

Reading

Hosea 2:21–26

Listen, brothers and sisters, to the words of the Prophet Hosea.

The Lord says this to Sion:

²¹ I will betroth you to myself for ever,
betroth you with integrity and justice,
with tenderness and love;

²² I will betroth you to myself with faithfulness,
and you will come to know the Lord.

²³ When that day comes—it is the Lord who speaks —
the heavens will have their answer from me,
the earth its answer from them,

²⁴ the grain, the wine, the oil, their answer from the earth,
and Jezreel his answer from them.

²⁵ I will sow him in the country,
I will love Unloved;

²⁶ I will say to No-People-of-Mine, “You are my people,”
and he will answer, “You are my God.”

The word of the Lord.