

Hosea 11

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God's Love for Israel

- ¹ When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.
 - ² As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images.
 - ³ I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them.
 - ⁴ I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them.
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- ⁵ He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return.
 - ⁶ And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour them, because of their own counsels.
 - ⁷ And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt him.
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God's Compassion Prevails

- ⁸ How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together.

- 9** I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city.
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- 10** They shall walk after the LORD: he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west.
- 11** They shall tremble as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria: and I will place them in their houses, saith the LORD.
- 12** Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints.
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Faith — אֱמוּנָה (Eemunah)

Faithfulness, trust

The Hebrew **emunah** (אֱמוּנָה) encompasses both faith and faithfulness—trusting God and being trustworthy. It implies steadfast reliability, as in 'The just shall live by his faith' (Habakkuk 2:4).

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Holy — קָדוֹשׁ (Qadosh)

Holy, set apart

The Hebrew **qadosh** (קָדוֹשׁ) means holy or set apart—separated from common use for God's purposes. God is 'the Holy One of Israel,' utterly distinct from creation in moral perfection.

Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Love — אַהַבָּה / חֶסֶד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אַהַבָּה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (חֶסֶד) describes God's steadfast, loyal love—faithful covenant commitment beyond mere emotion.

Sacrifice — זֶבַח (Zevach)

Sacrifice, offering

The Hebrew **zevach** (זֶבַח) denotes a sacrifice or offering—an animal slaughtered for worship. Old Testament sacrifices foreshadowed Christ, 'the Lamb of God' (John 1:29).

CROSS REFERENCES

Hosea 11:1

References Egypt: Hosea 2:15; 13:4; Matthew 2:15. **References Israel:** Exodus 4:22. **Love:** Jeremiah 2:2

Hosea 11:2 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 2:13; 11:7; Isaiah 65:7; Jeremiah 18:15

Hosea 11:3

Parallel theme: Hosea 7:1; 7:15; Exodus 15:26; 23:25; Deuteronomy 1:31; Isaiah 30:26; 46:3; 63:9; Jeremiah 30:17; Acts 13:18

Hosea 11:4 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 2:8; Leviticus 26:13; John 12:32. **Love:** Isaiah 63:9; 2 Corinthians 5:14

Hosea 11:5 **References Egypt:** Hosea 7:16; 8:13; 9:3. **Kingdom:** Hosea 10:6

Hosea 11:6 **Word:** Hosea 13:16. **Parallel theme:** Hosea 10:6; 10:14

Hosea 11:7 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 7:16; 11:2; 14:4; Psalms 81:11; Proverbs 14:14; Jeremiah 3:11; 8:5

Hosea 11:8 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 6:4; Genesis 14:8; Deuteronomy 29:23; 2 Kings 13:23; Jeremiah 31:20; Lamentations 1:20; Amos 4:11; Matthew 23:37; 2 Peter 2:6. **Repentance:** Deuteronomy 32:36

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References God: Numbers 23:19. **Holy:** Isaiah 12:6. **Parallel theme:** Hosea 14:4; 2 Samuel 20:10; Jeremiah 30:11; Malachi 3:6

Hosea 11:10

References Lord: Isaiah 31:4; Jeremiah 2:2; 25:30; Joel 3:16; Amos 1:2. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 64:2; Jeremiah 7:9; 31:9; Acts 24:25; 2 Peter 2:10

Hosea 11:11 References Lord: Isaiah 11:11. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 60:8. **References**

Egypt: Hosea 7:11; Zechariah 10:10

Hosea 11:12 Parallel theme: Hosea 12:7; Isaiah 44:20; Revelation 3:21

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