

TEXT: Hosea 4:1-3

TITLE: "Israel's Day in Court"

→ The LORD lays out His case and judgment against the nation of Israel!

Review of Chapter Three

1. The LORD Tells Hosea to Love a Woman Loved by Another—3:1
2. Hosea Graciously Purchased Gomer—3:2
3. Hosea Offers Kindly Counsel—3:3
4. Hosea's Actions Give Prophetic Illustration—3:4
5. Hosea Prophesies of Israel's Future Repentance—3:5

Chapter Four

***** The LORD Presents a L_____ C_____ against Israel—4:1-3**

→ The LORD God enters the courtroom and states His case against the nation of Israel.

→ NOTICE the Parties: The and the Inhabitants of the Land.

1. The LORD's Case: What is M_____—4:1

A. There is no t_____ in the land

→ NOTE: Repetition of "there is not" 3 times!

→ EMETH (Hebrew for truth) = "firmness, faithfulness, truth ... 1. *reliability, sureness* ... 2. *stability, continuance* ... 3. *reliableness*" (BDB).

→ *Examples:*

- 1) *denial of miracles in the Bible,*
- 2) *denial of possibility of absolute truth,*
- 3) *repetition of lies and absurdities as true,*
- 4) *punishment of those who hold views contrary to the accepted standard,*
- 5) *ensorship—removing free speech,*
- 6) *journalism by opinion to shape opinion with no concern for facts/truth*

B. There is no l_____ l_____ in the land

NO CHESED = "loyal love" or "unconditional love" or "committed love"

→ *Examples:*

- 1) *disloyalty to the Scriptures,*
- 2) *unfaithfulness to the Savior,*
- 3) *lovelessness in marriage,*
- 4) *no commitment in families,*
- 5) *in friendships*

C. There is no k_____ of God in the land

1. The evil one is so clever: remove the knowledge about God away from the land, the people, the children, the youth!

2. The vacuum is powerful: when the knowledge of God is taken away, that place will be filled with something!!

3. The Church of Jesus Christ has a vital role of lifting up the knowledge of God, the knowledge of Christ and the knowledge of the Bible to a confused world bent on its own destruction.

2. The LORD'S Case: What is P_____—4:2

A. Swearing

B. Lying

C. Murder

D. Stealing

E. Adultery

F. Breaking (through) Restraint

G. Bloodshed touches bloodshed

→ LOOK at the works of the flesh in Galatians 5:19-21

**3. The LORD'S Case: The Consequences/
S_____ / Judgment—4:3**

A. The Land mourns

B. Inhabitants will waste away

C. Beasts of the field (perish)

D. Birds of the sky (perish)

E. Fish of the sea will be removed

Application: