## Hosea 2

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- **2** Say ye unto your brethren, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah. (Ammi = my people; Ruhamah = I love you; changed from chapter 1. Lo meant not)
- <sup>2</sup> Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts; (God was speaking of Israel and her false gods)
- <sup>3</sup>Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst. (The famine in the end times is for hearing the Word of God)
- <sup>4</sup>And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they be the children of whoredoms. (Until they repent and straighten up)
- For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink. (She was a prostitute. This is symbolic for how Israel was acting. They adopted the idols of the heathen tribes in that area, and abandoned God)
- <sup>6</sup>Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths. (All her plans will fail)
- <sup>7</sup>And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now. (Her first husband was God; before she fell to harlotry with the idols of the heathen peoples) (God was trying to wake up the people of Israel, to repent and be blessed again)
- \*For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal. (God was her provider, not her false gods that she was chasing. She was too ignorant to know it. She was preparing an offering, to offer it to idols)
- Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my

flax given to cover her nakedness. (She will be abased for her stupidity. She insulted God and will be chastised for it. God will take back all the earthly things that she covets)

- <sup>10</sup> And now will I discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand. (Everyone will see her shame)
- <sup>11</sup> I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts. (No more happiness, no more celebrations; without God, life loses its meaning and its joy)
- <sup>12</sup> And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, These are my rewards that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them. (I have more than I even need. I will throw it away to the beasts of the field. She never says that all the things she has were given to her by God. She has become self-centered and thankless)

(Multiculturalism, atheism and heathenism will destroy a previously Christian nation. Even Christianity itself has been perverted with false teachings and traditions of men, like Easter)

- <sup>13</sup> And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her <u>earrings and her jewels</u>, and she went after her lovers, and forgat me, saith the LORD. (She wanted paganism; she'll get more than she thought. She worshipped idols; she'll learn that they can't help her. In those days, the earrings and jewels were the advertisement for a prostitute)
- <sup>14</sup>Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her. (If she repents, God will forgive her and bless her again) (Timeframe is now, through to the Millennium)
- <sup>15</sup> And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of <u>Achor</u> for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. (Achor= trouble, strife) (If God is with you, the world cannot trouble you)
- <sup>16</sup> And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that thou shalt call me <u>Ishi;</u> and shalt call me no more <u>Baali</u>. (Ishi= my husband) (Baali= lord or master)

- <sup>17</sup> For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name. (She will abandon idol worship and return to God)
- <sup>18</sup> And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely. (They will be at peace. There won't be any more wars)
- <sup>19</sup> And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving kindness, and in mercies. Ezekiel-18:4
- <sup>20</sup> I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD. (The great spiritual wedding in the eternity. We can know God now by studying His Word)
- <sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the LORD, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth; (We will have communication with everyone, including God Himself)
- <sup>22</sup> And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear <u>Jezreel</u>. (Jezreel= we are God's planting <sowing>; we will produce fruit)
- <sup>23</sup> And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God. (God will plant the people back on their own land. God will accept all those who repent and accept Him)

(Lo-ammi – Not my people; Ammi- My people)