

Bible Study

Chapters 4:1-5 and 5:15

The Book of Hosea

Hosea 4:1-5: 15

The Lord's case against Israel.

God desired to forgive Israel and restore their broken relationship with Him, but Israel simply was not ready to move forward in a reconciled relationship with the Lord. Israel would not repent, and the nation refused to admit that they had sinned. Until we confess of our wrong doings, we will never reap the benefits and the joy of a converted life. We shall consider chapters four and five of Hosea as a unit of study, and examine God's case against Israel.

Objectives:

- To understand that the holiness of God requires that sin be addressed.
 - To understand how leadership can positively or negatively affect people.
 - To understand how those around us are impacted by our decisions.
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Questions and Answers: Hosea 4:1-19

- A. Why does God bring a law suit against Israel, and what are the charges? (4:1-2)
- B. What immediate consequences were Israel experiencing due to their disobedience? (4:3)
- C. Who did Israel blame for their problems? (4:4)
- D. What were the sins of the prophets and priest? (4:5)
- E. What was at the core of Israel's sin? (4:6)
- F. Explain the spiritual condition of the priest and how it affected the people? (4:7-10)
- G. What 2 toxic substances were destroying the people? (4:11)
- H. Who did Israel look to for deliverance, and what was the result? (4:12-14)
- I. Why were the young women not punished? (4:14)
- J. What warning is given concerning worship? (4:15-16)
- K. Because Israel loved shame rather than honor what was her fate? (4:17-19)

Questions and Answers: Hosea 5: 1-15

- a) Why does God first address the leaders of Israel for their sins? (5:1)
- b) What warning is God giving the leaders? (5:2) Read verses 1,2 (The Living Bible)
- c) What is God's indictment on the nation? Explain God's statement "I know Ephraim..." (5:3).
- d) Why didn't Israel return to God, and can the nation be termed reprobate or apostate? (5:4)
- e) What was the result of Israel's pride, and what was Judah's issue? (5:5)
- f) Why did God not accept Israel's sacrifices? (5:6)
- g) Explain the term "strange children..." (5:7)
- h) Blowing a horn was a warning of impending danger. What danger was being announced? (8)

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- i) What does it mean to move the boundaries, and what penalty is imposed for moving boundaries lines? (5:10)
- j) The most likely interpretation is that Ephraim was determined to follow man's command instead of God's command. How do we get to that point in our lives? (5:11)
- k) Why is Ephraim judged so harshly? (5:12)
- l) What sin did both Ephraim and Judah commit? (5:13)
- m) Describe the coming disaster to Ephraim and Judah? (5:14)
- n) What is God's remedy for Israel's idolatry? (5:15)