

The Compassion of Yahweh
Hosea 11-12
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The Call to Listen, The Contention of Yahweh, The Certainty of Judgement, and The Coming Restoration

Ch 11 displays the compassion of God seen in Israel's _____.

2 key terms are repeated in Ch 11-12 indicating importance:

_____ (**11:1,5, 11, 12:1, 9,13**) and _____ (**11:5, 7, 8, 12:2,6**)

1. Ch 11 The compassion of God seen in Israel's history

A. 11:1-4 God's Compassion in Israel's Past

(vs1) When Israel was a *youth*.

The word called is the word of _____. **Deut. 7:7-8**

Ex. 4:22-24 is the first time Israel is called God's son, his _____.

Matt 2:19 connects this to the Messiah

- Hosea is a clear student of the Pentateuch
- Hosea anticipates the Messiah King who will restore and lead Israel (**Hos. 3:5, Gen 49:9-10, Numbers 23:22, 24:8**)
- Matthew knew the OT and also anticipated the Messiah King. He doesn't reinterpret Hosea 11:1; He connects the dots the Lord set forth in His Word in actual history, from Pentateuch, to the Prophets to the Messiah.
- A Commentary of the Book of the Twelve. The Minor Prophets by Michael B. Shepherd pp93-95.

(vs2) speaks of the _____.

(vs3) Draws our attention to YHWH loving Father.

How does the son respond? Ignorance. Much like **2:8**.

(vs4) Jer. 31:3

This beautiful **anthropomorphic** language leads us to see God as an involved, gentle Father to His obstinate, oblivious son, Israel. These loving acts are about the _____ of Egypt when God rescued, redeemed, and delivered His son bringing him into the promised land.

B. 11:5-7 God's Contention-Israel's Present

(vs5) Here we have the first use of the word *return*.

Because Israel, the obstinate son refused to repent and return to YHWH, the former Exodus will be _____ and Israel will return to bondage and slavery, not in Egypt, but under Assyria. Hosea has shifted from Israel's past to her imminent _____.

(vs6) the use of the word sword in OT is almost exclusively used for _____ in relation to covenant infidelity.

(vs7) Israel is bent, determined, hung up on *turning*.

C. 11:8-11 God's Stirring Compassion and Coming Restoration -Israel's Future

(vs8) Look at the 4 verbs. Understanding "like Admah, like Zeboiim" proves the key here.

Once again, Hosea turns our attention to Israel's _____.

Let's compare: THEN Sodom and Gomorrah-

NOW Israel-

(vs8b-9) give a striking contrast “The burning flame of God’s anger would be replaced, as it were, by the fire of His compassion” (Leon Wood, Expositor’s Bible Commentary).

(vs9b) Key word _____.

(vs9c) Why will he not utterly destroy His wicked, rebel son and bring him to an end?

Because _____. Isa 55:7-11, Ps. 119:67, Ex. 33:19

(vs9-10) Compassion-God _____not destroy. Restoration-They (Israel) _____after Yahweh. Judgment- He _____ like a lion (5:15). *Messianic Gen 49:9-10, Hosea 3:5

Come trembling from where? From _____.

God, through Hosea the prophet is making the reader THINK and PONDER Israel’s history.

Egypt is used 6x in Ch 11-12.

11:11

1:5

11:11

12:1

12:9,13

Hosea is using Israel’s history to explain/exegete her _____!

How will Israel come after Yahweh? Trembling like _____ and like doves. Ex. 19:16 They are coming into the presence of YHWH, whom they **FEAR**. Prov 1:7,9

“Hosea’s point here is that there is to be a new exodus in which God will again play the part of the lion and deliver His people from their enemies and into a new Promised Land” (D.A. Garrett, 1997 NAC Commentary Hosea, Joel).

WHEN will this restoration occur?

WHY tell Israel now? To strengthen Israel’s _____ (**Remnant Isa. 37:31**) and our _____.

(Rom. 15:4, I Cor. 10:1-14).

2. 11:12-12:2 Contention Restated

3. 12:3-14 Compassionate Character Study and Call to Repentance

Hosea turns our attention to _____, the Patriarch.

(vs2) Play on words.

(vs3-4) A case study from infancy to adulthood.

Not a shining example of faithfulness, and YET, he wrestled with the angel and _____.

(vs4b-5) _____ are key.

HE found **HIM** at Bethel, There **He** spoke with **US**. Covenant connection.

(vs6) **The case study is a compassionate call to _____**

(vs12) Hosea uses Jacob to press on Israel’s _____. His love and desire for Rachel fueled him.

What is fueling Israel now? Love and desire for idols. Compare and _____.

(vs13) As God led Israel out of bondage to freedom through the prophet Moses, thus He is doing the same with Israel at this point in her history through Hosea the prophet, and through the Final prophet, the Lord Jesus Christ, He will ultimately deliver Israel. **Hosea 3:5**.