

The Lord’s Case Against Israel (Hosea 4:1-5)

1. What three things were absent from the land? (1)
2. What exists there instead? (2) What was the result? (3)
3. What would a willingness to “contend” with the priest indicate about the people? (see Deuteronomy 17:8-12 for some context)

Ignorance and Idolatry (Hosea 4:6-14)

4. What did the people lack that led to their destruction? (6)
5. What class of people does Hosea seem to hold responsible for that lack? (6-10)
6. What “benefit” might there be for the priests if the people multiply their sins?
7. What image does Hosea use to describe the idolatry of the people? (11-14)
8. What does such activity “take away” from the people? (11, 14b)

The Cows of Bashan (Amos 4:1-5)

9. Bashan was a region east of the Jordan River known for its well-fed cattle. Who were the “cows of Bashan” in Samaria, and what were they doing? (4:1)
10. What would be their fate? (4:2-3)
11. What other activity did these “cows” apparently enjoy? (4:4-5)

Past Discipline of Israel (Amos 4:6-12)

12. Describe how the Lord had afflicted Israel in the past, trying to prompt their return to Him:

4:6	
4:7-8	
4:9	
4:10	
4:11	

13. What was the result in every case? (6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, 11b)
14. List the five abilities of the Lord in verse 13. How could Israel “prepare” to meet Him?

Israel as a Warning (Hosea 4:15-18)

15. What other nation does God warn should not become guilty like Israel? (15)
16. What might the “wind” in verse 19 refer to in Israel’s future?