

# 14 November

Ezra 10, Hosea 11, Colossians 2



## What great conflict I have for you

Ezra prayed weeping, showing the people their great sin in departing from the Covenant, so the congregation greatly wept. Shechaniah son of Jehiel, answered, “We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing. Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law. (E10:2-3)

Yahweh Elohim of Israel had a great conflict of care for his people, that they might tremble. “When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. (H11:1) I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them. (H11:3) My people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt him. (H11:7) 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. They shall walk after the LORD: he shall roar like a lion: then the children shall tremble from the west. 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. (H11:9-11) That the people might fear Yahweh their God.

For I would that ye knew what great conflict / fear I have for you; (C2:1). That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words (C2:2-4) Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. (C2:8) That we might tremble, knowing the Covenant.

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