

1. Opening Prayer

2. Intro: *zana* (Hos. 1:2, 2:5, 3:3, 4:10-18, 5:3, and 9:1)

Meanings 1) adultery (= *naap*): Gen. 38:24

2) all sexual intercourse outside marriage: Deut. 22:20-21

3) intercourse with other deities: Exo. 34:15

4) intercourse with foreign nations: Ezek. 16:26

5) intercourse with immorality: Isa. 1:21

4) having no faith: Hos. 4:12

Feature: In the time of the Old Testament, people considered not all *zana* as sin.

3. Structure of Hosea Ch. 2

Summon for *zana* (vv. 1-4)

Accusations and Judgments (vv. 5-15)

The First Trial (vv. 5-7)

Accusation I (v. 5)

Judgment I (vv. 6-7) “Therefore”

The Second Trial (vv. 8-13)

Accusation II (v. 8)

Judgment II (vv. 9-13) “Therefore”

The Final Ruling (vv. 14-15) “Therefore”

Reconciliation (vv. 16-23)

“In that day” The Return of YHWH (vv. 16-17)

“In that day” The Covenant between YHWH and Creation and People (vv. 18-20)

“In that day” The Response of YHWH (vv. 21-23)

4. Let Us Read Hosea Ch. 2

5. Discussion

- a. Verses from 1:10 to 2:1 sound hopeful, but again, the following verses sound hopeless. How shall we understand this transition?
- b. In this chapter, who was God talking to?
- c. In these trials, what would be God's role?
- d. Who was the accused in this chapter?
- e. What are the accusations against "her"?
- f. What would be the purpose of these trials? Do you think the accuser wanted divorce? Why or why not?
- g. In verse 4, why do you think the accuser said that he would have no pity on children?
- h. In verse 11, why do you think the accuser would put an end all holidays?
- i. Why do you think the accused left her husband and went to her "lovers" or "Baals"?
- j. Do you discover anything about repentance in this chapter?
- k. Do you see any implication in verses 21-23?

6. Closing Prayer