

2. No understanding (ignorance) produces folly,  
produces judgment

→ NOTE: This word “be trampled” occurs only here  
and in Proverbs 10:8 & 10

### **Application:**

**TEXT: Hosea 4:7-14**

**TITLE: “Israel’s Stumbling”**

→ **The LORD, through Hosea, describes the depths of depravity in the nation of Israel.**

#### **Chapter Four**

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

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

**3. The LORD’S Case: The Consequences/Sentence/Judgment—4:3**

**4. The LORD’S Prohibition: Don’t Criticize—4:4**

**A. Don’t Strive**

**B. Don’t Reprove**

**C. Understand the Reason: the People were Like Those  
Contending with Priests**

**5. The LORD’S Punishments and the People’s Problems—4:5-6**

**A. Stumbling—4:5a, b**

**B. Destruction—4:5c-6a**

**C. Rejection—4:6b-c**

**D. Forgetting—4:6d-e**

#### **\* Hosea 4:7-14**

Perhaps to understand Hosea 4:7-14, we should understand the background of what happened to the priesthood in Israel. When the Kingdom divided in 931 B.C., Jeroboam became king of the northern 10 tribes and he took control of the worship.

In 1 Kings 12:25-32, we see the abominable practices he adopted—he installed his own priests. Two hundred years later, in Hosea’s time, it is no wonder that there was such depravity within the nation of Israel and in the priesthood!!

## 6. The LORD's (Further) Description of D \_\_\_\_\_ in Israel—4:7-14

### A. Multiplying but S \_\_\_\_\_—4:7

1. The People Multiply—4:7a
2. But Their Increase Leads to Sin—4:7b
3. Their False Glory Changed to Shame—4:7c

### B. Perverted (and Unfulfilling) R \_\_\_\_\_ Practices—4:8-10

1. Priests Feed on People's Sin—4:8a
2. Priests Long for People's Iniquity—4:8b
3. People and Priests Share Guilt and Punishment—  
4:9
4. Priests and People Have Unfulfilled Life—4:10a-c

### C. C \_\_\_\_\_ Pleasures and Their Consequences— 4:11a-c

1. Harlotry—4:11a
2. Wine—4:11a
3. New Wine—4:11a
4. Consequence: Enslave/Remove the Heart = Rob  
of Understanding

→ NOTE WELL: Drinking and promiscuity go together and  
rob of understanding!!

### D. I \_\_\_\_\_: Practices and Causes—4:12- 13d

1. Inquiring of Wooden Idols—4:12a
  2. Hearing from (Diviner's) Staves—4:12b
  3. Cause: Spirit of Harlotry Led Astray—4:12c
  4. Cause: Committing Harlotry Against God—4:12d
  5. Offering Sacrifices on Mountaintops—4:13a
  6. Burning Incense on Hills —4:13b
- NOTE: High Places
7. Under Oak, Poplar, Terebinth—4:13c

### E. D \_\_\_\_\_ Harlotry—4:13e-f

1. Daughters Commit Harlotry—4:13e
2. Brides Commit Adultery—4:13f

### F. S \_\_\_\_\_ Held Accountable—4:14

1. Daughters Not Singled Out for Punishment—4:14a
2. Neither the Brides—4:14b
3. Cause: Men Consort with Harlots—4:14c
4. Cause: Men Sacrifice with Temple Prostitutes—  
4:14d

### G. People without U \_\_\_\_\_ Face Ruin—4:14e

1. No understanding produces downfall