

Hosea  
***The Door of Hope***  
Hosea 2:14-20  
Pastor Davis Johnson  
September 23, 2021 (8:30 and 10:30am),  
FB Live (10am)  
For His Glory and our joy!

**Outline**

**What “therefore” teaches us about grace**

- Where we’ve been so far
- The “therefore” doesn’t add up
- Grace is God’s one-way, unmerited love
- How to read prophecy and why we’re never done with God’s Word

**The Valley of Achor**

- Three places we hear of it
  - Joshua 7
  - Isaiah 65
  - Hosea 2
- The Valley of trouble
  - Our souls are “deep waters”
- The door of hope
  - The shape of good news is a cross

**How to hear the music**

- What we think about God
- God’s song is always playing
- The role of God’s “I wills”
- Entering the song

**Gospel Application**

- Where is God inviting you to tune into the song of the gospel?

## **Scripture Passages** (from the New International Version)

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## Quotes

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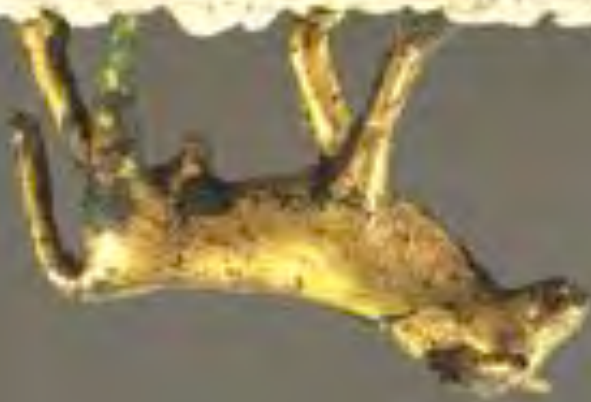
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# An outline of today's message

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2. The Valley of Trouble
3. How to hear the music


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$$360\pi \times 45(a^2\sqrt{y + x^2}) + a/2x =$$

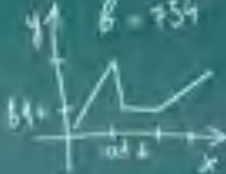
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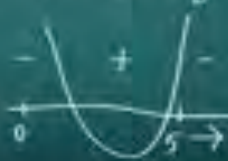
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**KEY LIFE**  
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CREATION



FALL



REDEMPTION



RESTORATION

# “Agates” of Redemption in Hosea 2:14-20

1. Speak good news
2. Out of wilderness
3. Vineyards restored
4. *Door of hope*
5. Out of Egypt
6. Husband/Betroth
7. Compassion
8. Righteousness
9. New Covenant



10. Justice
11. Love
12. Faithfulness
13. Idols Removed
14. Peace/Safety
15. Acknowledge God

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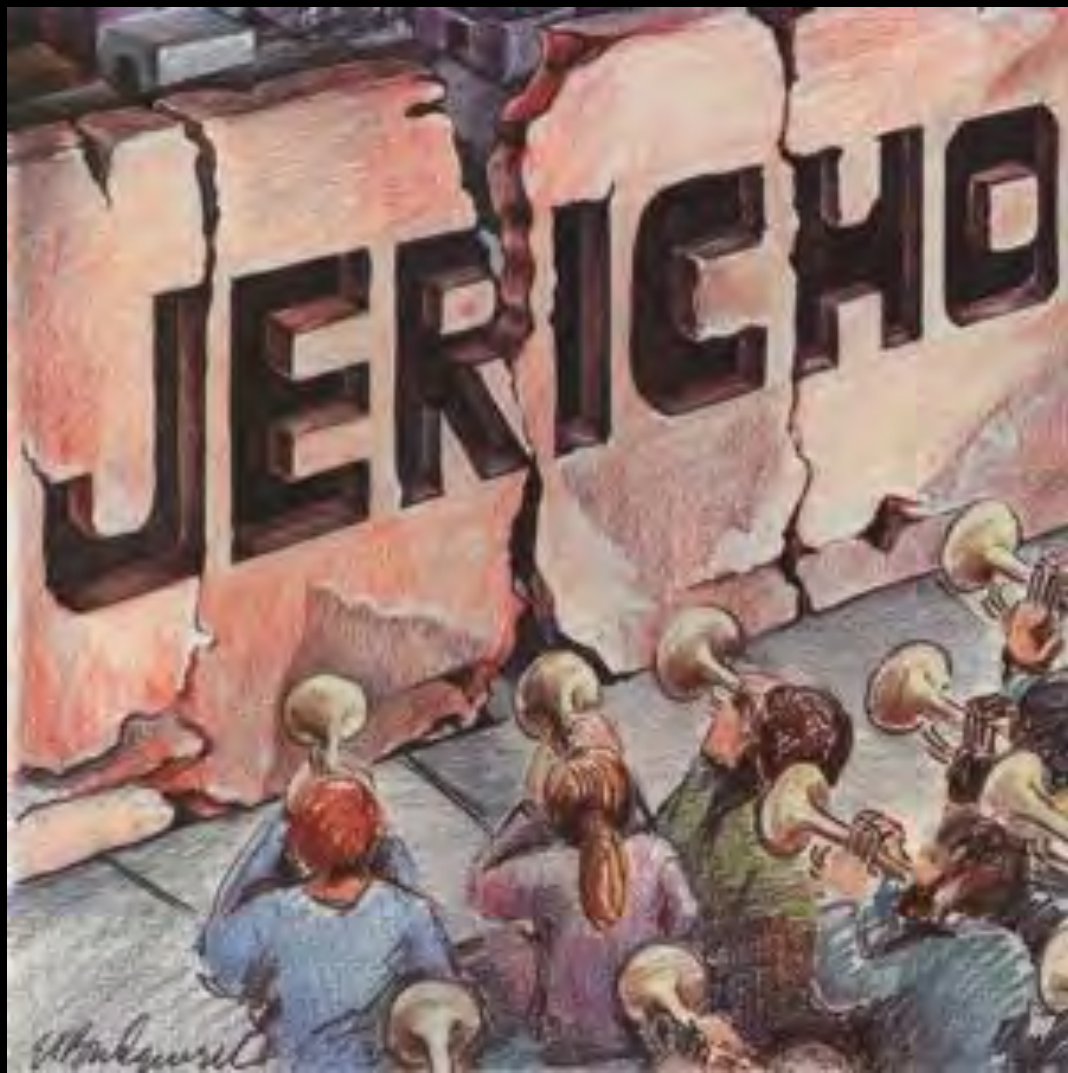
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EARTH

## The Mariana Trench Is 7 Miles Deep: What's Down There?

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