

## Hosea 4

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**4** Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. (Israel became heathen nations; because they adopted the idols of the heathen tribes and abandoned God)

NOTE: (Look around, today. Not that long ago, we were a Christian nation. Now the Christians are called right wing extremists by the left wing media. Being against abortion, atheism and Islam is called bigotry by the perverted left)

<sup>2</sup>By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. (They commit one crime after another; one murder after another)

<sup>3</sup>Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away. (When God's blessings stop, the Earth stops giving her riches to the people)

(Today, the oceans are overfished and the earth and waters are polluted. Animal extinctions are rampant, and ecosystems are being destroyed. More and more people are living in poverty, while the rich get richer)

<sup>4</sup>Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that strive with the priest. (Don't try to correct others. Don't refuse the authority of God by a true priest. Stay away from false preachers that teach traditions of men)

(Pay attention to what you are doing, instead. Stay true in God's Word and don't get involved in the ways of the world)

Numbers-16 (When Korah rebelled against Moses in the wilderness, God dealt with him and his followers swiftly before they could turn the people to idolatry. God appointed Moses to lead and teach the people)

<sup>5</sup>Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother. (prophet – false prophets, not sent by God. God will allow the nation of Israel to be destroyed; but not the people)

2Peter-3:7-8 (It is God's will that all should come to repentance and be saved. They won't)

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. (Lack of knowledge -> biblically illiterate)

(They were freely given knowledge from God in the Bible, but they rejected it. That is far worse than the heathen who were never exposed to that knowledge from God)

(Today, they are taught by priests who know nothing about the word of God. Instead, they teach what they imagine. They write and preach sermons and people believe them)

See Proverbs-1:6-7 (All wisdom comes from the reverence and worship of God)

7 As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame. (Better translation -> as their riches and blessings increased, they changed God's glory into shame. They replaced morality with political correctness)

NOTES: (We have produced generations of self-centered, spoiled kids that don't want to know anything about God and His Word. They are agnostic, homosexuals, Muslims and atheists)

(The colleges are full of communist atheist teachers. Even the so-called Christian churches don't teach the Word of God chapter by chapter anymore. Therefore the Christian people no longer learn God's Word)

8 They eat up the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity. (The priests ate the sin offerings of the people. No priest was ever supposed to eat the sin offerings. The sin offerings were supposed to be offered only to God for repentance. Instead, the priests profited on the sins of the people)

(For today – don't feed on the sinful ways of the world <usury, corruption, bribery, greed, lust>. Prosper in the Word of God and live by the Ten Commandments. You will have a good, healthy life. You will have peace of mind)

<sup>9</sup>And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings. (Judgment – first on the priests that teach falsely; then on the people who follow them)

(God has no favorites. HIS judgment is always fair. It will be rewards for the good; and punishment for the evil. We will all get what we deserve)

<sup>10</sup>For they shall eat, and not have enough: they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to the LORD. (They will not profit from their evil and corrupt ways. They will not have peace of mind because of what they do)

<sup>11</sup>Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart. (heart = mind – better translation)

(The new wine is harsher and more intoxicating than the aged wine; although neither should replace your relationship with God)

<sup>12</sup>My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God. (Stocks = idols; staffs = witching wands)

(They pursue witchcraft, soothsaying, idol worship and any other heathen custom they hear about. They even resorted to human sacrifice of their own children, by fire, to the pagan god Moloch)

<sup>13</sup>They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof is good: therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery. (tops of the mountains-> where their pagan shrines were built)

(God sees idol worship like we see adultery. They think that they do this secretly so that God won't see them. God sees all)

<sup>14</sup>I will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: therefore the people that doth not understand shall fall. (sacrifice with harlots-> these were temple harlots. They had sex in the temple with the priests)

(God won't punish their wives and daughters for not being loyal to them; when the preachers themselves pervert God's Word. They teach traditions of men and worship idols with the temple whores)

<sup>15</sup> Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Judah offend; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Bethaven, nor swear, The LORD liveth. (Bethaven – house of emptiness, or nothing or void)

(Gilgal was one of two places where King Jeroboam made golden calves for the ten tribes to worship)

<sup>16</sup> For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place. (A backsliding heifer is a troublemaker. Sell it. You don't want it as a part of your herd)

(The lamb babies feed on milk, the salvation message. They know nothing about God's word. Milk is for babies <lambs>, meat is to mature on. They will only learn the basics <the milk> and never progress into deeper learning of God's Word <the meat>)

(The large place is unprotected – like a large open field. They don't want to mature in God's Word, so they'll get what they asked for)

NOTE: (Most Christians today only know the basics. They never learn the Bible chapter by chapter, verse by verse. They never learn the deeper teachings of God's Word. They remain as the lambs for their whole life. They never become mature Christians, therefore God can't use them)

<sup>17</sup> Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone. (Ephraim = Israel, the 10 tribes. After Jeroboam made the calves to worship, they never returned to the true God. They eventually became Baal worshippers)

<sup>18</sup> Their drink is sour: they have committed whoredom continually: her rulers with shame do love, Give ye. (Her priests are only after money. Give Ye = Gimme, gimme, gimme – It's all about money and squeezing tithes out of people, in return for false teaching)

<sup>19</sup> The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices. (in her wings = in her skirts; the wind is the spirit of adultery. She is bound by her own sins)