

"A Father's Heart"  
(Hosea 1:3-2:1; 2:21-23; 11:1-4, 8-9)

Hosea: A living parable of the One Who never stops loving

- See spiritual unfaithfulness as an offense against love

Hosea's Children's Names Allow Us to See into the Heart of God:

- "Jezreel" = "God Who scatters"

= a people who wouldn't stay focused on God - Is 53:6; Jer 2:13

= reveals His intent to have each of us close to/joined to Him - Lk 13:34

- "Lo-Ruhamah" - "Not to be pitied"

= a people who will not humble themselves before God - Hos 5:5; 7:10

= reveals His intent to turn us back to Him at all costs - Hos 2:6-7

- "Lo-Ammi" - "Not My people"

= a people who will sell their birthright for a pot of pleasure - Hos 2:5; 8:9

= reveals His intent to have a family that knows Him - Hos 6:6

A FATHER'S HEART OF LOVE WILL OFTEN WILL SUFFERING WHEN IT IS IN THE CHILD'S  
BEST INTEREST - Heb 12:5-13

The Purpose for Judgment Is to Offer Full Restoration - Hos 1:10 - "Yet"

- He remains faithful - II Tim 2:13

- By the power of His Word, He transforms us - I Thess 2:13

- His Word is Christ; His power is the Cross - I Cor 1:18; Hos 2:23

...I will sow the seed of My Life in you and plant you in the Promised Land of Christ

...I will grant you mercy and grace without end through My Son

...I will make you my sons and daughters in My Only Begotten Son

So That We Will Say, "You Are My God"