# Lesson 19 Hosea 4 Indictment of Israel

(Faith) Throughout the history of Israel, the priests had often been the leaders in apostasy and idolatry. So, we see it in Hosea. How is it also seen in the time of Our Lord?

Hosea 4:4,6

4 But let no one accuse, let no one rebuke; with you is my dispute, priest!

6 My people are ruined for lack of knowledge! Since you have rejected knowledge,  
 I will reject you from serving as my priest; Since you have forgotten the law of your God,  
 I will also forget your children.

Matthew 26:3-

2 "You know that in two days' time it will be Passover,   
 and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest,   
 who was called Caiaphas,

4 and they consulted together to arrest Jesus by treachery and put him to death.

Matthew 26:64-65

64 Jesus said to him in reply, "You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see   
 'the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power' and 'coming on the clouds of heaven.'"

65 Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has blasphemed!  
 What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy;

John 19:15

Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your king?”   
The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.”

(Hope) Chapters 4 and 5 seem bereft of hope. But, trusting in the Lord, we know hope will soon arise as it does in Chapter 6. Do you find this to be true in your life, today?

Hosea 6:1

1 “Come, let us return to the LORD, for it is he who has torn,   
 but he will heal us; he has struck down, but he will bind our wounds.

(Love) When there is no faith or knowledge of the Lord evil breaks out. How is it the same today?

Hosea 4:1-2

1 Hear the word of the LORD, Israelites, for the LORD has a dispute with the inhabitants of the land:  
 There is no fidelity, no loyalty, no knowledge of God in the land.

2 Swearing, lying, murder, stealing and adultery break out; bloodshed follows bloodshed.