

Relentless

A Series on Hosea



A HUSBAND AND WIFE!

- **Gomer is a symbol:**
 - Of Israel's unfaithfulness to God
 - Of the self-centered focus of sin
 - of the futility and deception of rebellion
 - Of the consequences of sin = punishment
- "I will go back to my first husband... better"

THE GOD OF MERCY

■ **“Therefore” (14)**

- I will allure – in the wilderness! No distractions!
- Speak from the heart (*leb*)
- Vineyards, in the wilderness
- Anchor = trouble, disturbance; a door of hope!
- Sing, as the days of freedom, Red Sea... Ex 15
 - How many times is this moment recalled?
 - Day of YOUR salvation...

INTIMACY

- Name change again:
 - Ishi = man, husband; not Baali = master, lord
 - Removed name of Baal, not remembered
 - Beware of living in the “sinful years”
- **“In that Day”** (16,18) Covenant made
 - Beasts blessed, war abolished (broken)
 - Lie down in safety

7 BETROTHALS: (19, 20)

- **I will betroth you:**
 1. **To Me (3x)**
 2. **Forever**
 3. **In Righteousness**
 4. **In Justice**
 5. **In Lovingkindness**
 6. **In Compassion**
 7. **In Faithfulness**

THEN YOU WILL KNOW

- Not about Me, you will know ME! (20)