

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