

Hosea 11

The LORD's Repentance

1. 11:1-4 – I Loved Him

- a. Matt 2:11-16, Hos 11:1 - Israel/Jesus sent to Egypt, then called back
 - i. *Words not exact match, but a) Matt is not copying Hosea, b) God inspired both
 - ii. The nation Israel called God's son – Exo 4:22, 20:2
 - iii. The nation Israel referred to as one man (Jacob/Israel) – Num 24:5-8
 - iv. The Messianic servant of the Lord is called Israel – Isa 49:1-3
 - v. Israel and Christ connected: both elect, anointed, will return as God's glory
 - vi. This is where you put John 3:16 – Jesus is the “only begotten son” of God.
- b. Ch 11 you start to hear from the LORD heartache of unrequited love (His passion)
- c. 1 - “*when Israel was a child, then I loved him*” - God as a father, whose son leaves.
- d. 2 - They didn't heed the call ‘out of Egypt’, instead serving other gods (command 1+2)
- e. 3 - The picture of a father helping a son to walk, ignorant of who protected them.
- f. 4 - “*bands of love*” = loving God of the OT – Exo 19:4, Deu 1:31, 32:9-11, Isa 63:7-9
 - i. “*I was to them as...*” a good husband (remove the yoke, feed) Redeemer (liberty)

2. 11:5-7 – My Backsliding People

- a. 5 - “*the Assyrian shall be his king*” – not the rod of Pharaoh – Isa 10:5
- b. 6 - “*because of their own counsels*” – they get what they wanted - Hos 9:3, 10:6
- c. 7 - Backslide ~def.(i.e moonwalk) Going back to old ways, not staying on track; relapse.
 - i. Backsliding Israel “*went from*”, “*returned not*” -11:2, Jer 3:6-7, 3:17, 3:21, 8:5-6
 - ii. Every mention of backsliding refers to covenant people, called out, sliding back
 - iii. Getting ‘off track’ for Israel means they don't arrive - Mt 7:14, Jude 5, Rev 2:16
- d. “*my people are bent...*” – His people have a problem, but they are His people ...

3. 11:8 – My Heart is Turned

- a. “*How shall I give thee up*” -God's heart turning, he made a promise. This is Rom 11:1-2
 - i. God will not cast off his people - Rom 11:1-2, Ps 94:14, Jer 31:36, 33:24-26
 - ii. He cast them away (out of the land), but they will return - Hos 9:17
- b. “*Admah / Zeboim*” - There was more than Sodom & Gomorrah -Ge 13:10,14:2,19:17-25
- c. “*mine heart is turned within me*” – Though their heart is not turned right, his is turning.
- d. “*my repentings*” – The place where he repents (in heart/mind) is firing up.
- e. Repent ~def. A change of mind/heart, with grief/passion against what was before.
 - i. To repent is inward (not the same as turning from sin, e.g. stop sinning)
 - ii. God cannot lie, go back on his word, change himself - Ti 1:2, Nu 23:19, Heb 13:8
 - iii. God does not change, but his instructions, actions, responses change.
 - iv. Gen 6:6 – God repented: his mind changed from long suffering to wrath (flood)
 - v. Exo 32:9-14 – The LORD changed his mind due to Moses mediation
 - vi. 1 Sam 15:11, 29 – The LORD changed his mind and does not suffer beggars.
- f. God repents in response to man, He can give mercy or not – Jon 3, Jer 18:8-10, Ro 9:16
 - i. But the gifts and callings of God are not changed - Rom 11:29

4. 11:9-12 – I Will Not

- a. 9 - *"I will not execute the fierceness..."* - He will judge, but not like Admah.
 - i. *"I will not return"* – The LORD's repentance of treatment toward Ephraim
 - ii. *"for I am God, and not man"* – The LORD does not repent of his promises.
 - iii. *"Holy One in the midst of thee"* = God dwells with them, they His people.
 - 1. Also, Jesus coming to Israel to save – Mt 18:11, John 3:17
- b. 10 - *"walk after the LORD"* – Their backslidings are healed.
 - i. *"roar like a lion"* – 2nd coming of Jesus Christ – Joel 3:16, Rev 5:5
 - ii. *"tremble from the west"* – they will hear his voice and return – Hab 3:16-19
- c. 11 - *"out of Egypt... Assyria"* – a remnant righteous nation will return – Isa 11:11
 - i. If they will return to the land, then they are not "lost" from His sight.
- d. 12 - *"but Judah"* – A report on the southern tribes, which will not last long (Jeremiah).
 - i. *"faithful with the saints"* – Speaking of Hezekiah in Jerusalem.