

Prophecy Regarding Gentile Ascendancy (vv. 25-26)

VERSE 25 As He says also in Hosea (ὡς καὶ ἐν τῷ Ἰσηὲ λέγει [*adv. hos as + adj. kai also + prep en + d.a.w/noun loc.m.s. Hosea + pres.act.ind.3s. lego say*]), **"I WILL CALL THOSE WHO WERE NOT MY PEOPLE, 'MY PEOPLE,' AND HER WHO WAS NOT BELOVED, 'BELOVED** [*Καλέσω τὸν οὐ λαόν μου λαόν μου καὶ τὴν οὐκ ἠγαπημένην ἠγαπημένην [fut.act.ind.1s. kaleo call + d.a.w/noun acc.m.s. laos people + neg. ou not + pro.gen.s. ego "MY" + noun acc.m.s. laos people + pro.gen.m.s. ego + conj. kai and + d.a.w/pf.pass.part.acc.f.s. agapao love + pf.pass.part.acc.f.s. agapao love; "Beloved"]*]."

VERSE 26 "AND IT SHALL BE THAT IN THE PLACE WHERE IT WAS SAID TO THEM (*καὶ ἔσται ἐν τῷ τόπῳ οὗ ἐρρέθη αὐτοῖς, [conj. kai and + fut.act.ind.3s. eimi + prep en + d.a.w/noun loc.m.s. topos place + adv. ou where + aor.pass.ind.3s. eipon say + pro.dat.m.p. autos "to them"]*), **'YOU ARE NOT MY PEOPLE,' THERE THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF THE LIVING GOD** [*Οὐ λαός μου ὑμεῖς, ἐκεῖ κληθήσονται υἱοὶ θεοῦ ζῶντος [neg. ou not + noun nom.m.s. laos people + pro.gen.s. ego + pro.nom.p. su you + adv. ekei in that place, there + fut.pass.ind.3p. kaleo call + noun nom.m.p. huios son + noun gen.m.s. theos God + pres.act.part.gen.m.s. zao live]*]."

ANALYSIS: VERSES 25-26

1. These two verses are from Hosea 2:23 and 1:10 (in that order).
2. In context these two citations are dealing strictly with Israel's demotion and eventual restoration.
3. In the time of Hosea the northern kingdom was called Israel, while the southern kingdom was called Judah.
4. In Hosea's time the northern kingdom was about to be overthrown (Assyrians) and uprooted.
5. These Jews were taken into Assyrian captivity in 721 BC.
6. These Israelites were rejected by God due to their involvement in gross idolatry.
7. Verses 25 & 26 deal with the rejection of Israel and the eventual restoration of Israel.
8. The words "not My people" refers to the rejection phase for the northern kingdom.
9. Unlike the Jews of the southern kingdom (Judah), these 10 tribes never repented in captivity and were not eligible for restoration to the land of promise.

10. To designate them as “not my people” refers to the demotion of these 10 tribes; and the words “I will call...my people” refers to their eventual restoration to the land and dispensation privilege.
11. The phrase “and her who was not beloved, beloved” uses the figure of an unfaithful wife who is eventually reunited in marriage to her rightful husband.
12. Remember, Hosea was the prophet that was told to marry a harlot and have children by her (Hos. 1:2)!
13. This pictures the unfaithfulness of the northern kingdom and their rejection for an unspecified period of time (see Hos. 6:2).
14. Eventually Hosea was reunited with Gomer illustrating the full restoration of Israel in the day of the Lord.
15. It was made clear to Hosea that Israel’s rejection was not permanent.
16. Note in Hos. 1:10 “...in the place where it was said to them, ‘you are not My people, **there** they shall be called the sons of the living God.’”
17. The “place” and “there” is the Promised Land; the people are the redeemed Jews of the tribulation and beyond.
18. So it is consistent with God’s dealings to receive as His priest nation a people who were not formally the privileged ones.
19. This is taken by Paul and applied to Gentile believers of the present dispensation.
20. The two applications of this prophecy is an example of dual fulfillment.
21. This is the case of the Joel prophecy as related to Israel in the millennium and the inauguration of the CA in Acts 2.
22. This does not mean that believing Jews of CA cannot be members of the current dispensation (cf. Eph. 2:11-22; 3:6).
23. Peter applies this principle (cf. point 18) to Gentile believers in 1 Pet. 2:10 “for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD, you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.”
24. Before the CA Gentiles could be saved, but they were not God’s priest nation to the nations.
25. Now we are now the chosen race (cf. 1Pet. 2:9)!
26. Jesus prophesied the rise of a new people due to Jewish unbelief and the rejection of their true Messiah in the parable of vine growers (Matt. 21:33-44).
27. See Hos. 6:1-3 for Israel’s reestablishment to preeminence.