

Scripture's Soap Opera #2

"Scandal!"

Hosea 2:1-13

The term "scandal" comes from the Greek *skandalon*, which appears in the New Testament as "o _____" or "s _____ block."

Matthew 16:22 - Jesus said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan, a s _____ you are to me!"

Jeremiah 6:15, 8:12 - "They have no s _____ at all; they do not even know how to b _____."

The Scandal of Israel's Sin

Hosea 2:1-2 - The "children" stand for the c _____ of Israel, while the "mother" stands for the n _____ as a whole.

God is bringing a c _____ against Israel and the charge is adultery.

Hosea 2:5 - Israel is seen as c _____ after her lovers, and her motivation is what she can g _____ for herself out of it.

Hosea 2:8 - Israel credited Baal with all her blessings and not G _____.

The Shame from Israel's Sin

Hosea 2:3-4 - The consequences of Israel's sin would be s _____.

The punishment might seem harsh, but the punishment for adultery was d _____. God is seeking r _____, not r _____.

Hosea 2:9-10 - Sin brings s _____ and d _____ to the sinner.

The Scarcity from Israel's Sin

Hosea 2:6-7 - By taking away necessities, God wanted to bring Israel b _____ to Himself.

Hosea 2:9-13 - Even their r _____ celebrations were bogus.

Hosea 2:13 - The greatest sin of all is to f _____ God.

Word Search - Hosea 2:1-8

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N Y P T H C L A E M P H E V K B
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OTHERWISE

Don't forget about God!



"Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day."

(Deuteronomy 8:11)

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"I will punish her for the days she burned incense to the Baals; she decked herself with rings and jewelry, and went after her lovers, but me she forgot," declares the LORD.

(Hosea 2:12-13)