

Book of Hosea

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Basic Questions to Ask of the Text in Hosea:

Q: WHO is speaking? (the Lord is speaking to Hosea His prophet)

Q: WHO is being spoken to or Who is the “*intended audience*”? (mostly N. Israel)

Q: Look for *Metaphors* or *Similes*, created by **the Lord**, to compare 2 or more things

Q: Look for > 3 Part – “*Theme of Hosea*”



Read Paragraph > **Hosea 4:1-3**

Working Outline > **Hosea 4:1-3**

XII. **The Lord's Case** (Legal) against, **Israel**, of **the Land**, **4:1-3** ¶ (4:1-3)

A. Listen to **the word of the LORD**, O **sons of Israel**, **4:1a**

B. For (Reason) **the LORD** has a **Case** (Legal) against the **inhabitants** (**Israel**) of **the land**, **4:1a**

1. **Because** there is **no faithfulness, kindness, or knowledge of God in the land**, **4:1b** (Sin)

2. (Because) there is **swearing, deception, murder, stealing and adultery**, **4:2c**

3. (Because) **They** (**Israel**) employ **violence**, so that **bloodshed** follows **bloodshed**, **4:2d**

C. The Consequence of **the Lord's Case** (Legal) Against **Northern Israel**, **4:3** (Judgement)

1. **Therefore** (because of that) **the land** (of **Israel**) **mourns**, **4:3a**

a. **everyone** who lives in **it** (**the land**) **languishes** (weakens), **4:3b**

b. **the beasts of field and the birds of sky languish, the fish of the sea disappear**, **4:3c**

For **the LORD** has a **Case** (Legal) against the **inhabitants** (**Israel**) of **the land**, **4:1a**

Q1: WHAT are the **Reasons** given by **the Lord** for **the Lord's Case** against **Israel**, in **4:1** and **4:2**?

A1: **Because** there is **no faithfulness, kindness, or knowledge of God**, **4:1b**

(Because) there is **swearing, deception, murder, stealing and adultery**, **4:2c**

(Because) **They** (**Israel**) employ **violence**, so that **bloodshed** follows **bloodshed**, **4:2d**

See **Charts** on Following Page:

Hosea: Israel is Not Wife to the Lord

> **Israel is Wife to the Lord**

Hosea: Israel is Not the Lord's People in the Land

> **Israel is the Lord's People in the Land**

Hosea: Israel is Not Wife to the Lord > Israel is Wife to the Lord

Israel Divorced from the Lord

She will seek other lovers, but not find, 2:7

She (Israel) is not My wife, 2:2

I am not her (Israel's) husband, 2:2

No faithfulness, in the land, 4:1b

No knowledge of God, in the land, 4:1b

No kindness, in the land, 4:1b

her (Israel) not obtained compassion, 2:23

Israel Married to the Lord – in Millennial Kingdom

She will go back to her first husband (the Lord), 2:7

I will betroth (marry) you (Israel) to Me forever, 2:19

I will betroth you to Me in righteousness, in justice, 2:19

in that day, you will call Me Ishi (Husband), 2:16

(betroth you) in lovingkindness and in compassion, 2:19

I will betroth you (Israel) to Me in faithfulness, 2:20

Then you (Israel) will know the LORD, 2:20

I will allure her (Israel), 2:14

I will speak kindly to her (Israel), 2:14

I will have compassion on her (Israel), 2:23, 2:19

Hosea: Israel is Not the Lord's People in the Land > Israel is the Lord's People in the Land

the land languishes, unlawful, not know Lord

No knowledge of God, in the land, 4:1b

everyone in the land languishes (weakens), 4:3

those not My people, 2:23

they (Israel) say, Baal my God, 2:8

swearing, deception, murder, in the land, 4:2c

stealing, adultery, in the land, 4:2c

the land mourns (dries up), 4:3

the beasts, birds, and fish (languish), 4:3

the land in abundance, peace, know Lord - Millennium

Then you (Israel) will know the LORD, 2:20

I will sow her (Israel) Myself in the land, 2:23

I will say, 'You are My people!', 2:23

they will say, 'You are my God!', 2:23

I will make them lie down in safety, 2:18

I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war, 2:18

the earth will respond with grain, wine, oil, 2:22, 2:8

I will give her (Israel) vineyards, 2:14

she (Israel) will sing there, 2:14

I will Make Covenant with beasts, birds, creepers, 2:18

Q2: WHAT is The Consequence or Result of the Lord's Case (Legal) Against Israel, 4:3 Notice "Therefore"

A2: the land (Israel) mourns, 4:3, everyone who lives in it (the land) languishes (undergoes hardship), 4:3 the beasts of field and the birds of sky languish, the fish of the sea disappear, 4:3

Read Paragraph > Hosea 4:4-6

Working Outline > Hosea 4:4-6

- XIII. **The Lord's Case** (Legal) against, **Israel, Who Contend Legally** with **the Lord, 4:4-6** ¶ (4:4-6)
- A. **Yet** (prior context) let **no one find fault** (contend), and let none **offer reproof** (accuse them); 4:4
 - 1. **For** (Reason) **your people** (Israel) are **like** those who **contend** (legally) with **the priest, 4:4**
 - a. **So** (result) **you** (Israel) will **stumble** by day, 4:5 (Judgement)
 - b. And **the prophet** also will **stumble** with **you** by night, 4:5
 - c. And **I will** **destroy your** (people's) **mother** (nation, 2:2), 4:5 (Judgement)
 - B. **My people** (Israel) are **destroyed** for **lack of knowledge, 4:6** (Judgement)
 - 1. **Because** (Reason) **you** (Israel) have **rejected knowledge, 4:6**
 - C. **I** also will **reject you** (Israel) from being **My priest** (mediator), 4:6 (Judgement)
 - 1. **Since** (because) **you** (Israel) have **forgotten the law** of **your God, 4:6**
 - a. **I** also will **forget your children** (Israel), 4:6 (Judgement)

The Lord's Case (Legal) against, **Israel, Who Contend Legally** with **the Lord, 4:4-6**

Q1: **The Lord** has a **Legal Case** against **Israel**, per 4:1.

WHAT is the **Reason** given, WHY **no one** (anyone) **find fault** or **accuse Israel**, in **verse 4b**?

A1: **For** (Reason) **your people** (Israel) are **like those** who **contend** (legally) with **the priest, 4:4**
Israel contends with **the Lord, Like** (in same way, *Simile*) **the People** Contend with **their Priest**.

Q2: WHAT is the **Legal Case Judgements** given by **the Lord** toward **Israel**, in **verses 4 & 5**? [Look for Verbs]

A2: **So** (result) **you** (Israel) will **stumble** by day, 4:5 And **the prophet** also will **stumble** with **you** by night, 4:5

And **I will destroy your** (people's) **mother** (peoples' nation, 2:2), 4:5

My people (Israel) are **destroyed** for **lack of knowledge, 4:6**

I also will **reject you** (Israel) from being **My** priest (mediator), 4:6

I also will **forget your children** (Israel), 4:6 [Notice: **Because** (Reason) and **Since** (because)]

Read Paragraph > Hosea 4:7-10

Working Outline > Hosea 4:7-10

- XIV. The more **Israel** multiplied, the more **Israel sinned** against **the Lord, 4:7-10** ¶ (4:7-10)
- A. The more **they** (Israel) multiplied, the more **they sinned** against **Me, 4:7** (Sin)
 - 1. **I will** change **their** glory into shame, 4:7 (Judgement)
 - B. **They** (the priests) feed on **the sin** of **My people, 4:8** (Sin)
 - 1. And (the priests) direct **their** desire toward **their** (the people's) **iniquity, 4:8** (Sin)
 - 2. And **it will be**, (result) **like** (same way) **people, like** (same way) priest, 4:9 (Sin)
 - C. **So** (reason) **I will** punish **them** (the priests) for **their** ways, 4:9 (Judgement)
 - D. And (I will) **repay** (pay back) **them** (the priests) for **their** deeds, 4:9 (Judgement)
 - 1. **They** will eat, but **not have enough, 4:10**
 - 2. **They** will play the **harlot** (unfaithful), but **not increase, 4:10**
 - E. **Because** (Reason) **they** (the priests) have stopped giving heed to **the LORD, 4:10**

The more **Israel** multiplied, the more **Israel sinned** against **the Lord, 4:7-10**

Q1: The **People sinned** and then WHAT did the **Priests** do in response to their **sin, verse 4:8**?

A1: **They** (the priests) feed on **the sin** of **My people, 4:8**

And (the priests) direct **their** desire toward **their** (the people's) **iniquity, 4:8**

[Notice: **it will be** (result) **So** (reason) **repay** (pay back) **Because** (Reason)]

Q2: WHAT are some **Judgements** of **the LORD** given in 4:10? **A2:** Eating Not enough and Not Increase

Read Paragraph > Hosea 4:11-14

Working Outline > Hosea 4:11-14

- XV. **Israel's Harlotry** and **wine**, takes away **their understanding** (their **heart**), **4:11-14** ¶ (4:11-14) (Sin)
- A. **Harlotry**, **wine** and **new wine** take away the **understanding** (**heart**), **4:11**
 - B. **My people** (**Israel**) consult **their** wooden idol, and **their** diviner's wand informs **them**, **4:12** (Sin)
 - 1. **For** (Reason) a spirit of **harlotry** (**unfaithfulness**) has led **them** (**Israel**) astray, **4:12**
 - 2. And **they** (**Israel**) have played the **harlot** (**unfaithful**), departing from **their God**, **4:12** (Sin)
 - 3. **They** offer **sacrifices** on the tops of the mountains, **4:13** (Sin)
 - 4. And (**they**) burn incense on the hills, Under oak, poplar and terebinth, **4:13** (Sin)
 - a. Because **their** shade is pleasant, **4:13**
 - C. **Therefore** (because of that just said)
 - 1. **your** (**Israel's**) **daughters** play the **harlot** (sells themselves for gain), **4:13** (Sin)
 - 2. And **your brides** commit **adultery** (unfaithful to Husband), **4:13** (Sin)
 - D. **The Lord** will Not punish **Israel's Daughters-Brides** for **Harlotry** and **Adultery**, **4:14** (Not Judge)
 - 1. **I will not punish your daughters** when **they** play the **harlot**, **4:14a**
 - 2. Or (not punish) **your brides** when **they** commit **adultery**, **4:14b**
 - E. **For** (Reason for Not punish)
 - 1. **the men** themselves go apart with **harlots**, **4:14c** (Sin)
 - 2. And (**the men**) offer **sacrifices** with **temple prostitutes**, **4:14d**
 - F. **So** (result) **the people** (**Israel**), **without understanding** (heart, **4:11**), are ruined (destroyed), **4:14e**

Israel's Harlotry and **wine**, takes away **their understanding** (their **heart**), **4:11-14**

Q1: WHAT takes away **Israel's** (**heart**) **understanding** for **God**, **verse 11** ?

A1: **Harlotry**, **wine** and **new wine** take away the **understanding** (of the **heart**), **4:11**. **Wine**, **Isa 28:7**

Q2: WHAT is the result of **Israel** Not having the **understanding** (of the **heart**), **4:14e** ?

A2: **Israel** is "Ruined" (or destroyed), **4:14e**

Read Paragraph > Hosea 4:15-19

Working Outline > Hosea 4:15-19

- XVI. **The Lord's Case** (Legal) against, (Northern) **Israel**, **4:15-19** ¶ (4:15-19)
- A. **Though** (despite that) **you**, (Northern) **Israel**, play the **harlot**, (Sin)
 - 1. Do not let (Southern) **Judah** become guilty, **4:15**
 - B. **Also** (you **N. Israel**) do not go to Gilgal Or go up to Beth-aven (either) and take the oath: **4:15**
 - 1. (Don't swear) "As **the LORD** lives !"(Jer 4:2), **4:15**
 - C. **Since** (Northern) **Israel** is stubborn Like (*Simile*) a stubborn heifer, **4:16**
 - 1. Can **the LORD** now pasture **them** Like (*Simile*) a lamb in a large field ?, **4:16**
 - D. **Ephraim** (**N. Israel**, **Joseph's son**) is joined to **idols**; Let **him** alone (abandon), **4:17** (Sin)
 - 1. **Their** (**Israel's**) liquor gone (ended), **4:18**
 - E. **They** play the **harlot** (**unfaithful**) continually; **4:18** (Sin)
 - 1. **Their** (**Israel's**) rulers dearly love shame, **4:18**
 - 2. **The wind** wraps **them** (**Israel**) in **its** wings (*metaphor*), **4:19**
 - 3. And **they** (**Israel**) will be ashamed **because of** (Reason) **their sacrifices**, **4:19**

The Lord's Case (Legal) against, (Northern) **Israel**, **4:15-19**

Q1: WHY should **Israel** Not take an Oath "As **the LORD** lives !", **verse 15** ? Read (Jer 4:2),

A: And you will swear (take oath), 'As **the LORD** lives,' In truth, in justice and in righteousness; Jer 4:2a
Don't make a mockery of a solemn oath in the name of **Yahweh**. "As **Yahweh** lives".

Sin



Judgement



Restoration