

Today, we'd like to see the title of "Faithful Love" in the book of Hosea 11:1-12.

To Online Word's people on the earth, we'd like to suggest 3 Questions.

- Q1. In verse 1, "When Israel was a child, I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son," what divine characteristic can we see the phrase of "I loved him?" What the phrase of "out of Egypt I called My son" as a prophecy will be fulfilled in the NT time? And what commentary on the Bible is best?
- Q2. In verse 3, "I taught Ephraim to walk, Taking them by their arms; But they did not know that I healed them," what does it mean? And what points can we observe and respond to the points in our life?
- Q3. In verse 10, "They shall walk after the LORD. He will roar like a lion. When He roars, Then *His* sons shall come trembling from the west, " when will it occur? And list relevant verses of the Bible. And how can we do if we are bound in something else –a sinful practice, self, understanding, power, money, or glory?

(Background)

(Hosea 1:1) The word of the LORD that came to Hosea the son of Beerai, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

In Judah, Uzziah [Azariah] (9th Good king; 2 Kings 14:21); Jotham (10th Good king; 2 Kings 15:7); Ahaz (11th king; 2 Kings 15:38); and Hezekiah (12th Good king; 2 Kings 16:20)

In Israel, Jeroboam II (13th king; 2 Kings 14:16); Jechariah (14th king; 2 Kings 14:29); Shallum (15th king; 2 Kings 15:10); Manahem (16th king; 2 Kings 15:14); Pekhiah (17th king; 2 Kings 15:22); Pekah (18th king; 2 Kings 15:25); and Hoshea (19th last king; 2 Kings 15:30)

After the death of Solomon in 931 BC, Israel was divided with Israel ruled by Jeroboam in North and Judah ruled by Rehoboam, Solomon's son, in south. Before Israel was carried captivity by Assyria in 722BC, Hosea prophesied to Israel during 760-720 BC (Jeroboam II the 13th king to

Hoshea the last 19th), while Isaiah prophesied to Judah during 745-695 BC. Thereafter, in 586 BC, Judah also was conquered by Babylon.

(Text)

<p>¹“When Israel was a child, <u>I loved him,</u> And <u>out of Egypt I called My son.</u></p> <p>² As they called them, So they went from them; <u>They sacrificed to the Baals,</u> And burned incense <u>to carved images.</u></p> <p>³“I taught <u>Ephraim to walk,</u> <u>Taking them by their arms;</u> <u>But they did not know that I healed them.</u></p> <p>⁴ I drew them with <u>gentle cords,</u> <u>With bands of love,</u> And I was to them as <u>those who take the yoke from</u> <u>their neck.</u> <u>I stooped and fed them.</u></p>	<p>1= Q1 I loved him (it shows loving fellowship between Israel & God); out of Egypt I called My son (Exodus from Egypt; a prophecy fulfilled through Jesus’ Exodus from Egypt by Matthew His disciple— Every teacher is the Holy Spirit through teaching ministers; the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se! <i>Mat 2:11-15; 1 John 2:27; 2 Tim 3:16-17</i>)</p> <p>2= They sacrificed to the Baals [Baalim]... to carved images (What a spiritual adultery to Israelites !)</p> <p>3=Q2 Ephraim (the leading tribe of North Israel, the representative of the Israel); to walk taking them by their arms (description of God’s faithful love about how to teach Israelites by holding their arms); But they did not know that I healed them (their no (1) recognition of God’s faithful love & (2) thankfulness to God, e.g. we often don’t recognize God’s love, mercy, or grace rather than luckily or fortunately just coincidence for any delivery from any problems – illness, car accident, getting a job etc.; nor thankfulness to whoever contributors for any benefits and ultimately to our God like the conductor of orchestra <i>2 Tim 3:1-2</i>)</p> <p>4= gentle cords (tighten it around the waist of a child and pull or slack it not to fall but to walk by himself); with bands of love (the gentle cords to teach him to walk is a simile of bands of love, i.e., God’s love to Israelites); take the yoke from their neck [jaws]... stooped and fed them (it describes God’s faithful love; compelling love or constraining love – God’s faithful love compels/constrains us to minister as to Him <i>2 Cor 5:14-15; Jeremiah 31:3</i>)</p>
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¹ *Mat 2:11-15* And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way. ¹³ 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.” *1 John 2:27* But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.: *2 Tim 3:16-17* All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

² *2 Tim 3:1-2* But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

³ *2 Cor 5:14-15* For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; ¹⁵ and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again; *Jeremiah 31:3* The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love;

<p>⁵ <u>“He shall not return to the land of Egypt;</u> <u>But the Assyrian shall be his king,</u> <u>Because they refused to repent.</u></p> <p>⁶ <u>And the sword shall slash in his cities,</u> <u>Devour his districts,</u> <u>And consume them,</u> <u>Because of their own counsels.</u> ⁷ <u>My people are</u> <u>bent on backsliding from Me.</u> <u>Though they call to the Most High,</u> <u>None at all exalt Him.</u></p> <p>⁸ <u>“How can I give you up, Ephraim?</u> <u>How can I hand you over, Israel?</u> <u>How can I make you like Admah?</u> <u>How can I set you like Zeboiim?</u> <u>My heart churns within Me;</u> <u>My sympathy is stirred.</u></p> <p>⁹ <u>I will not execute the fierceness of My anger;</u> <u>I will not again destroy Ephraim.</u> <u>For I am God, and not man,</u> <u>The Holy One in your midst;</u> <u>And I will not come with terror.</u></p>	<p>5= shall not return to the land of Egypt (Israel must not return to Egypt for the help to fight against Assyria the invader based upon the counsel of men, “their own counsels.” verse 6, rather than the counsel of God); the Assyrian shall be his king (Israel survived 109 years – from 931 BC to 722 BC–and fell by Assyria; Judah survived 136 years more and fell in 586 BC by Babylon); they refused to repent (hardened heart to repent; stubborn heart – God wants just to “repent” and “return” to God)</p> <p>6=.... Because of their own counsels (not God’s counsel; not ask God by prayer)</p> <p>7= backsliding from Me. Though they call to the Most high, None at all exalt Him (although they call to God, nobody glorifies God – lip service; it shows lamenting God to unrepentant souls, e.g. <i>Mat 23:37</i>)</p> <p>8= ..can I give you up... can I hand you over... (faithful love of God on Israel; NEVER giving up love; failing love; running out love; great love; continual/ consistent love/ great love on us); Admah... Zeboiim (the neighboring cities of Sodom & Gomorrah destroyed for sin <i>Deut 29:23</i>); My heart churns within Me (God’s heart is still stirring/ yearning for the Israelites); My sympathy is stirred (God’s faithful love)</p> <p>9= ...not execute the fierceness of My anger... not again destroy Ephraim (God is slow in judgment); For I am God, and not man (God keeps His word faithfully. Whatever He pleases, He can do it. Nothing is impossible. <i>Mark 10:27</i>); The Holy One in your midst (It is awesome to realize that the Lord our God is in the midst of us today. Who shall be against us? What can separate us from the love of God? <i>Mat 18:20; Rom 8:31, 38-39;</i>); I will not come with terror (I will not destroy utterly. The faithful remnants shall return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple later.)</p>
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Therefore with loving kindness I have drawn you.

⁴ *Mat 23:37* “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!”

⁵ *Deut 29:23* “The whole land is brimstone, salt, and burning; it is not sown, nor does it bear, nor does any grass grow there, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, which the LORD overthrew in His anger and His wrath.”

⁶ *Mark 10:27* But Jesus looked at them and said, “With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.”

⁷ *Mat 18:20* For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.” *Rom 8:31, 38-39*³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

<p>¹⁰ <u>“They shall walk after the LORD.</u> <u>He will roar like a lion.</u> When He roars, Then <i>His</i> sons shall come <u>trembling from the west;</u></p> <p>¹¹ They <u>shall come trembling</u> like a bird from Egypt, Like a dove from the land of Assyria. And <u>I will let them dwell in their houses,</u>” Says the LORD.</p> <p>¹² “Ephraim has encircled Me <u>with lies,</u> And the house of Israel <u>with deceit;</u> <u>But Judah still walks with God,</u> Even with <u>the Holy One who is faithful.</u></p>	<p>(10-11 = for the future, the 2nd coming the Lord on the earth to establish the millennium kingdom – Revelation 19b to 20) 10=Q3 They shall walk after the Lord (The Israelites through the Great Tribulation shall follow the Lord); He will roar like a lion (The Lord shall speak like a lion in Armageddon battle <i>Isaiah 31:4</i>⁸. mighty anael <i>Rev 10:1-3</i>⁹): ... trembling from the west (...from the West Europe... <i>Joel 3:16</i>¹⁰)</p> <p>11= I will let them dwell in their houses (sealed 144,000 Israelites from Satan’s martyring)</p> <p>12=Q3 Ephraim... with lies...with deceit (all bad kings, idol worshippers or spiritual adulterers, to mislead people therein.); But Judah still walks with God (Some good kings, who live with God, to lead people to do so. Then Hezekiah reigned, but after his death, Manasseh the bad king followed the same way of Israel to worship idols, resulting in fall by Babylon 136 years later.) the Holy One who is faithful (So, our Lord is faithful; all are unrighteous; no even one righteous. All sinners. So, repent whatever sin and turn to God <i>1 John 1:8-10</i>¹¹)</p>
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⁸ *Isaiah 31:4* For thus the LORD has spoken to me: “As a lion roars, And a young lion over his prey (When a multitude of shepherds is summoned against him, *He* will not be afraid of their voice Nor be disturbed by their noise), So the LORD of hosts will come down To fight for Mount Zion and for its hill.

⁹ *Rev 10:1-3* I saw still another mighty anael coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud, and a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. ² He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and *his* left foot on the land, ³ and cried with a loud voice, as *when* a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.

¹⁰ *Joel 3:16* The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.

¹¹ *1 John 1:8-10* If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.