

Hosea 2:14-15

Hosea 2:14 – "Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her."

3820 [e]	5921 [e]	1696 [e]	4057 [e]	1980 [e]	6601 [e]	595 [e]	2009 [e]	3651 [e]
lib·bāh.	'al-	we·dib·bar·tî	ham·miḡ·bār;	we·hō·lak·tî·hā	mə·pāt·te·hā,	'ā·nō·kî	hin·nêh	lā·kên,
לְבָהּ:	עַל	וַדַּבַּרְתִּי	הַמִּדְבָּר	וְהִלַּכְתִּיהָ	מִפְתִּיָהּ	אֲנֹכִי	הִנֵּה	לָכֵן 14
her comfort	to	and speak	into the wilderness	and will bring her	will allure her	I	behold	Therefore
N-msc 3fs	Prep	Conj-w V-Piel-ConjPerf-1cs	Art N-ms	Conj-w V-Hifil-ConjPerf-1cs 3fs	V-Piel-PrtcpI-msc 3fs	Pro-1cs	Interjection	Adv

1. Section 2:2-13 ended with the Lord taking away his blessings (grain, wine, wool, flax in 2:9) that Israel had attributed to the Baals (or, Gomer had trusted her lovers to continue to provide). And, Israel was to be sent to the wilderness (2:3) and the fields were to be turned to “a forest” (2:12) after the beast had devoured them (2:12) leaving Israel utterly ruined.
2. Here in 2:14 this section begins with “Therefore” which means these verses are the natural result of Israel being abandoned in the wilderness with a destroyed land. These things will result from Israel’s second “wilderness” experience:
 - a. YHWH will allure Israel
 - b. YHWH will bring her into the wilderness
 - c. YHWH will speak tenderly to her
3. The “wilderness” is not to be understood as a poetic, reflective, solitude, romantic place. It is a place of arid, life-threatening, abandoned, hopelessness and judgment.
 - a. Just because the wilderness in Numbers produced the Joshua generation does not make the 40 years in the wilderness a great time of obedience and bonding with the Lord.
 - b. The 40 years of wilderness with Moses was a time of continual rebellion and failure by Israel including their time at Baal-Peor
 - c. Numbers 14:20-23 – “Then the Lord said, ‘I have pardoned, according to your word. But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord, none of the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice, shall see the land that I swore to give to their fathers. And none of those who despised me shall see it.’..... These ten times of rebellion could have included:
 - i. Exodus 14:10-12 - At the Red Sea where it seemed that Pharaoh’s army would destroy them
 - ii. Exodus 15:22-24 - At Marah where they found bitter water
 - iii. Exodus 16:1-3 - In the Desert of Sin as they hungered
 - iv. Exodus 16:19-20 - In the Desert of Sin as they paid no attention to Moses concerning the storing of the manna until the morning
 - v. Exodus 16:27-30 - In the Desert of Sin as they disregarded Moses concerning the gathering of the manna on the seventh day
 - vi. Exodus 17:1-4 - At Rephidim as they complained for water
 - vii. Exodus 32:1-35 - At Mount Sinai as Aaron led the people in making the golden calf
 - viii. Numbers 11:1-3 - At Taberah where the people raged against the Lord
 - ix. Numbers 11:4-34 - At Kibroth Hattaavah in the grumbling provoked by the rabble for quail.

- x. Numbers 14:1-3 - At Kadesh in the Desert of Paran when the people refused to receive the good report of Joshua and Caleb but rather wished themselves dead
- d. The wilderness was a time of testing-failure-learning-testing-failure-learning until Israel learned to trust the Lord.
- e. Jeremiah picks upon this concept of the Lord with Israel in the wilderness, but remembers the result of the 40 years in Jeremiah 2:2 – “This is what the Lord says: ‘I remember the devotion of your youth, how as bride you loved me and followed me through the wilderness through a land not sown. Israel was holy to the LORD, the firstfruits of his harvest; all who devoured her were held guilty, and disaster overtook them,’ declares the LORD.”
 - i. Jeremiah 31:2 – “The people who survive the sword will find favor in the wilderness; I will come to give rest to Israel.”

Hosea 2:15 – **And there I will give her vineyards and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth, as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.**

8615 [e]	6607 [e]	5911 [e]	6010 [e]	853 [e]	8033 [e]	3754 [e]	853 [e]		5414 [e]
tiq-wāh;	le-pe-tah	'ā-ḵō-wr	'ê-meq	we'eṭ-	miš-šām,	ke-rā-me-hā	'eṭ-	lāh	we-nā-tat-tī
תִּקְוָה	לַפֶּתַח	עֲכוּר	עֵמֶק	וְאֶת־	מִשָּׁם	כַּרְמֵיהָ	אֶת־	לָהּ	וְנָתַתִּי 15
of hope	as a door	of Achor	the Valley	and	from there	her vineyards	-	her	And I will give
N-fs	Prep-l N-msc	N-proper-fs	N-msc	Conj-w DirObjM	Prep-m Adv	N-mpc 3fs	DirObjM	Prep 3fs	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-1cs

	4714 [e]	776 [e]	5927 [e]	3117 [e]	5271 [e]	3117 [e]	8033 [e]	6030 [e]
s	miš-rā-yim.	mê'e-reš-	'ā-lō-tāh	wiḵ-yō-wm	ne'ū-re-hā,	kī-mē	šām-māh	we'ā-ne-tāh
ס .	מִצְרַיִם:	מֵאֶרֶץ־	עָלְתָהּ	וּכְיוֹם	נְעוּרֶיהָ	כִּימִי	שָׁמָּה	וְעַתָּה
-	of Egypt	from the land	when she came up	as in the day	of her youth	as in the days	there	And she shall sing
Punc	N-proper-fs	Prep-m N-fsc	V-Qal-Inf 3fs	Conj-w, Prep-k N-msc	N-mpc 3fs	Prep-k N-mpc	Adv 3fs	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-3fs

1. “Valley of Achor” is a rugged narrow entrance into the central hill country coming from the Jordan Valley which runs from Jericho up to Ai and onto Bethel. It was where Achan was stoned. (Joshua 7:24-26)
 - a. “achor” is *akor* meaning “trouble”
 - b. But, now it is reverse to mean “door of hope” referring to the new restoration and resurrection.
 - c. The Hebrew word for “hope” is common in Proverbs and Job, but some commentators have commented that it is also a homonym (two words having the same spelling or pronunciation but different meanings and origins) as the word used for “cord” in Joshua 2:18, and 21 that Rahab used as a sign of her allegiance and, thus, her deliverance at Jericho. This may be one of Hosea’s word plays
2. “give her vineyards” – the Lord will provide for Israel in her desperate situation. The Lord restores all that he took from her.
3. Israel will respond from this wilderness position to the Lord just as she did in the wilderness with Moses...after a long, long period of testing.

Hosea 2:16 – **And in that day, declares the LORD, you will call me 'My Husband,' and no longer will you call me 'My Baal.'**