

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 and Judah became heathen nations because they adopted the idols of the heathen and abandoned God)

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

²By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. (One crime after another; one murder after another)

³Therefore 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)

⁴Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that strive with the priest. (Don't try correct others, or refuse authority from God by a true priest. Stay away from fake preachers that teach traditions of men. Pay attention to what you are doing, instead)

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)

⁵Therefore 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 prophet, not sent by God. God will allow Israel to be destroyed)

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

⁶My 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, priests who know nothing about the word of God and teach what they imagine; they write sermons and people believe them) Proverbs-1:6-7

⁷As 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 to shame. They replaced morality with political correctness)

(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; therefore the Christian people no longer learn God's Word)

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

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

¹⁰For 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)

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

¹²My 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)

¹³They 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 the pagan shrines were built) (God sees idol worship like we see adultery)

¹⁴ 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 temples with the priests) (God won't punish the wives and daughters when the preachers themselves pervert God's Word by teaching traditions of men)

¹⁵ 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) (Gilgal was one of two places that Jeroboam made golden calves to worship)

¹⁶ For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place. (They will feed on milk, not meat, because they know nothing about God's word. The large place is unprotected. They don't want to mature in God's Word, so they'll get what they want)

¹⁷ Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone. (Ephraim= Israel, the 10 tribes; since Jeroboam made the calves to worship. They never returned to the true God. They even became Baal worshippers)

¹⁸ 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)

¹⁹ 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 wholesome)