

**The Contention of Yahweh**  
**Hosea 4-5 Feb.13/15, 2024 Andrea Kolstad**

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**1. THE CALL TO LISTEN**

Both Ch 4-5 begin with the same command: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Who should listen and hear?**

**2. THE CONTENTION OF YAHWEH**

**(4:1b) What does Yahweh have to say?**

Now He will \_\_\_\_\_ with His people.

**(4:1-2) Why will He contend with them?**

Israel is missing truth, lovingkindness, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Where can this knowledge be found?**

**Ex. 19:3-9, Ex. 20**

**Where can this knowledge of God which is missing in Israel be found? \_\_\_\_\_.**

The knowledge spoken of in 4:1ff is the knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_.

**What is Israel's relationship to this knowledge?**

**Exodus 24:7-8** Here we have not just instruction, but \_\_\_\_\_ instruction.

**Ex. 34:10-16**

**Come back to the question WHY is Yahweh contending with Israel?**

**A. No knowledge (4:1-2, 5:4b)**

**4:2**

From here on out when we see the word "knowledge," think of this definition, "apprehension of Yahweh's will (His choosing, His DESIRE) as revealed in covenant instruction," (Dearman, 159).

**B. Rejected knowledge, Forgotten the law (4:1,6)**

**WHY** is there no knowledge? Israel actively \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge.

**Vs6b-** Since you have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of your God.

One commentator explains to forget "does not mean unable to recall something, to forget means to fail to bring it to conscious focus or ignore its significance so that it no longer guides a person to right response," (Dearman, 159). There is \_\_\_\_\_ neglect in this forgetting.

How am I currently rejecting the Law of God by "forgetting" what I know? **Ps. 19:13**

What do I KNOW to be true from God's Word but am tempted in the flesh to FORGET?

**C. Spirit of harlotry (4:11-12, 5:4)**

**Why** would Israel forget God's Law? because she \_\_\_\_\_ to!

Israel's idolatry started with the idol of \_\_\_\_\_ before they ever bowed down to Baal. "Underneath every gilded statue before which men bow or offer sacrificial gifts is ultimately the worship of oneself,"

(Zemek, Murray p.56). At the altar of the idol of self, \_\_\_\_\_ (my will) trumps \_\_\_\_\_ (God's will revealed in Law).

### **Examples:**

**Gen. 3:6** "Then the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, so she took from its fruit and ate.."

**Ex. 32:1-5** "Then the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from mountain. So the people assembled about Aaron and said to Him, 'Arise, make us gods who will go before us, as for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.'"

### **James 4:1-4**

The more she worships the idols of the land the blinder she becomes (**Isa. 29:13-14, Isa. 44:9-20, Jer. 2:12-13, Jer. 10:1-15**).

**Desire trumps duty and leads to \_\_\_\_\_ by false deities.**

**5:4** says the problem is \_\_\_\_\_ Israel, in their midst. **Ps. 103:1**

Israel's disastrous failure proves exactly what God intended it to prove- man cannot save himself, the Law cannot save, only GOD can save and He WILL save (**Eze. 36:27ff, Rom. 8:3ff**)

### **3. THE CERTAINTY OF JUDGEMENT**

What was said of Ted Bundy in his sentencing can be said of Israel, and of us, "Extremely wicked, shockingly evil and vile."

**Desire trumps duty, and leads to the deception of false deities and definite \_\_\_\_\_.**

Yahweh's contentions lead to His judgment.

- a. Israel rejected Knowledge and covenant instruction of the LAW, **5:3, but rest assured YAHWEH \_\_\_\_\_ EVERY DEED of ISRAEL.**
- b. Israel's spirit of harlotry revealed her willful, determined disobedience, so Yahweh will give her over to that spirit, and **4:19** states that the wind/spirit will bind Israel up.

### **Sow/Reap Judgement**

**4:5-6** Here Hosea shows us literal sowing and \_\_\_\_\_.

**4:7-10** Israel will sow in idolatry, but will reap \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Wrath of Abandonment Judgement**

**4:16-17** Israel refused \_\_\_\_\_, so she's turned out, left in a large field \_\_\_\_\_. **4:19-** return to the spirit theme- same word- Israel blown away, carried away by the spirit of harlotry. Her shame is imminent.

**5:5-6 (cf Amos 8:11-12)** How tragic. Israel will take her sacrifices, herds and flocks, and as **4:15** says, while worshipping idols, she'll simultaneously offer sacrifices to Yahweh, but He is \_\_\_\_\_ there.

**5:11-15** - God's place has been with His people- a punishment is His \_\_\_\_\_.

### **4. THE COMING RESTORATION**

**5:15b** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hosea 14:9**

“Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature’s night- mine eye diffused a quickening ray- I woke the dungeon filled with light. My chains fell off, my heart was free. I rose, went forth and followed Thee. Amazing love, how can it be? That Thou my God wouldst die for me?” Wesley

4:5	You will stumble by day..night, I will destroy your mother
4:6	People destroyed for lack of knowledge, I will reject you as priests, I will forget your children
4:7	I will change their glory to disgrace
4:9-10	I will punish them for their ways and cause their deed to return on them
4:14	Will I not punish your daughters when they play the harlot? People without understanding are ruined
4:17	Ephraim is joined to idols; let him alone
4:19	They will be ashamed
5:2	I will chastise all of them
5:5	Israel and Ephraim stumble, Judah also has stumbled
5:6	They will go to their flocks and herds to seek Yahweh, but they will not find Him. He has withdrawn from them
5:9	Ephraim will become a desolation in the day of reproof
5:11-14	I will pour out My wrath like water, like a moth, like a lion