

1. Opening Prayer
2. Intro: Metaphor about Yahweh in Hosea (Rolf Rendtorff)

Ch. 1-3

רִיב (*reeb*) Charges / Arguments / Quarrels (2:2)

שׁוּב (*shoob*) Return / Recovery (3:5)

⇒ Yahweh as husband (1:2-3:5)

What would this “husband” metaphor indicate? (Covenant)

Ch. 4-11

רִיב (*reeb*) Charges / Arguments / Quarrels (4:1)

שׁוּב (*shoob*) Return / Recovery (11:11)

⇒ Yahweh as moth (5:12), rain (6:3), lion (5:14/11:10), and **father** (11:1)

Ch. 12-14

רִיב (*reeb*) Charges / Arguments / Quarrels (12:2)

שׁוּב (*shoob*) Return / Recovery (14:1)

⇒ Yahweh as **father** (14:3), dew (14:5), and green pine tree (14:8)

What would this “father” metaphor indicate?

Father’s love (Ch. 11) / (Ralph L. Smith)

Love that chooses (11:1)

Love rejected (11:2)

Love that protects (11:3-4)

Love that punishes (11:5-7)

Love that suffers (11:8-9)

Love that saves (11:10-11)

3. Let us read Ch. 8 and have discussion

- a. What would be the trumpet about?
- b. Verse 2 shows that the Israel people's acknowledgement to God was empty. How should they have acknowledged God?
- c. Verse 3 mentions that Israel rejected what is good. What is good?
- d. Do you know anything about a calf-idol?
- e. What does verse 7 imply?
- f. What is "the worthless thing" in verse 8?
- g. How many wrongdoings of Israelites can you find out in this chapter?
- h. What does verse 13 imply?

4. Closing Prayer