

The Book of Hosea

Chapter 11

Introduction

- This chapter deals with God's tender care for His chosen people and how they still chose to follow after sin.

Chapter Eleven

- vs. 1 – This is the Lord's care and provision proving His love for His chosen people. See Exodus 4:22.
- vs. 1 – this verse is quoted in Matthew 2:15 as a Messianic prophecy.
- vs. 2 - the first "they" here refers to the prophets in general. The second "they" is the nation of Israel. The idea is that Israel turned from God in spite of the admonitions of His faithful servants.
- vs. 3 - the image here is of teaching a child to walk and being help up by its parents.
- vs. 4 - this continues the imagery of the heifer from the 10:11. Here we see a kind and loving owner caring for his beloved animal.
- vs. 5-6 - In spite of God's goodness, judgment is still coming. Not because God ceases to be good, but because Israel ceases to repent. But note God's control in this.
- vs. 7 - a telling verse: the people are simply bent on backsliding, even so that when they call on God, they are not revering Him as they should.
- vs. 8 - Admah and Zeboim - cities near Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 14:2, 19:25) that were destroyed with those wicked cities (Deuteronomy 29:23)
- vs. 9 - a faithful remnant will be preserved through judgment. This is a hallmark of God's dealings with man. This is mercy – not getting what we deserve.
- vs. 10-11 - this speaks of the return of Israel back to their land following judgment.
- vs. 12 - Very abrupt change here from the faithful remnant back to the present backsliders in the Northern Kingdom and the somewhat more faithful in the Southern. This verse serves as a transition to the next chapter