

# Hosea 11

## Chapter 11

<sup>1</sup> **W**HEN Israel *was* a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

<sup>2</sup> *As* they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images.

<sup>3</sup> I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> ¶ He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return.

<sup>6</sup> And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour *them*, because of their own counsels.

<sup>7</sup> And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt *him*.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> They shall walk after the LORD: he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> 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.