A Merciful Promise of Faithfulness

Hosea 2:20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.

This is a direct continuation from verse 19

**Hosea 2:19**—*And I will betroth thee unto me forever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.* **20***—I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.*

A Prophetic Picture of the Restoration the Church and Israel

This Covenant is not to be Broken

A promise of a union that is to last forever

9 “And I will betroth” (espouse-) **20***—“I will even betroth* thee unto me in faithfulness”

(then you shall be devoted to the LORD)

1. Israel’s and the Church’s Spiritual Blessings is every Divine attribute

*Righteousness, Judgment, Lovingkindness, Mercies and Faithfulness*

1. Only the Bride will attain to the fullness of these blessings (The Blessed Hope) before Christ returns.

Seeing that I have promised you deliverance, it remains that you encourage one another to embrace this promise, considering that you are my people on whom I will give righteousness, judgment, lovingkindness, mercies and faithfulness.

1. God does not expect anything from you what He hasn’t freely given you.

**Titus 3:2**—*To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.*

*3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.*

*4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,*

*5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

*6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;*

*7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

*8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be* ***careful to maintain good works****. These things are good and profitable unto men.*

**Titus 2:11**—*For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,*

*12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;*

*13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people,* ***zealous of good works****.*

**Titus 1:16***—They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.*

The Blessed Hope

Hosea2:15 And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

There will be a Bride for Christ

Israel won’t believe or receive the fullness of the promises of God that He has promised until the first three and a half years of the tribulation hour along with the Church as a whole.

Micah 5:3—*Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.*

*4 And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.*

Rev. 12:14*—And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.*

Israel and the Church must be taught the truth to come to perfection just as the Bride but without the rewards of faithfulness as the Bride because they won’t hear it to receive it now; they are to slow, stubborn, worldly, carnal or just plain religious, LUKEWARM.

**The Bride alone will attain to the Blessed Hope** to overcome as He overcome and set with Him in His Throne, even though they had the same opportunities to hear.

Rev. 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Rev. 12:4 *And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.*

*5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.*

Every hungry heart will overcome this lukewarmness and receive the fullness of the blessings of God’s Divine Nature by His Spirit **NOW**.

I Have been Betrothed-Promised

“I will know the Lord”

To Know Him:

1. To be a Friend
   1. To know what He is doing
   2. To know how to do what He is doing
2. To be a Brother
   1. To know Him
   2. To know Him more
3. To become a Son
   1. To be made like Him
   2. To be with Him
4. To become The Bride of Christ
   1. To be His
   2. To Experience the fullness of His Nature
   3. Glorified with Him