

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

¹لَمَّا كَانَ إِسْرَائِيلُ غُلَامًا أَحَبَّهُ، وَمِنْ مِصْرَ دَعَوْتُ ابْنِي.²كُلَّ مَا دَعَوْهُمْ دَهَبُوا مِنْ أَمَامِهِمْ يَذْبَحُونَ لِلْبَعْلِيمِ وَيُبْخَرُونَ لِلنَّمَائِيلِ الْمَنْحُوتَةِ.³وَأَنَا دَرَجْتُ أَفْرَايِمَ مُمَسِكَاً إِبَاهُمْ يَأْذُرُهُمْ، فَلَمْ يَعْرِفُوا أَنِّي شَفَيْتُهُمْ.⁴كُنْتُ أَجْذِبُهُمْ بِجَنَابِ الْبَشَرِ بِرَبْطِ الْمَحَبَّةِ، وَكُنْتُ لَهُمْ كَمَنْ يَرْقِعُ النَّيِّرَ عَنْ أَعْنَاقِهِمْ، وَمَدَدْتُ إِلَيْهِ مُطْعِمًا إِيَّاهُ.⁵لَا يَرْجِعْ إِلَى أَرْضِ مِصْرَ، بَلْ أَشُورُ هُوَ مَلِكُهُ. لِأَنَّهُمْ أَبَوْا أَنْ يَرْجِعُوا يَنْوِرُ السَّيْفُ فِي مَذْبَحِهِمْ وَيُبْلِفُ عَصِيَّتَهَا، وَبَاكُلَهُمْ مِنْ أَجْلِ آرَائِهِمْ.⁷وَسَعَيْي جَانِحُونَ إِلَى الْإِزْدَادِ عَنِّي، فَيَذْغُونَهُمْ إِلَى الْغَلِيٍّ وَلَا أَحَدٌ يَرْقَعُهُ.⁸كَيْفَ أَجْعَلَكَ يَا أَفْرَايِمَ، أَصِيرُكَ يَا إِسْرَائِيلُ.. كَيْفَ أَجْعَلَكَ كَادَمَةً، أَضْنَعُكَ كَصُوبِيْمَ.. قَدْ انْقَلَبَ عَلَيَّ قَلْبِي. اضْطَرَمْتُ مَرَاجِمِي جَمِيعًا.⁹لَا أَجْرِي حُمُوقَ عَصِيي. لَا أَعُودُ أُخْرِبُ أَفْرَايِمَ، لِأَنِّي اللَّهُ لَا إِنْسَانٌ، الْقُدُّوسُ فِي وَسْطِكَ فَلَا آتِي بِسَخَطٍ.¹⁰وَرَاءَ الرَّبِّ يَمْشُونَ. كَأَسَدٍ يُرْمِجُ. فَإِنَّهُ يُرْمِجُ فَيُسْرِعُ الْبُتُونَ مِنَ الْبَحْرِ.¹¹يُسْرِعُونَ كَعُضْفُورٍ مِنْ مِصْرَ وَكَحَمَامَةٍ مِنْ أَرْضِ أَشُورَ، فَاسْكِنُهُمْ فِي بُيُوتِهِمْ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ.¹²قَدْ أَخَاطَ بِي أَفْرَايِمَ بِالْكَذِبِ وَتَبَتْ إِسْرَائِيلَ بِالْمَكْرِ، وَلَمْ يَزَلْ يَهُودًا سَارِدًا عَنِ اللَّهِ وَعَنِ الْقُدُّوسِ الْأَمِينِ.

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