

¹لَمَّا كَانَ إِسْرَائِيلُ غُلَامًا أَحْبَبْتُهُ، وَمِنْ مِصْرَ دَعَوْتُ
 ابْنِي. ²كُلَّ مَا دَعَوْتُهُمْ دَهَبُوا مِنْ أَمَامِهِمْ يَذْبَحُونَ لِلْبَعْلِيمِ
 وَيُخْرِجُونَ لِلتَّمَاثِيلِ الْمَنْحُوتَةِ. ³وَأَنَا دَرَجْتُ أَفْرَايِمَ مُمَسِكَ
 إِيَّاهُمْ بِأَذْرُعِهِمْ، فَلَمْ يَعْرِفُوا أَنِّي سَفَيْتُهُمْ. ⁴كُنْتُ أَجْدِيهِمْ
 بِجِبَالِ الْبَسَرِ يَرْبُطُ الْمَحَبَّةَ، وَكُنْتُ لَهُمْ كَمَنْ يَرْفَعُ الْبِئْرَ
 عَنْ أَغْثَاقِهِمْ، وَمَدَدْتُ إِلَيْهِ مِطْعَمًا إِيَّاهُ. ⁵لَا يَرْجِعْ إِلَى
 أَرْضِ مِصْرَ، بَلْ أَسُورُ هُوَ مَلِكُهُ. لِأَنَّهُمْ أَبَوْا أَنْ
 يَرْجِعُوا يَتَوَرَّ السَّيْفَ فِي مَدِينِهِمْ وَيُثْلِفَ عَصِيهَا، وَيَأْكُلُهُمْ
 مِنْ أَجْلِ أَرَائِهِمْ. ⁷وَسَعَيْي جَانِحُونَ إِلَى الْإِزْدَادِ عَنِّي،
 فَيَدْعُونَهُمْ إِلَى الْعَلِيِّ وَلَا أَحَدٌ يَرْفَعُهُ. ⁸كَيْفَ أَجْعَلَكَ يَا
 أَفْرَايِمَ، أَصَبْرَكَ يَا إِسْرَائِيلَ.. كَيْفَ أَجْعَلَكَ كَأَدَمَةَ،
 أَصْنَعُكَ كَصَبُوبِيمَ.. قَدْ انْقَلَبَ عَلَيَّ قَلْبِي. اضْطَرَمْتُ
 مَرَايِمِي جَمِيعًا. ⁹لَا أَجْرِي حُمُومَ عَصِي. لَا أَعُودُ أَجْرُبُ
 أَفْرَايِمَ، لِأَنِّي اللَّهُ لَا إِنْسَانٌ، الْقُدُّوسُ فِي وَسْطِكَ فَلَا
 آتِي بِسَخَطٍ. ¹⁰وَرَاءَ الرَّبِّ يَمْشُونَ. كَأَسَدٍ يُرْمِجُ. فَإِنَّهُ
 يُرْمِجُ فَيُسْرِغُ الْبُتُونَ مِنَ الْبَحْرِ. ¹¹يُسْرِغُونَ كَغُصْفُورٍ
 مِنْ مِصْرَ وَكَحَمَامَةٍ مِنْ أَرْضِ أَشُورَ، فَأَسْكِنُهُمْ فِي
 بُيُوتِهِمْ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ. ¹²قَدْ أَحَاطَ بِي أَفْرَايِمَ بِالْكَذِبِ وَبَنَى
 إِسْرَائِيلَ بِالْمَكْرِ، وَلَمْ يَزَلْ يَهُودًا سَارِدًا عَنِ اللَّهِ وَعَنِ
 الْقُدُّوسِ الْأَمِينِ.

¹When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. ²As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images. ³I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them. ⁴I 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. ⁵He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return. ⁶And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour them, because of their own counsels. ⁷And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt him. ⁸How 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰They shall walk after the LORD: he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west. ¹¹They 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. ¹²Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the

saints.