# Lesson 18 Hosea 2:4-25 – 3:5 The Lord and Israel, His Spouse

1. (Faith) The valley of Achor was the place of execution of Achan in Joshua (7:24-25)
How do each of these metaphors in Hosea point to Jesus?

Hosea 2:17

17 Then I will give her the vineyards she had, and the valley of Achor as a door of hope.
 There she will respond as in the days of her youth,
 as on the day when she came up from the land of Egypt.

18 On that day—oracle of the LORD—You shall call me “My husband,”

John 15:5

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

Philippians 2:7-9

7 Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness;
 and found human in appearance,

8 he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

9 Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

Matthew 2:14-15

14 Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.

15 He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet
 might be fulfilled, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

John 3:29

28 You yourselves can testify that I said (that) I am not the Messiah, but that I was sent before him.

29 The one who has the bride is the bridegroom; the best man, who stands and listens for him,
 rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made complete.

1. (Hope) When wayward Gomer (Israel) repents and returns to her husband (the Lord) He will take her back with infinite blessings. How does this reflect the hope Christians, repentant sinners though we are?

Hosea 2:21-23

21 I will betroth you to me forever: I will betroth you to me with justice and with judgment,

 with loyalty and with compassion;

22 I will betroth you to me with fidelity, and you shall know the LORD.

23 On that day I will respond—oracle of the LORD—
 I will respond to the heavens, and they will respond to the earth;

1. (Love) Gomer (Israel) has a loving husband (the Lord) who takes her back after each infidelity. The infidelity was forsaking the Lord for idolatry. Our idolatry is different, but just as real, perhaps more so. What must you do to forsake our modern idols and return to faithfulness in the Lord?

1 John 1:9

If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.