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*“Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.*

*Ex. 19:5*

## **I. The Covenant Love of God**

### A. The Seven covenants of the Bible

- 1) Four (Abrahamic, Palestinian, Mosaic, and David) – made with the nation of Israel – (Exodus 19:5,6, 8; Duet. 28),
- 2) Three (Adamic, Noah, and New) – made with mankind in general
- 3) These covenants are based on the solemn oath (Heb. *Shevah* = “to seven oneself”)

### B. The marriage covenant as a picture of “covenant love” (Eph. 5:31–33; Gen. 2:24)

### C. In Hosea – God uses a “marriage” to reflect His relationship with Israel

### D. Therefore “Spiritual adultery” is breaking the marriage covenant (*shevah*) with God (Hosea 2:13, 6:7)

## **II. The Causes of Adultery for Israel**

### A. Why did Israel turn/drift away from the covenant?

### B. Forgetting the covenant and the provision of God

(Hos. 2:8; 4:1-2; Duet. 4:23; 6:10-12; 8:18 - 20; Jud. 8:33-34)

- 1) The symbols to help us remember
- 2) The sacraments to remind us

### C. Not enforcing the covenant

(Hos. 4:4-7)

- 1) Holding our leadership accountable
- 2) Holding up the “Biblical standards of holiness”

### D. Flesh wins over love for God (“the Spirit of prostitution”)

(Hos. 4:12)

- 1) Stubborn idolatry (Hos. 4:16–19)
- 2) Arrogance (Hos. 5:4,5; 7:10)
- 3) Unbridled passions (Hos. 7:6,7)
- 4) Corruption (Hos. 9:9; 10:2, 4)

## **III. The “Cakes of Rasins” (Hos. 3:1; Jer. 31:31-34; Lk. 22:20)**

### A. Remember the covenant you made with God

### B. Return to the scriptures

### C. Repent and renew your oath to God