

Assignments on Hosea 4

Read Hosea 4, then answer the following questions.

1. When God brought charges against Israel, what accusations did he make – 4:1?
2. List other *passages* about the importance of truthfulness.

3. **Application:** Explain why truthfulness is important to the people of God.

4. List other *passages* about the importance of mercy.

5. **Application:** Explain why mercy is important to the people of God.

6. List other *passages* about the importance of the knowledge of God.

7. **Application:** Explain why the knowledge of God is important to the people of God.

8. What accusations did God make against Israel in 4:2?

9. List other *passages* about lying.

10. **Application:** Give examples showing that lying is a problem in our society.

11. List other *passages* about killing.

12. **Application:** Give examples showing that killing is a problem in our society.

13. List other *passages* about stealing.

14. **Application:** Give examples showing that stealing is a problem in our society.

15. List other *passages* about adultery.

16. **Application:** Give examples showing that adultery is a problem in our society.

17. **Application:** Give examples showing that people in our society are often without restraint with bloodshed upon bloodshed.

18. What consequence would God bring upon the people for their sins – 4:3?

19. What problem existed according to 4:4? How is this similar to our day?

20. What problem did the people have according to 4:5? (Think: Explain what problem can cause stumbling in the day.)

21. What problem did the people have according to 4:6? What consequences would come as a result?

22. **Application:** What evidence is there that people today, even in the church, lack knowledge and neglect Bible study?

23. What problems can be caused to future generations by our own lack of study?

24. What consequences follow from lack of knowledge according to 4:7?

25. What problems did the priests have according to 4:8,9?

26. What consequences would come to the priests as a result?

27. **Application:** What lessons should be learned by those today who were responsible to teach God's word?

28. What problems would come because of the people's unfaithfulness – 4:10?

29. What sins are listed in 4:11, and what problem resulted?

30. **Application:** Explain how the sins in 4:11 can enslave the heart.

31. Where did the people turn for guidance and spirituality – 4:11?

32. **Application:** Give examples showing that people today often turn to the wrong sources for spiritual guidance and worship.

33. **Special Assignment:** Research the practices of ancient idolatry and explain the connection between idolatry and harlotry (check Bible dictionaries, etc.).

34. What did God say in 4:14 about responsibility when wives and daughters practice sexual immorality?

35. What warning did God give Judah – 4:15? (Think: Study the significance of Beth Aven.)

36. To what did God compare Israel in 4:16? What consequence would come?

37. How are the sins of Israel described in 4:17,18?

38. **Application:** Explain the significance of “let them alone.” What can we learn about our relationship to people who stubbornly persistent in sin?

39. **Special Assignment:** Explain how God’s reaction to Israel’s wickedness relates to the relationship between Hosea and Gomer.

40. How are the consequences of Israel’s sins described in 4:19? Explain.