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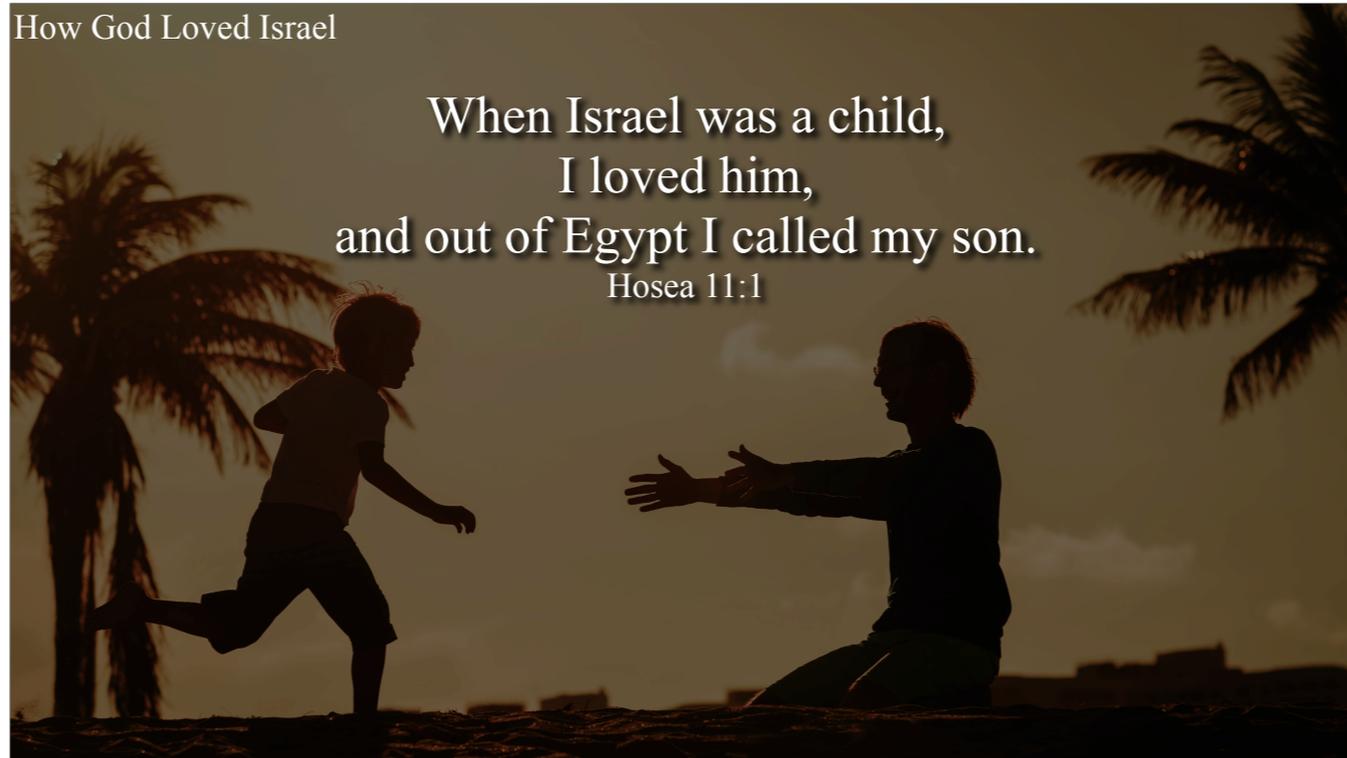
- God so loved
- How do we learn the depths of God's love for us?
- One way is to examine the depth of His love for another people he chose.
- How did God love Israel?



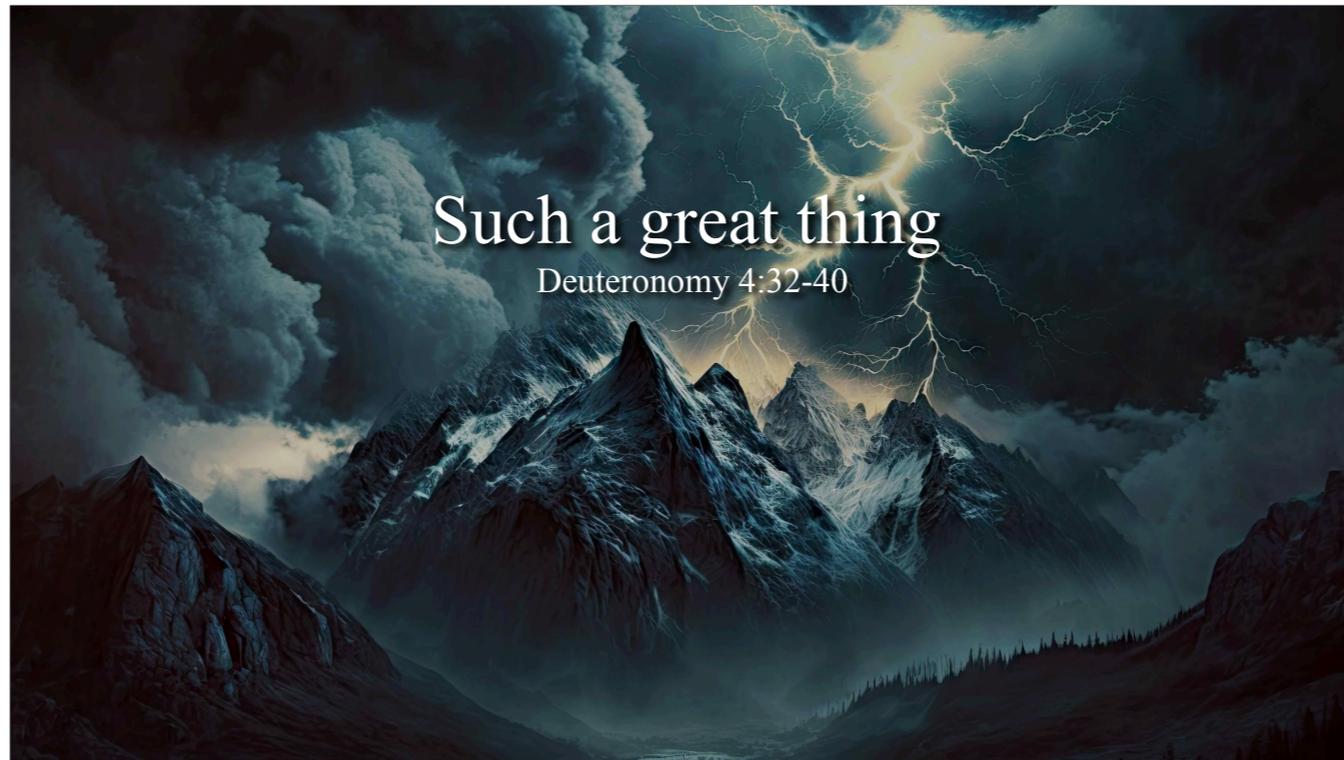
- Hosea 11:1-4 (ESV)
 - 1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
 - 2 The more they were called, the more they went away;
• they kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning offerings to idols.
 - 3 Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms,
• but they did not know that I healed them.
 - 4 I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love,
• and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws,
• and I bent down to them and fed them.

How God Loved Israel

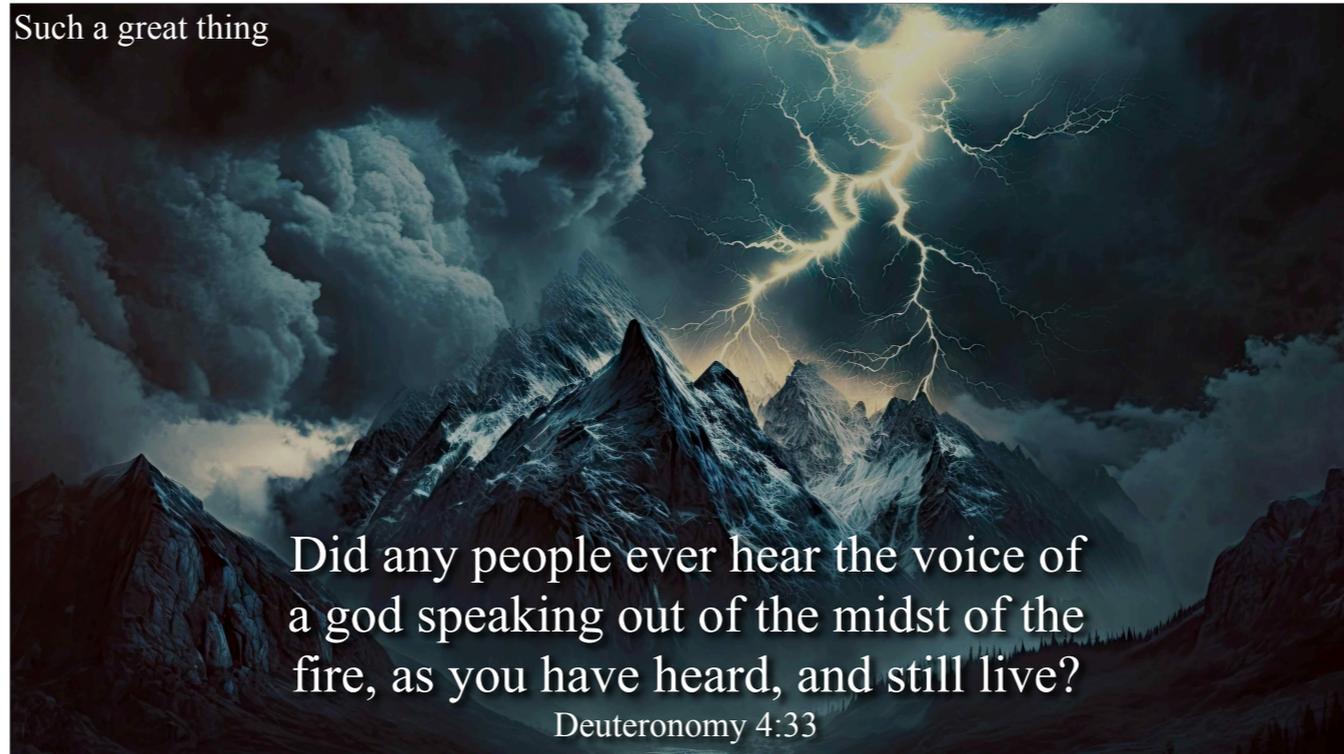
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- Such a Great Thing — Deuteronomy 4:32-40 (ESV)
- Moses is reminding the people of Israel of what Jehovah has done for them just before they are entering the land that was promised to Abraham.
- He uses two examples to demonstrate to them how unique their relationship with Jehovah is
 - since the day that God created man
 - 35) you might know that Jehovah is God, no other



- Mt. Sinai

- 33) voice of God from fire — still live
 - They were terrified.
 - 1 Corinthians 12:2 You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led.
- 36) From heaven — hearing God's voice — discipline (teach, admonish)
- 36) from earth — great fire — words

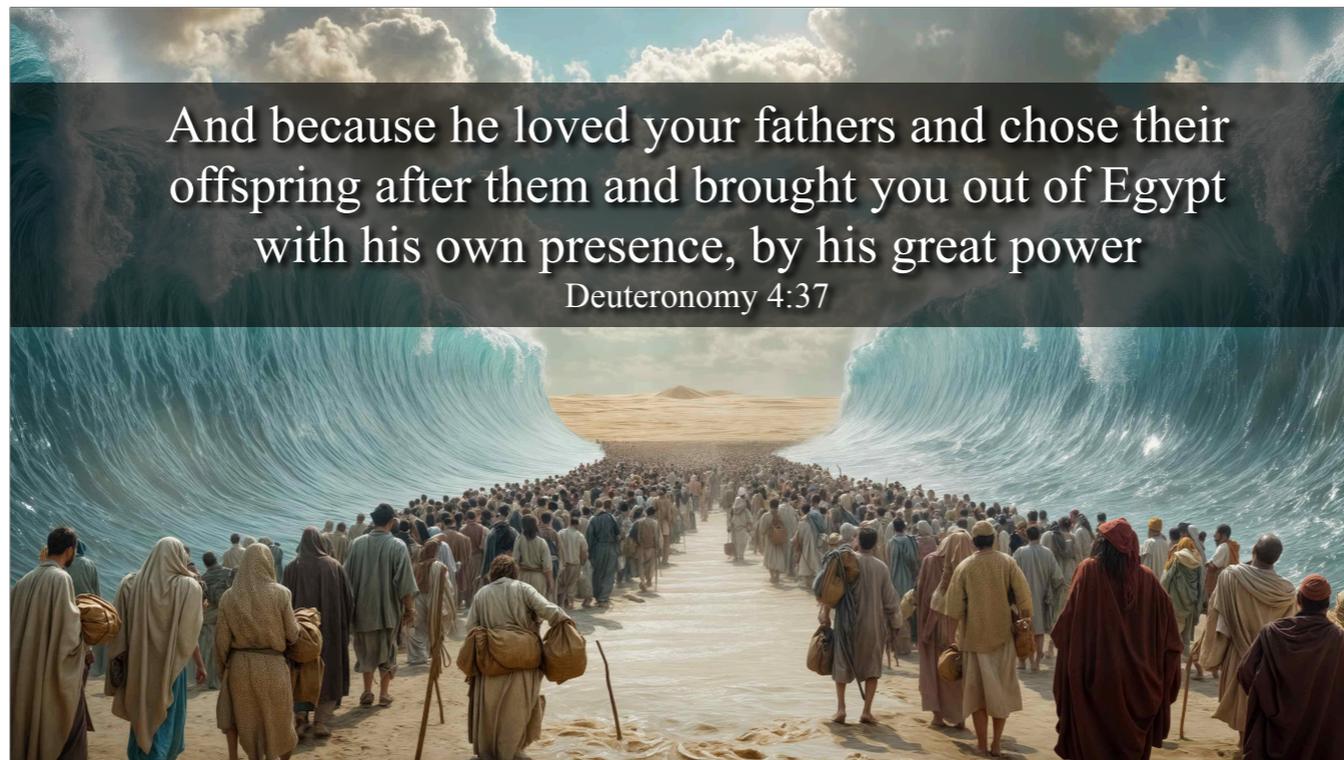
Such a great thing

And because he loved your fathers and chose their
offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt
with his own presence, by his great power

Deuteronomy 4:37



- Deliverance from Egypt: any god attempted to
 - 34) take a nation from another nation
 - trials, signs, wonders, war, mighty hand, outstretched arm
 - great deeds of terror



- 37 And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them
- and brought you out of Egypt
 - with his own presence,
 - The cloud by day and by night
 - The ark of the covenant
 - by his great power,
 - 38 driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you,
 - Jericho, Jerusalem
 - to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day,



- 39 know therefore today, and lay it to your heart

Such a great thing

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Deuteronomy 4:39

There is
no other



- The Uniqueness of God

- The uniqueness of God is important not just because he's the only one
- But for Israel, it reminds them that they are God's special people as demonstrated by his love for them
 - choosing them
 - loving them
 - speaking to them
 - doing great things for them
 - The unique God for his special people

Such a great thing

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Keep
Commandments



- Obedience

- keep commandments and statutes

- Deuteronomy 10:12-13 (ESV)

- 12 “And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you,
 - but to fear the LORD your God,
 - to walk in all his ways,
 - to love him,

Such a great thing

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Deuteronomy 4:39

Keep
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- to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,
- and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD
- which I am commanding you today for your good?

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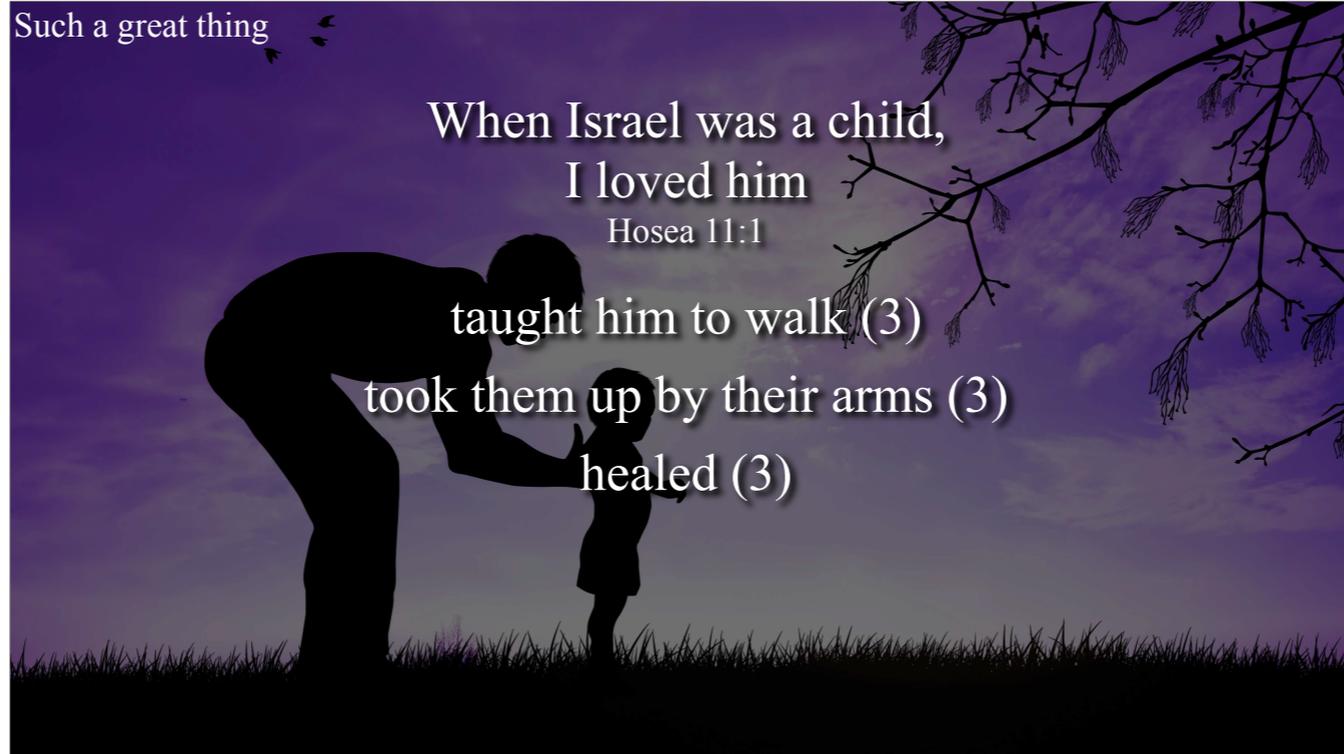


- Go well with you and your children
 - This is not a threat (do it or else)
 - But a blessing
- Prolong your days in the land
 - Their inheritance will be secure

Such a great thing



- Why did Jehovah do all this and promise more? His love.
 - Jehovah's Love is different than man's love
 - They were the least, not the most: Deuteronomy 7:6-8
 - And keeping his oath to the fathers
 - They were not the most righteous: Deuteronomy 9:5
 - Jehovah knows that they are stubborn (stiff-necked)
 - Promises to Bless them: Deuteronomy 7:13
 - children, produce, flocks



- Hosea 11:1-4: I loved him
 - taught him to walk (3)
 - provided spiritual instruction
 - took him up by their arms (3)
 - comfort, care, provision
 - healed (3)
 - What healing did they need?

Such a great thing

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Hosea 11:1

taught him to walk (3)

took them up by their arms (3)

healed (3)

led with kindness and love (4)

eases the yoke (4)

bent down to them and fed them (4)

- led with cords of kindness, bands of love (4)
 - During their time in the wilderness, how much kindness and love did Jehovah show them?
- eases yoke (4)
 - freed from slavery in Egypt
- bent down and fed
 - manna, word of God

How God Loved Israel



The more they were called,
the more they went away.

Hosea 11:2

- And yet ... in the middle of this beautiful passage
 - 2) the more they were called, the more they went away
 - but he knew they were stiff necked
 - and that they didn't tend to being righteous
 - they didn't take it to heart
 - 2) sacrifices and burnt offerings to Baals and idols
 - they went after other gods, despite the evidence they had seen that Jehovah is the only God.
- How will Jehovah deal with his people now?

How God Loved Israel



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Hosea 11:2

• Hosea 11:5-7

- 5 They shall not return to the land of Egypt,
- but Assyria shall be their king,
- because they have refused to return to me.
- 6 The sword shall rage against their cities,
- consume the bars of their gates,
- and devour them because of their own counsels.
- 7 My people are bent on turning away from me,
- and though they call out to the Most High,
- he shall not raise them up at all.

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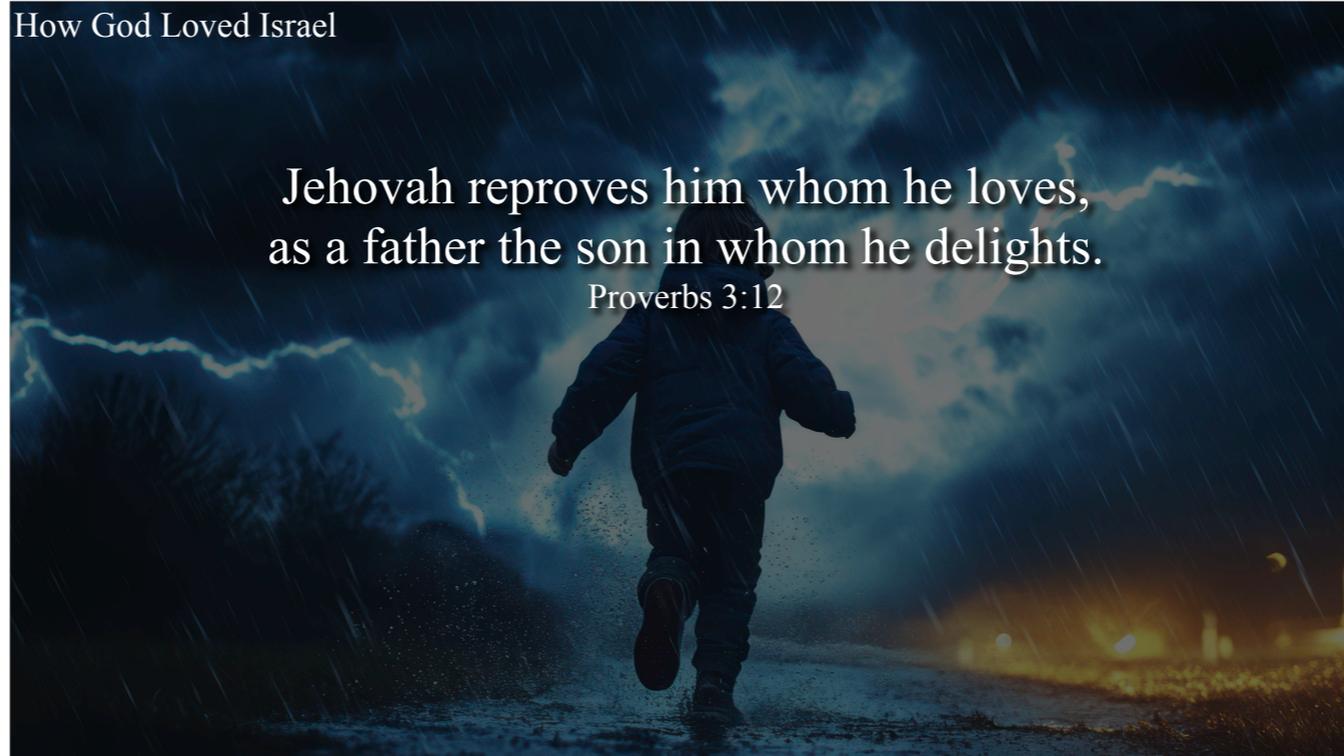
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Jehovah reproves him whom he loves,
as a father the son in whom he delights.

Proverbs 3:12



- Proverbs 3:11-12 (ESV)
 - 11 My son, do not despise the LORD'S discipline
 - or be weary of his reproof,
 - 12 for the LORD reproves him whom he loves,
 - as a father the son in whom he delights.
- discipline: instruction, correction
- reproof/reproves: correcting something wrong, urge repentance
- DELIGHTS

How God Loved Israel

I will not remove from him my steadfast love
or be false to my faithfulness

Psalm 89:33

Jehovah

children

forsake
do not walk
violate
do not keep

- Psalm 89
 - about David, chosen and established, establish his throne
- Psalms 89:30-34 (ESV)
 - 30 If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my rules,
 - 31 if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,

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PUNISH



- 32 then I will punish their transgression with the rod
 - and their iniquity with stripes,

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 - or be false to my faithfulness.
- 34 I will not violate my covenant
 - or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

How God Loved Israel

My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.

Hosea 11:8

Jehovah

Ephraim
Israel

Admah
Zeboiim

- Seeing God's Love: Hosea 11:8-9 (ESV)
 - 8 How can I give you up, O Ephraim?
 - How can I hand you over, O Israel?
 - How can I make you like Admah?
 - How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

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Jehovah

give up?
hand over?
destroy?

anger & wrath

Ephraim
Israel

Admah
Zeboiim

- 9 I will not execute my burning anger;
- I will not again destroy Ephraim;

How God Loved Israel

My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.

Hosea 11:8

Ephraim
Israel

compassion

Jehovah
give up?
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I AM GOD

- *My heart recoils within me;*
- *my compassion grows warm and tender.*

How God Loved Israel

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Hosea 11:8



- for I am God and not a man,
- the Holy One in your midst,
- and I will not come in wrath.

How God Loved Israel

In all their affliction he was afflicted

Isaiah 63:9

Savior

A person in a dark jacket is running away from the viewer through a heavy rain. The person is running towards a bright, glowing light source in the distance, possibly a city or a fire. The sky is dark and stormy, with lightning bolts visible. The overall mood is one of urgency and hope.

• Isaiah 63:7-9 (ESV)

- 7 I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,
- the praises of the LORD,
- according to all that the LORD has granted us,
- and the great goodness to the house of Israel
- that he has granted them according to his compassion,
- according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

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Savior



- 8 For he said, “Surely they are my people,
- children who will not deal falsely.”
- And he became their Savior.
- 9 In all their affliction he was afflicted,
- and the angel of his presence saved them;
- in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
- he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

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- Matthew 2:14-15 (ESV) 14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”



- John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
- You can look at yourself and see the reality
 - You are the least
 - You are stubborn
 - You are sinning
- Take this to heart
 - God loves you.
 - He wants to save you.
 - Because of who he is.

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Call to Action

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God Is Love

Hosea 11

Synopsis: How do we understand the depth of God's love for us? One way is to consider how he loved his chosen people Israel. Hosea gives valuable insight and looks forward to our salvation in Jesus.

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“Let all that you do be done with love.”