

The background of the image is a dark blue, textured surface, possibly water, with a prominent red glow or light source on the left side, creating a gradient of colors from deep blue to bright red. The texture consists of fine, wavy lines and ripples, giving it a sense of movement and depth.

“The Great Exchange”

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¹The word of the LORD that came to Hosea son of Beeri during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Juda, and during the reign of Jeroboam son of Jehoash king of Israel:

Hosea 1: 1

²When the LORD began to speak through Hosea, the LORD said to him, “Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her, for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the LORD.”

Hosea 1:2

14 “Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her.”

Hosea 2:14

15 “There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. There she will respond as in the days of her youth as in the day she came up out of Egypt”

Hosea 2:15

²¹ “In that day I will respond, “ declares the LORD– “I will respond to the skies, and they will respond to the earth; ²²and the earth will respond to the grain, the new wine and the olive oil, and they will respond to Jezreel. ²³I will plant her for myself in the land; I will show my love to the one I called ‘Not my loved one.’ I will say to those called ‘Not my people,’ ‘You are my people’; and they will say, ‘You are my God.’ ”

Hosea 2: 21-23

¹The Lord said to me, “Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes.”

Hosea 3:1

²So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley.

Hosea 3:2