

→ **NOTE: Deuteronomy 31:9-13, 33:10; 2
Chronicles 17:8-9; Ezra 7:6, 10; Malachi 2:7**

→ **NOTE: What a dangerous thing to forget the knowledge of
God!**

C. R —4:6b-c

- 1. People Rejected knowledge**
- 2. God Rejected them as having influence
as Kingdom of Priests!**

→ **NOTE: Exodus 19:6**

D. F —4:6d-e

- 1. People forgot the Law of God**
- 2. God would forget them (the Mother's
Children = the Nation) in Judgment**

Application:

TEXT: Hosea 4:4-6

TITLE: "Israel's Day in Court" (part 2)

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

After showing the future blessings of Israel in 3:5 and the unconditional love of the Lord for Israel as symbolized in Hosea's redeeming love for Gomer, Hosea presents a message from the Lord to Israel. He commands them to "hear" the Word of the Lord!

***** The LORD Presents a Legal Case against Israel—4:1-3**

1. The LORD'S Case: What is Missing—4:1

- A. There is no truth in the land**
- B. There is no loyal love in the land**
- C. There is no knowledge of God in the land**

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

- A. Swearing**
- B. Lying**
- C. Murder**
- D. Stealing**
- E. Adultery**
- F. Breaking (through) Restraint**
- G. Bloodshed touches bloodshed**

→ **NOTE: The Ten Commandments: 5/10 given here!!**

3. The LORD'S Case: The Consequences/Sentence/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

4. The LORD'S Prohibition: Don't

C _____ —4:4

A. Don't S _____

→ NOTE: Here Hosea uses the verb form of "charge" in verse 1.

B. Don't R _____

→ NOTE: The people might fight back against God who is bringing charges against them! The Lord tells them not to do so!

→ NOTE: The people might want to argue with God that His case is not legitimate against them, but guess what? He knows the whole truth!

→ THINK: Is it foolish to argue with God or what? Does He not see the whole picture? And know all the facts?

C. Understand the R _____: the People
were Like Those Contending with
P _____

→ NOTE: Here is another form of the word in verse 1 "charge" and "contend" in verse 4a.

→ NOTE: Deuteronomy 17:8-13

¹² "Now the man who acts presumptuously and will not heed the priest who stands to minister there before the LORD your God, or the judge, that man shall die. So you shall put away the evil from Israel.

1. God forbade the revolt against the verdict of the priests, Levites and Judge when they rendered judgment concerning guilt

2. The people were not to act "presumptuously"

5. The LORD'S P _____ and the P _____ Problems—4:5-6

A. S _____ —4:5a, b

1. People stumble by day

2. Prophets stumble by night

→ NOTE: The so called "spiritual" leaders are stumbling! AND they stumble with the people instead of being a steady and faithful guide to them!

→ NOTE: Day and Night shows the completeness of the action = ALL THE TIME!

→ NOTE: Continual state of confusion, bewilderment, lack of direction!

B. D _____ —4:5c-6a

1. The Lord brings destruction on "Mother" Israel

2. Destroyed for lack of knowledge

→ NOTE: Spiritual leaders weren't giving them the knowledge of the Word they needed!