelings of the One, True God intersect and intertwine in Chapter 2...and we are left grieving with them both.

1. :1-5 How is Hosea (and God) feeling as he first learns of his beloved’s unfaithfulness?
2. :6-8 As Gomer finds it increasingly difficult for an aging prostitute to find new lovers, what is she thinking?
3. :8 Who was it who always provided for and took care of Gomer, even when she misused it? And Who was it Who always provided for and took care of Israel, even when she misused it?
4. :9-13 Does Hosea give in to the request to take Gomer back when all she really wanted was just to use him? Does God simply say, “OK, Israel, you

have forgotten me, but it's OK. I don't care if you really love me, just come back."?

5. :14-23 What does God know will happen someday to Israel? Do you think this give Hosea any hope for his awful situation?
6. :23 What is one wonderful thing which will happen because of this awful tragedy between God and Israel? What does that teach us about God?

Application Questions:

7. What kind of love is it when someone will give unbelievable blessings and promises to the ones he loves, and then endure that loved one's rejection and accept the deep wounds of that rejection, and still have a desire to love that one again?

(choose one) There are three greek words for "love":

- a. "phileo" love (A give and take relationship)
- b. "eros" love (A love which takes and thinks only of itself...from which we get the English word "erotic")
Or
- c. "agape" love (A love which says, "I love you and there's nothing you can do to get me not to love you")

8. What kind of love do you think God has for you?

"For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16