

The image is a book cover for 'The Minor Prophets'. It features a central illustration of a prophet, likely Isaiah, standing on a rocky, blue-toned landscape. The prophet is depicted in a dark, textured robe, with a long white beard and hair. He holds a scroll in his left hand and points his right index finger towards the viewer. The background is a vibrant, stylized sky with shades of red, orange, and yellow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. Large, stylized letters 'XIII' are superimposed over the background, with the 'X' and 'I' in teal and the 'I' in orange. The title 'THE MINOR PROPHETS' is written in a white, serif font, with 'THE MINOR' in a smaller size above 'PROPHETS'.

THE MINOR
PROPHETS



HOSEA

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HOSEA 1:2-9

³ So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. ⁴ Then the LORD said to Hosea, "Call him Jezreel, because I will soon punish the house of Jehu for the massacre at Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of Israel.

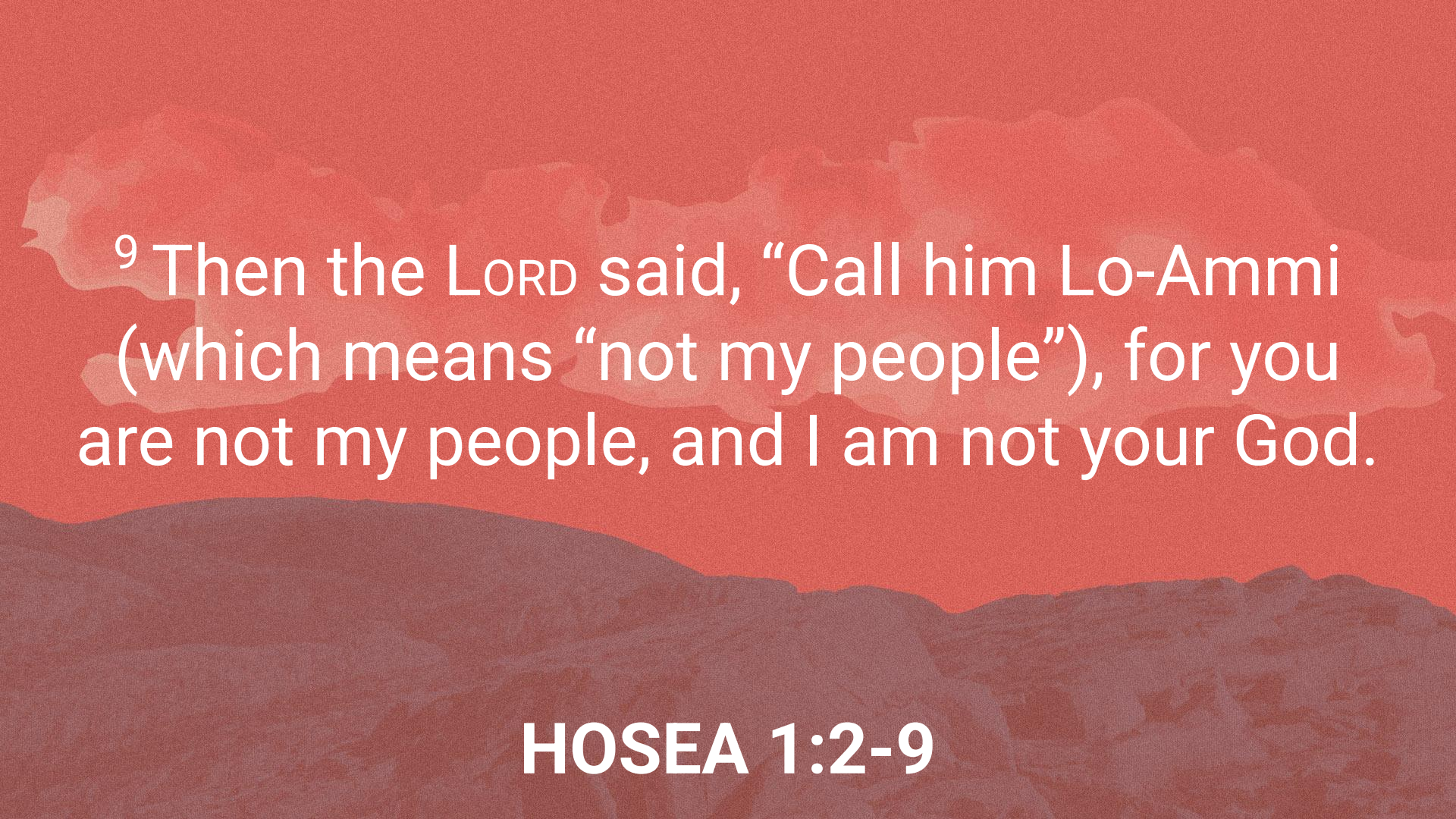
HOSEA 1:2-9

⁵ In that day I will break Israel's bow in the Valley of Jezreel." ⁶ Gomer conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. 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.

HOSEA 1:2-9

⁷ 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.” ⁸ After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, Gomer had another son.

HOSEA 1:2-9

The background of the image is a desert landscape. In the foreground, there are dark, silhouetted mountains. The sky is a deep red color with some lighter, wispy clouds. The text is white and centered in the upper half of the image.

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HOSEA 1:2-9



HOSEA'S MARRIAGE

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HOSEA 1:2-3a



A) HOSEA

Despite the hardship, throughout Hosea's life, God works out the redemption of Gomer, a sinfully unfaithful woman, through her husband's unrelenting forgiveness.

God used Hosea as a physical example of his long-suffering patience and unrelenting forgiveness to Israel, through his relationship with his wife, Gomer.



B) GOMER

⁸ She has not acknowledged that I was the one who gave her the grain, the new wine and oil, who lavished on her the silver and gold—which they used for Baal.

HOSEA 2:8

⁹ “Therefore I will take away my grain when it ripens, and my new wine when it is ready. I will take back my wool and my linen, intended to cover her naked body.

¹⁰ So now I will expose her lewdness before the eyes of her lovers; no one will take her out of my hands.

HOSEA 2:9-13

¹¹ I will stop all her celebrations: her yearly festivals, her New Moons, her Sabbath days—all her appointed festivals.

¹² I will ruin her vines and her fig trees, which she said were her pay from her lovers; I will make them a thicket, and wild animals will devour them.

HOSEA 2:9-13

¹³ I will punish her for the days she burned incense to the Baals; she decked herself with rings and jewelry, and went after her lovers, **but me she forgot.**” declares the Lord.

HOSEA 2:9-13

The background of the image shows a landscape with dark, jagged rock formations in the foreground. Above the rocks, a bright, hazy sky is visible, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The entire image is covered with a semi-transparent red overlay, which makes the colors appear more saturated and gives it a dramatic, somewhat somber feel. The text is centered in the upper half of the image, in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

God is trying to regain
her attention so she can
be restored.

23 “I will plant her for myself in the land;
I will show my love to the one I called
‘Not my loved one.’ I will say to those
called ‘Not my people,’ ‘You are my
people’; and they will say, ‘You are
my God.’”

HOSEA 2:23

¹ “The LORD said to me, “Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes.”

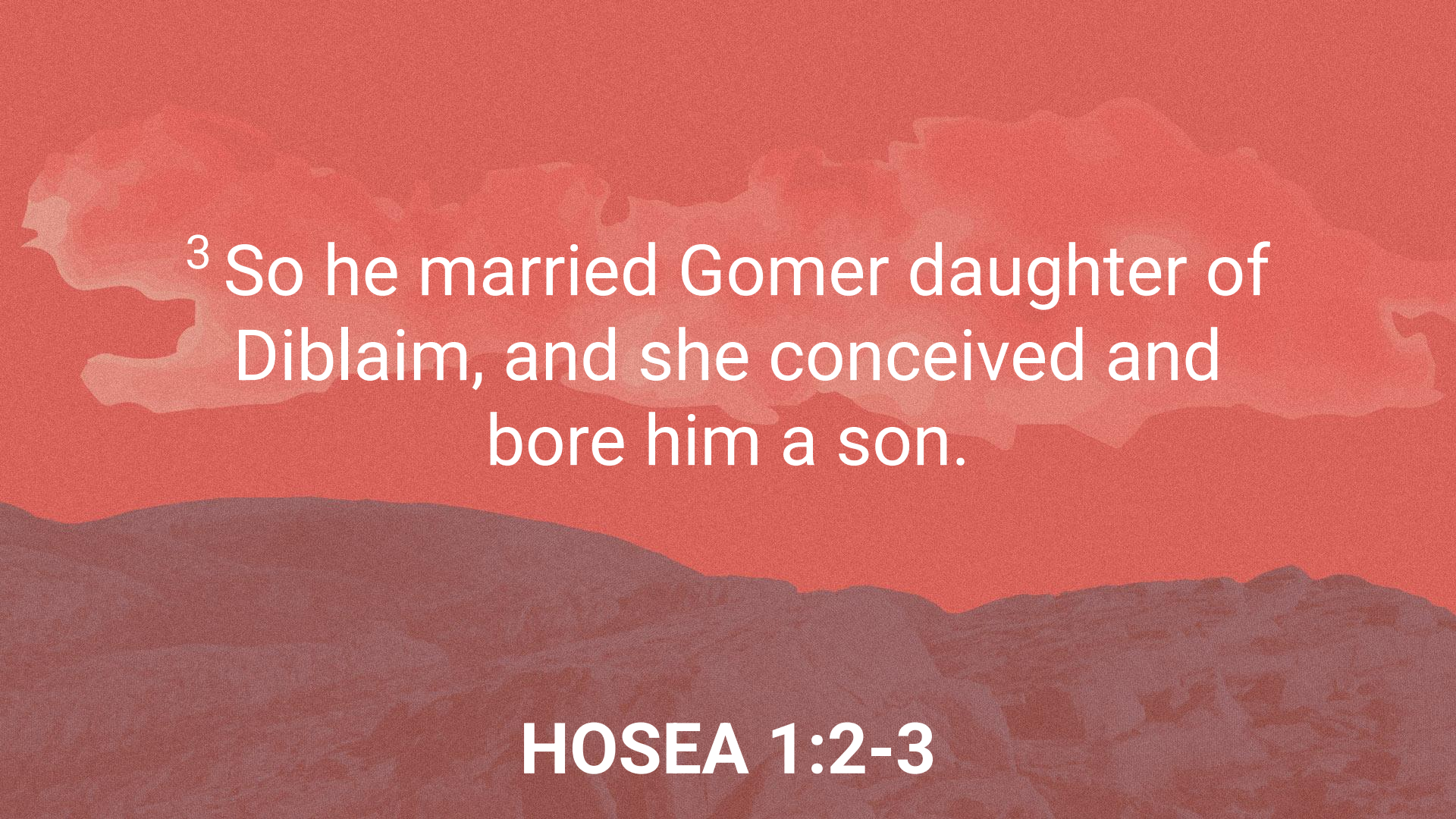
HOSEA 3:1



THE CHILDREN OF PROMISCUITY

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HOSEA 1:2-3



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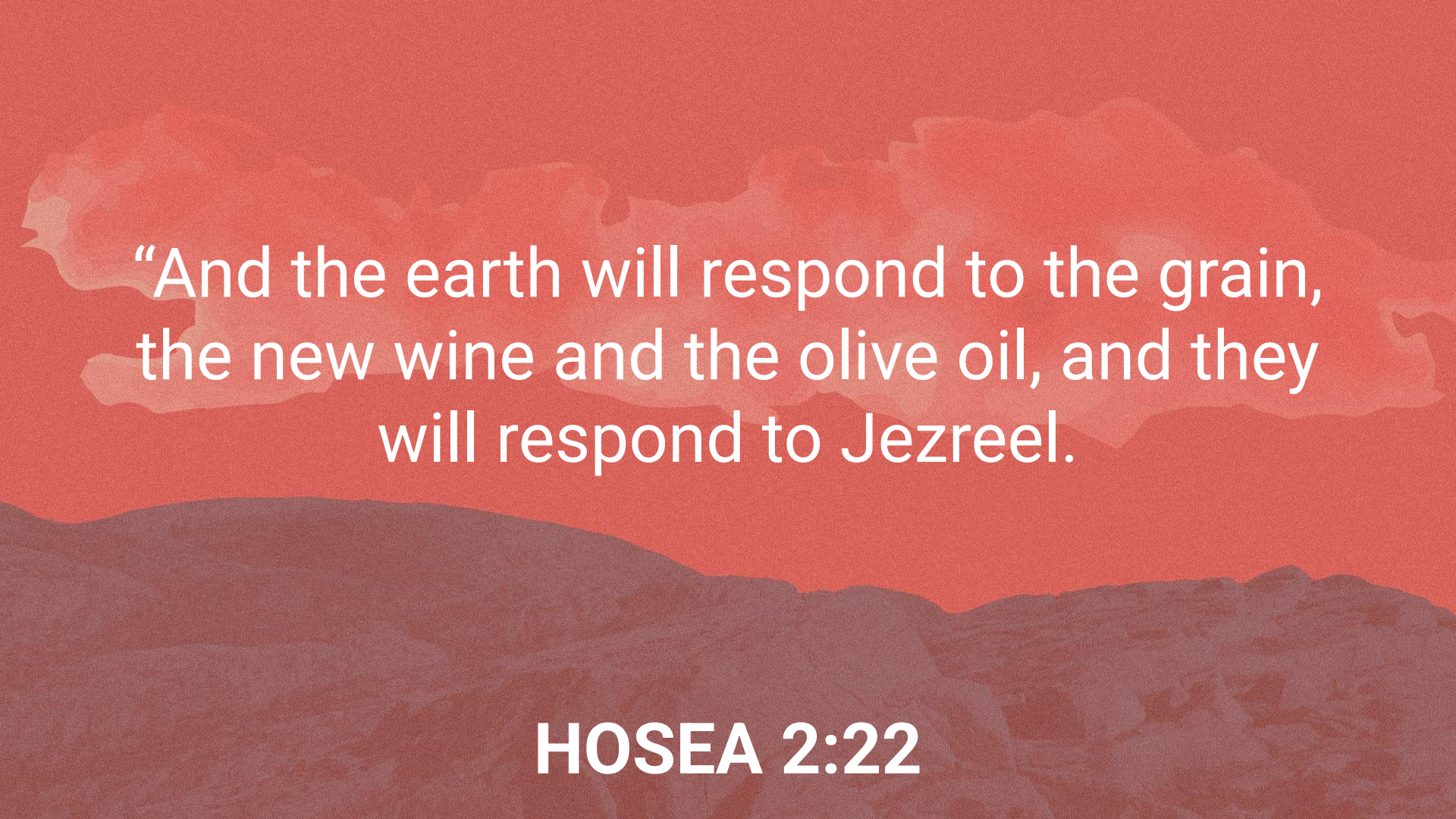
HOSEA 1:2-3



A) JEZREEL

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HOSEA 1:4-5



“And the earth will respond to the grain,
the new wine and the olive oil, and they
will respond to Jezreel.

HOSEA 2:22



B) LO-RUHAMA

⁶ Gomer conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. 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.

HOSEA 1:6-7

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“I will strengthen Judah and save the tribes of Joseph. I will restore them because I have compassion on them. They will be as though I had not rejected them, for I am the LORD their God and I will answer them.”

Zechariah 10:6



C) LO-AMMI

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HOSEA 1:8-9

The covenant formula is found
in Genesis 17:7, Exodus 6:7,
Ezekiel 34:24, Ezekiel 36:28,
Jeremiah 7:23, Jeremiah 30:22,
and Jeremiah 31:33.

¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

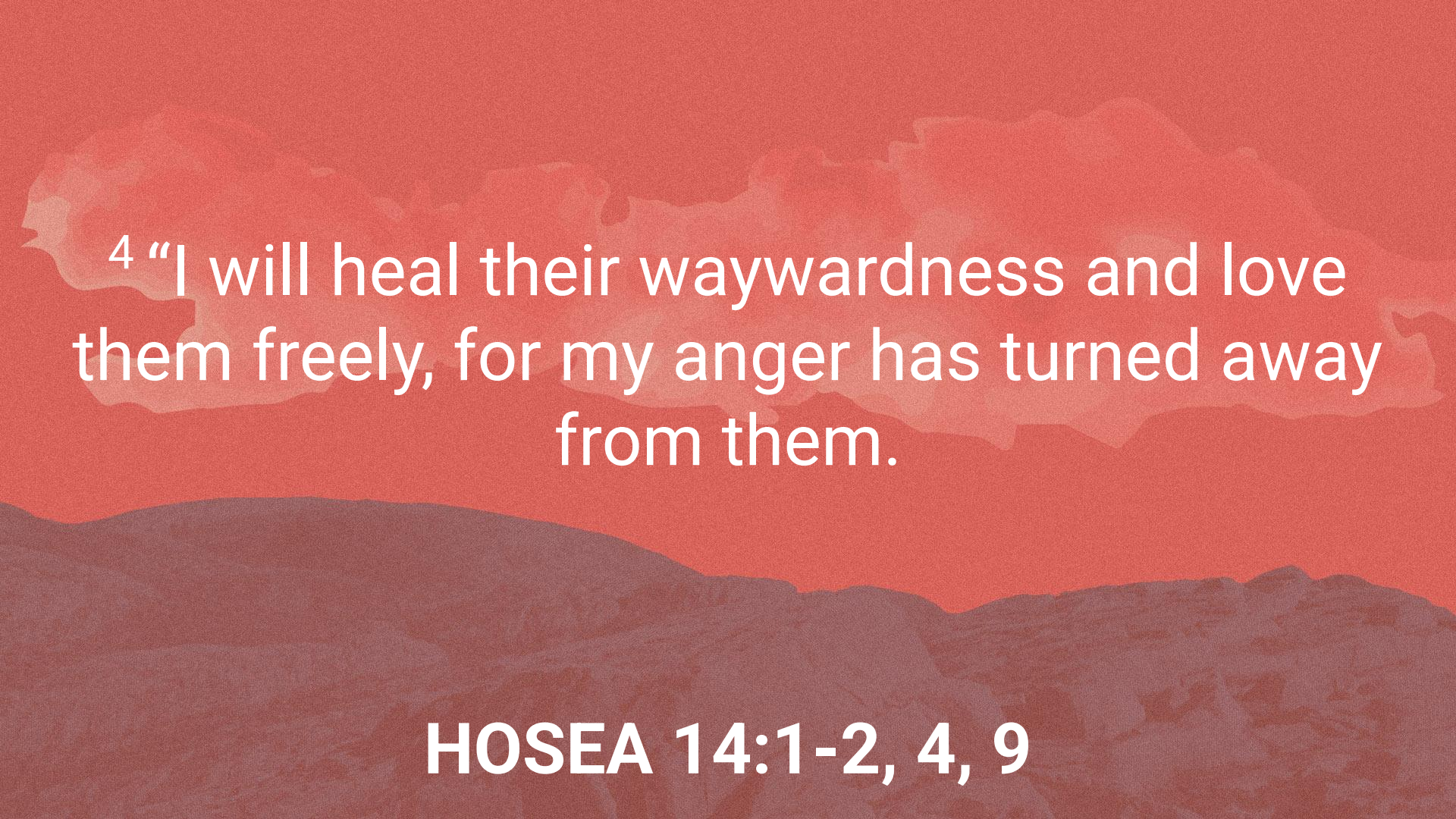
GENESIS 22:17-18



THE PROMISE OF RESTORATION

¹ Return, Israel, to the LORD your God.
Your sins have been your downfall!
² Take words with you and return to the
LORD. Say to him: “Forgive all our sins
and receive us graciously, that we may
offer the fruit of our lips.

HOSEA 14:1-2, 4, 9



⁴ “I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them.

HOSEA 14:1-2, 4, 9

⁹ Who is wise? Let them realize these things. Who is discerning? Let them understand. The ways of the LORD are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them.

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SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) HOSEA'S MARRIAGE
- 2) THE CHILDREN OF PROMISCUITY
- 3) THE PROMISE OF RESTORATION

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