



Redeeming Love

Hosea
11:2-9

Hosea 11:1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. **2** The more they were called, the more they went away; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning offerings to idols. **3** Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms, but they did not know that I healed them. **4** I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws,






and I bent down to them and fed them. **5** They shall not return to the land of Egypt, but Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. **6** The sword shall rage against their cities, consume the bars of their gates, and devour them because of their own counsels. **7** My people are bent on turning away from me, and though they call out to the Most High, he shall not raise them up at all.

8 How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. 9 I will not execute my burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.





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