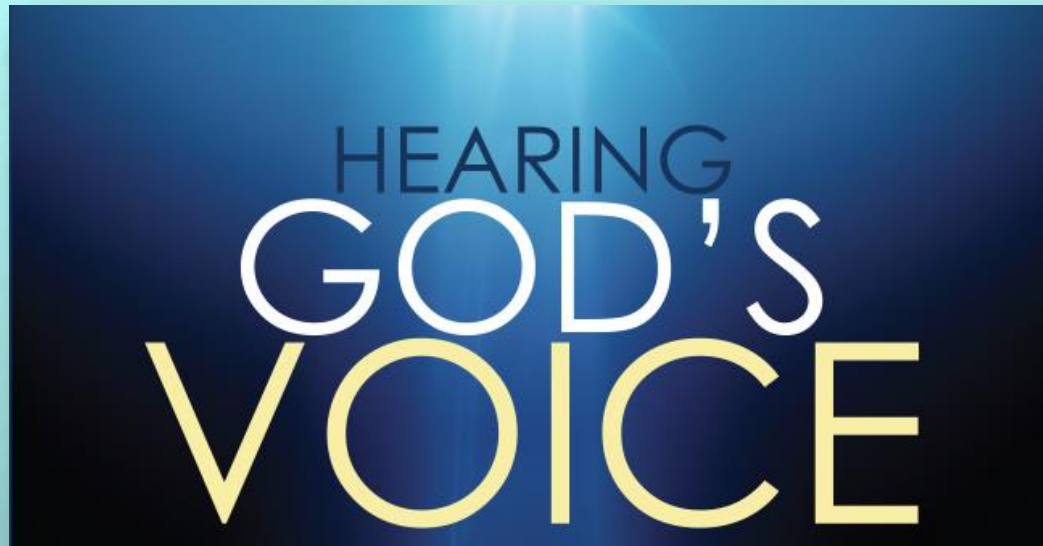




Welcome to Rehoboth New Life Center

Tuesday
February 22nd
2022

Listen, To Love



Revelation 3:22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

The Purest Love



1 Corinthians 13:4 Love suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

What is True Love's Foundation ?



Physical Attraction ?

An Attractive Personality ?

Provision ?

Duty/Responsibility ?

It is a Blood Relationship !

John 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, **and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.**

24 ¶Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: **for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.**

25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: **that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.**

The Relationship that does not change!



- There is only one of them that cannot change... **The blood relationship Father to son/Mother to child**
- Isaiah 49:15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.
- Hosea 11:1 ¶When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

God Declares His Relationship Love



"I HAVE LOVED YOU WITH AN
Everlasting LOVE..."

1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

1 John 4:9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Deuteronomy 4:37 And because **he loved thy fathers**, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt;

Hosea 11:1 ¶ **When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.**

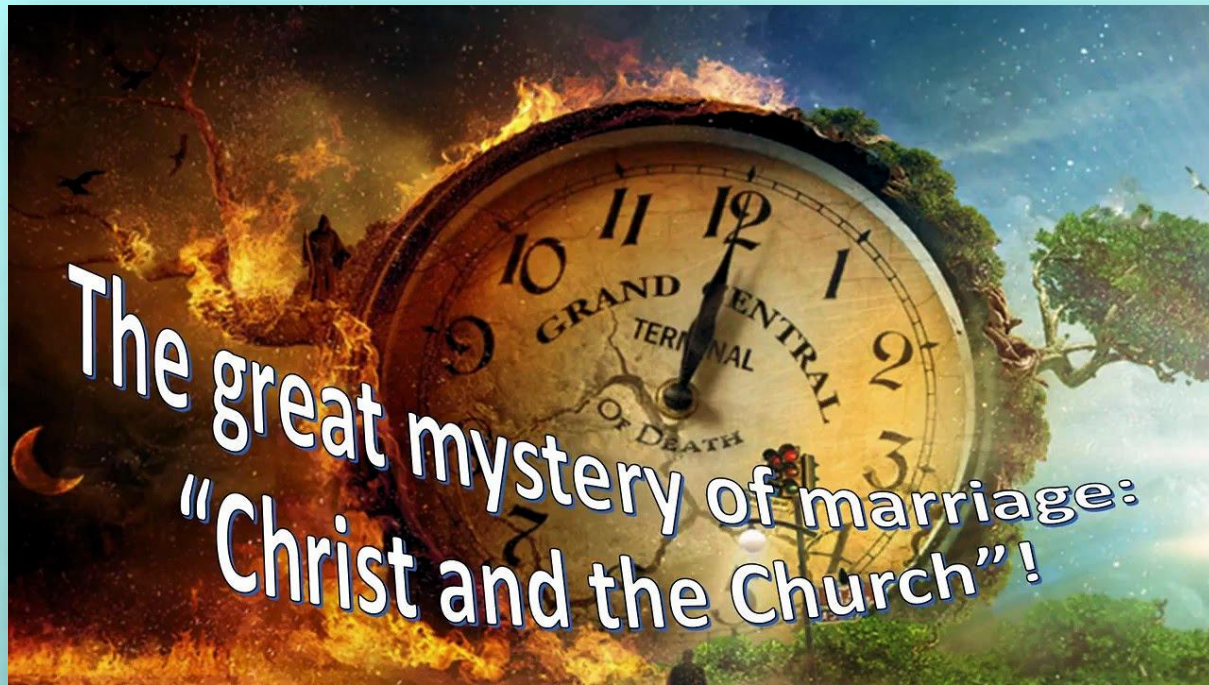
Deuteronomy 10:15 Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.

The Mystery of Love



- Genesis 2:21 ¶And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;
- 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.
- 23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.
- 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they **shall be one flesh.**

The Mystery of Gods Love



- 31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.
- 32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church
- Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

What Does Love Mean ?

Love Means Revealing Yourself

Love Means Being Intimate

Love Means being Vulnerable

Can God Be Hurt ?

Yes Because God Is LOVE !

God begins to Reveal Himself!

Because Love Requires Intimacy!

Exodus 6:3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, **but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.**



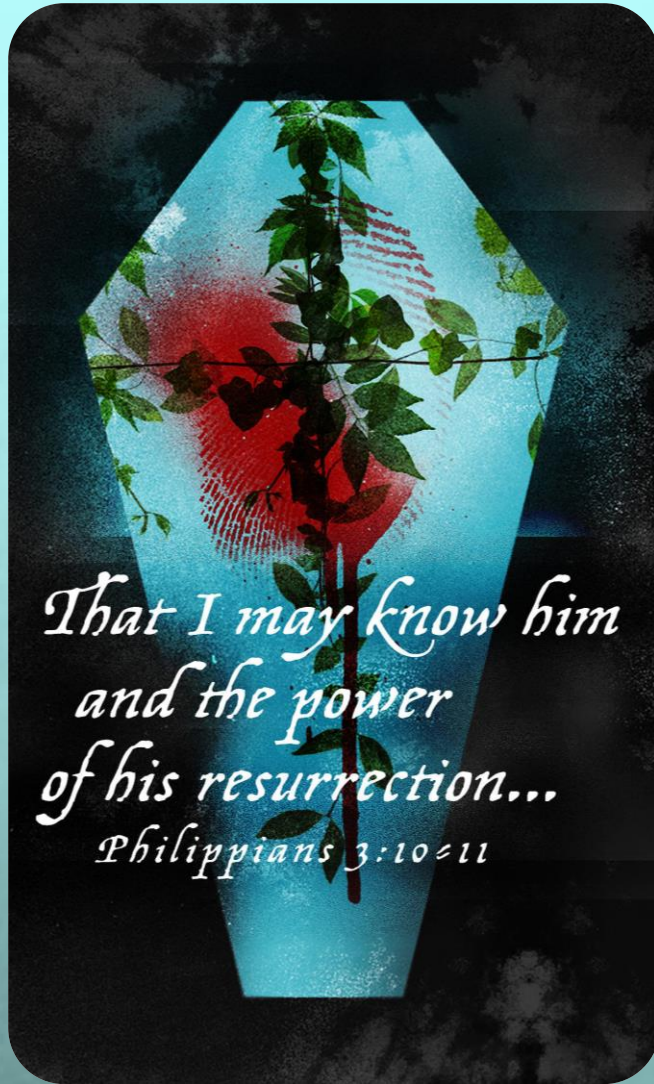
- Exodus 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?
- 14 And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

God becomes Intimate



- Exodus 33:18 And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.
- 19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.
- 20 And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.
- 21 And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, **and thou shalt stand upon a rock:**
- 22 And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, **that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:**
- 23 And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

Wanting Intimacy!



- Philippians 3:8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,
- 9 ¶And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:
- 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;
- 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.
- 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.
- 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
- 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Isn't Jealousy a Sin ?

“Jealous” comes from “zealous,” which means “ardent devotion.” The first uses of “jealous” in English were attached to biblical devotion, then to lovers. If you have, or had, something, and are trying to protect it, you are “jealous” of it.

No Envy is the Sin !

“Jealousy” and “Envy” have very similar meanings and are often confused. In many ways, the difference is whether you have some claim on the object of your desire.

Does your Love Commend itself ?

The KJV New Testament Greek Lexicon

Strong's Number: 4921 **“Commendeth”**

Original Word

συνίστημι

Word Origin

from (4862) and (2476)
(including its collat. forms)


Transliterated Word

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TDNT Entry

7:896,1120

Phonetic Spelling

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Parts of Speech

Verb

Definition

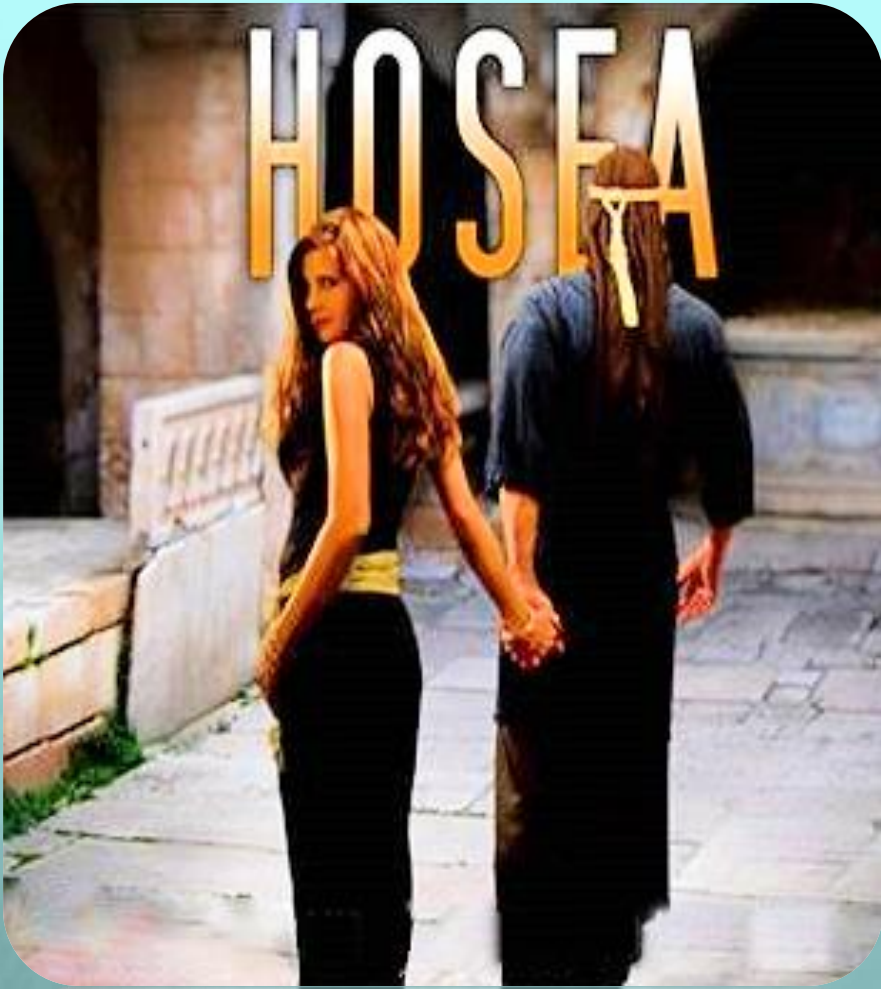
1. to place together, to set in the same place, to bring or band together
 - a. to stand with (or near)
2. to set one with another
 - a. by way of presenting or introducing him
 - b. to comprehend
3. to put together by way of composition or combination, to teach by combining and comparing
 - a. to show, prove, establish, exhibit
4. to put together, unite parts into one whole
 - a. to be composed of, consist

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- Romans 5:6 ¶For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.
- 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.
- **8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**
- 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
- 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.
- 11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Commanded Love



- 1 The LORD gave this message to Hosea son of Beerī during the years when Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah were kings of Judah, and Jeroboam son of Jehoash was king of Israel.
- 2 When the LORD first began speaking to Israel through Hosea, he said to him, “Go and marry a prostitute, so that some of her children will be conceived in prostitution.

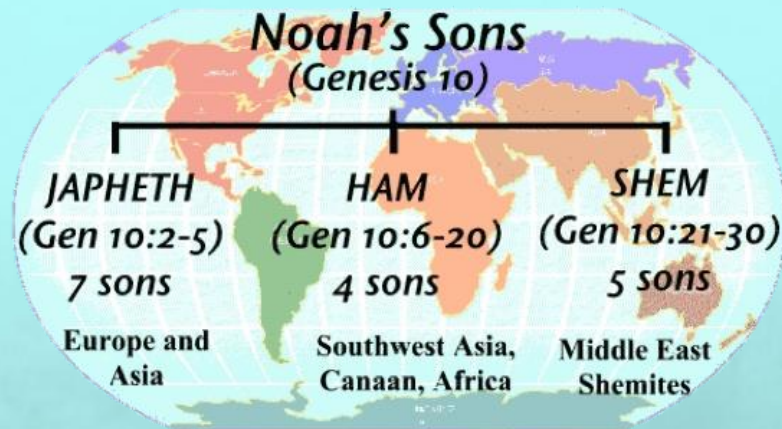
Commanded Love: Hosea & Gomer



- **3** So Hosea married Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she became pregnant and gave Hosea a son.
- **4** And the LORD said, “Name the child Jezreel, for I am about to punish King Jehu’s dynasty to avenge the murders he committed at Jezreel. In fact, I will bring an end to Israel’s independence.
- **5** I will break its military power in the Jezreel Valley.”
- **6** Soon Gomer became pregnant again and gave birth to a daughter. And the LORD said to Hosea, “Name your daughter **Lo-ruhamah**—‘**Not loved**’—for I will no longer show love to the people of Israel or forgive them.
- **7** But I will show love to the people of Judah. I will free them from their enemies—not with weapons and armies or horses and charioteers, but by my power as the LORD their God.”
- **8** After Gomer had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she again became pregnant and gave birth to a second son.
- **9** And the LORD said, “Name him **Lo-ammi**—‘**Not my people**’—for Israel is not my people, and I am not their God.

Hosea and Gomer: God and Israel

The Love Story



- Genesis 10:1 ¶Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood. 2 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. 3 And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. 4 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. 5 By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

Rejection of the Nations



Genesis 11:8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Genesis 11:1 ¶And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

• 4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

God “Gives them up”



Psalms 82:1 God(Elohim) standeth in the congregation of the mighty (EL); he judgeth among the gods.

2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.

3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

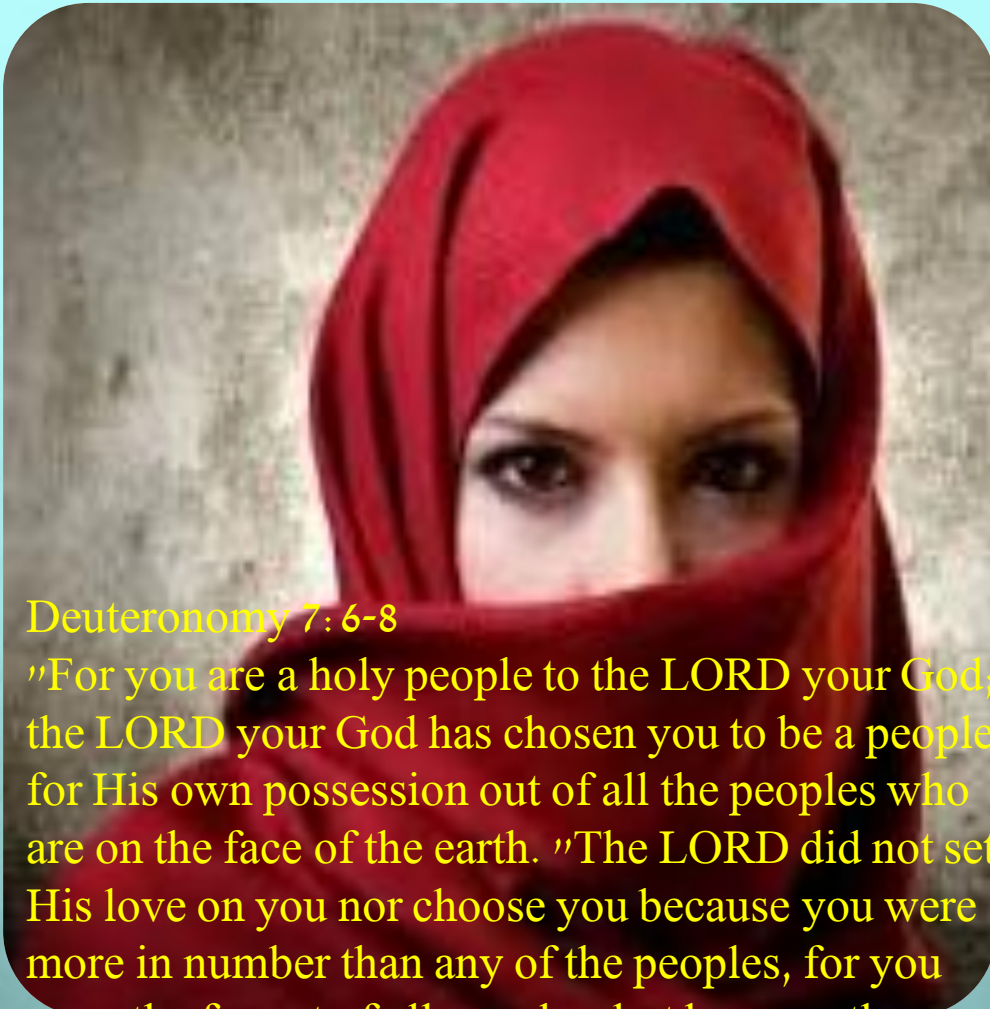
4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

6 ¶I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

- 7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.
- 8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

God Betroths Israel



Deuteronomy 7: 6-8

"For you are a holy people to the LORD your God, the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. "The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 32:8 When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

9 For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. (KJV)

8 When the Most High divided the nations, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the nations according to the number of the angels of God.

9 And his people Jacob became the portion of the Lord, Israel was the line of his inheritance. (Septuagint)

Israel betrays the relationship



- Jeremiah 2:23-5:19
- New Living Translation (NLT)
- **Israel, an Unfaithful Wife**
- 23 “You say, ‘That’s not true! I haven’t worshiped the images of Baal! But how can you say that? Go and look in any valley in the land! Face the awful sins you have done. You are like a restless female camel desperately searching for a mate.
- 24 You are like a wild donkey, sniffing the wind at mating time. Who can restrain her lust? Those who desire her don’t need to search, for she goes running to them!
- 25 When will you stop running? When will you stop panting after other gods? But you say, ‘Save your breath. **I’m in love with these foreign gods, and I can’t stop loving them now!’**”

Gomer Betrays Hosea



At some point, though the text does not specify when or under what circumstances, Gomer leaves Hosea for another lover and enters into an adulterous relationship. We can only imagine Hosea's pain and anger at this rejection

Her Lovers Mistreat Her

- She is abused, and bought and sold



Commanded Love



- Hosea 3:1 ¶Then said the LORD unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine.
- 2 So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver, and for an homer of barley, and an half homer of barley:

Hosea's Love



- Hosea 3:2 So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver, and for an homer of barley, and an half homer of barley:
- 3 And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for another man: so will I also be for thee.

Gods Love



- Hosea 3:4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim:
- 5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

- Hosea 6:1 ¶Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.
- 2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.