

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
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Hosea 4

1. What has happened so far in the book of Hosea?
 - A. God called Hosea to marry “a promiscuous woman.”
 - B. Hosea felt the pain of unfaithfulness and spoke boldly against it, both to his wife and to Israel.
 - C. God called Hosea to go bring his wife back and he went to buy her back.
 - D. Hosea told her that she must no longer be unfaithful and chase after these other men.

2. What is happening now in chapter 4?
 - A. Well, according to the title above the chapter in my Bible, Israel is being read their charges.
 - B. This is specifically the word of the Lord and specifically directed at Israel.

3. What charge does God bring against Israel in 4:1-3?
 - A. There is no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgement of God.
 - B. There is only cursing, lying and murder, stealing and adultery...
 - C. They break all bounds and bloodshed follows bloodshed.
 - D. The land is barren and everything is dying because of their behavior.

4. What does God say in 4:4-5?
 - A. When I say this about you as a nation, don't point the finger at each other.
 - B. Your people are like those who bring charges against a priest....
 - C. Something about your mother.

5. What does God say to Israel in 4:6-9?
 - A. The destruction is coming from “lack of knowledge.” They have rejected knowledge. What does that mean?
 - B. He says he rejects them as his priests. Is this talking about priests, specifically (see also Isaiah 61:6, Exodus 19:6, 1 Peter 2:0, and Revelation 1:6)?
 - C. It does appear that prophets, priests and people have all stumbled together and there is no one to speak the word of truth to the people and correct them (except for Hosea, apparently). They are all going to be punished together.

6. What is God saying in 4:10-14?
 - A. Everybody is trying to live their own way...get what they want however they can get it, but it is going to work.
 - B. They are foolishly looking to other gods who can't help them.
 - C. God says he won't punish the girls who are turning to prostitution because the men are leading the way.

7. What is God saying in 4:15-19?
 - A. He seems to be making the distinction now between Israel and Judah, the two kingdoms.
 - B. He is warning Judah not to follow in the ways of Israel (Ephraim).

8. How should we consider this warning? _____