

THE BOOK OF HOSEA
CHAPTERS 11 – 14
“ISRAEL’S PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE!”

CHAPTER 11- “GOD’S LOVE, ISRAEL’S BACKSLIDING”

(v1-4) God’s love & care for Israel.

(11:1) “out of Egypt I called My son”- Ex 4:21-23- *Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: "Israel is My son, My firstborn. 23 So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn." ' ' "*

N.T. - Matthew 2:13-25 - *Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.”¹⁴ When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt,¹⁵ and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, “Out of Egypt I called My Son.”*

(v5-12) Israel’s backsliding - God’s Care & Concern.

(11:8) Admah ... Zeboim - Because of the Lord’s great love for Ephraim, it was painful to punish her as He did these two cities, which were destroyed with Sodom and Gomorrah (cf. Gen. 10:19; 19:23–25; Deut. 29:23).

CHAPTER 12- “RETURN & OBSERVE”

(v1-6) History and a call from God.

(v7-14) Sin - deceit, idolatry and guilt!

(12:1) “pursues the wind”- the church N.T. - Ephesians 4:14-16 - *that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ--from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*

CHAPTER 13- “GOD’S SALVATION!”

(v1-8) There is one God & Savior - In verse 4 God refers to himself as the only “savior”, the word “SAVIOR” is used some 36 times in the Bible (12 times in the O.T. and 24 times in N.T., whereas, in the N.T. “Savior” refers to Jesus Christ, the Son of God; thus we experience the second person of the trinity for our salvation!

> God the Savior:

- Acts 5:30-31 - *The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.*

- 1 Timothy 2:2-6 - *For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,*

- Titus 2:13-14 - *looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.*

> **The Trinity – Three in one:**

- **God our Father, hallowed be Your name!**
- **Obedient Son of God, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior!**
- **Disciple by the Holy Spirit through the Word of Truth!**

(v9-16) Sin's destruction & God's redemption.

CHAPTER 14- "ISRAEL'S FUTURE: GOD'S HEALING"

(v1-7) God restores Israel.

(v8-9) The ways of the LORD are right!