

Hosea 2:17 – For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more.

8034 [e]	5750 [e]	2142 [e]	3808 [e]	6310 [e]	1168 [e]	8034 [e]	853 [e]	5493 [e]
biš-mām.	'ō-wd	yiz-zā-ḵə-rū	wə-lō-	mip-pī-hā;	hab-be-'ā-līm	šə-mō-wt	'et-	wa-hā-si-rō-ʾtī
בְּשֵׁמֵם:	עוֹד	יִזְכְּרוּ	וְלֹא	מִפִּיהָ	הַבְּעֻלִים	שְׁמוֹת	אֶת-	וְהִסְרֹתִי 17
by their name	more	they shall be remembered	and no	from her mouth	of the Baals	the names	-	For I will take
Prep-b N-msc 3mp	Adv	V-Nifal-Imperf-3mp	Conj-w Adv-NegPrt	Prep-m N-msc 3fs	Art N-mp	N-mpc	DirObjM	Conj-w V-Hifil-ConjPerf-1cs

1. The local demonic gods or “Baals” will be forgotten and their names will not be remembered in the kingdom age.

Hosea 2:18 – And I will make for them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety.

1. The covenant with the beasts, the birds and the creeping things reverses the curse of 2:12
2. The wilderness will no longer be a place of danger
3. The listing of the animals reminds us of the original creation in Genesis 1:21-24 (Note: If Hosea is familiar with the Genesis creation account that means Genesis was in existence in 760-710 BC and did not need to be written in Babylonian captivity after 586 BC.)
4. This is the covenant established (or, re-established) by the Lord in his kingdom mentioned in:
 - a. Genesis 3:17-19 - cursing of the ground
 - b. Genesis 9:2 – “The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered.”
 - c. Romans 8:19-21 – “For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.”
 - d. Isaiah 11:6-7 – “The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling[a] together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.”
5. Israel will be saved from warfare:
 - a. In 1:6, 7 God said he would show love to Judah and save them from war, but Israel he would not show love.... “Then the Lord said to Hosea, “Call her Lo-Ruhamah (which means “not loved”), for I will no longer show love to Israel, that I should at all forgive them. Yet I will show love to Judah; and I will save them—not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but I, the Lord their God, will save them.”
 - b. Here in 2:18 the Lord promises Israel he “will abolish the bow, the sword and war from the land.
 - c. This promise is repeated and developed in:
 - i. 740-690 BC in Isaiah 2:4 – “He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.”
 - ii. 750-686 BC in Micah 4:3 – (same as above)

Hosea 2:19 – And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy.

1. "betroth" indicates a marriage which is more than a treaty (which ends hostilities) and more than a contract (which involves business and property). The heart of this relationship is love.
2. This relationship includes two pairs that work together (righteousness/justice and love/mercy):
 - a. Righteousness
 - b. Justice
 - c. Steadfast love
 - d. Mercy

Hosea 2:20 – **I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.**

1. "faithfulness" is a word which means "that which can be relied upon" It conveys the idea of inner stability, integrity, conscientiousness, and cleanliness; all of which are necessary for any responsible service.
2. All five of these character traits are God's nature which is here given to man in order to secure an eternal relationship.
3. Israel will then "know the Lord" because they will have been made like the Lord. They will share the nature of the Lord

Hosea 2:21 – **"And in that day I will answer, declares the LORD, I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth,**

Hosea 2:22 – **and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil, and they shall answer Jezreel,**

853 [e]	8492 [e]	853 [e]	1715 [e]	853 [e]	6030 [e]	776 [e]
wə'et-	hat-ti·rō·wōš	wə'et-	had·dā·gān	'et-	ta'ā·neh,	wə·hā'ā·reš
וְאֵת־	וְהַתִּירוֹשׁ	וְאֵת־	וְהַדָּגָן	אֵת־	תַּעֲנֶה	וְהָאָרֶץ 22
and	with new wine	and	with grain	-	shall answer	and the earth
Conj-w DirObjM	Art N-ms	Conj-w DirObjM	Art N-ms	DirObjM	V-Qal-Imperf-3fs	Conj-w, Art N-fs

3157 [e]	853 [e]	6030 [e]	1992 [e]	3323 [e]
yiz·rə'el.	'et-	ya'ā·nū	wə·hēm	hay·yiš·hār;
יִזְרְעֵאל:	אֵת־	יַעֲנֶנּוּ	וְהֵם -	הִיִּצְהָר
Jezreel	-	shall answer	and they	with oil
N-proper-fs	DirObjM	V-Qal-Imperf-3mp	Conj-w Pro-3mp	Art N-ms

Hosea 2:23 – **and I will sow her for myself in the land. And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people'; and he shall say, 'You are my God.'"**

7355 [e]	3808 [e]	853 [e]	7355 [e]	776 [e]		2232 [e]
ru·hā·māh;	lō	'et-	wə·ri·ḥam·tī	bā'ā·reš,	lī	ū·zə·ra'ti·hā
— רַחֲמָה	לֹא	אֵת־	וְרַחֲמָתִי	— בְּאֶרֶץ	לִי	וְזָרַעְתִּיהָ 23
[who had] obtained mercy	not	-	and	in the earth	for Myself	And I will sow her
V-Pual-Perf-3fs	Adv-NegPrt	DirObjM	Conj-w V-Piel-ConjPerf-1cs	Prep-b, Art N-fs	Prep 1cs	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-1cs 3fs

430 [e]	559 [e]	1931 [e]	859 [e]	5971 [e]	5971 [e]	3808 [e]	559 [e]	
'ē·lō·hāy.	yō·mar	wə·hū	'at·tāh,	'am·mī-	'am·mī	lō·lō-	wə'ā·mar·tī	
פ . אֱלֹהֵי:	יֹאמַר	וְהוּא	אַתָּה	— עַמִּי	עַמִּי	לֹא־	וְאָמַרְתִּי	
- [You are] My God	shall say	and he	You [are]	My people	to Lo-ammi	to not	and I will say	
Punc	N-mpc 1cs	V-Qal-Imperf-3ms	Conj-w Pro-3ms	Pro-2ms	N-msc 1cs	Prep N-proper-ms	Adv-NegPrt	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-1cs