

The Valley of Achor

God's plan in our pain





Story of Hosea

“I will go and return to my first husband;
for then was it better with me than now.”

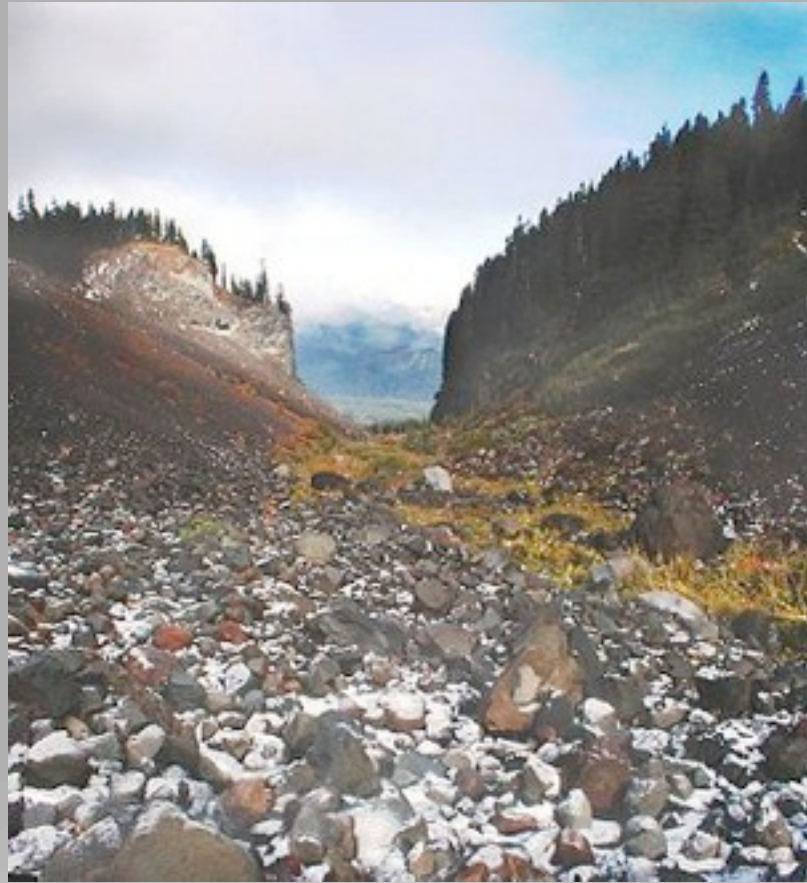
Hosea 2:7

"I will take back My grain in its time, and My wine in its season, and I will take away My wool and My flax, which were to cover her nakedness. Now I will uncover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and no one shall rescue her out of My hand. And I will put an end to all her mirth....I will lay waste her vines and her fig trees, of which she said, 'These are my wages, which my lovers have given me.' ...I will punish her for the feast days of the Baals when she burned offerings to them and adorned herself with her ring and jewelry, and went after her lovers and forgot me, declares the LORD."

Hosea 2:9-13

“Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. And there I will give her her vineyards and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope.”

Hosea 2:14, 15



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“The deepest issues of the human struggle are not issues of pain and suffering, but the issue of worship, because what rules our hearts will control the way we respond to both suffering and blessing.”

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands, p. 71



Door of hope



The Valley of Trouble