

THE ISRAELITE MESSENGER OF GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE:
ISRAEL FOUND GUILTY
(Hosea 4:1 – 6:3)

- I. Summary Overview (4:1-14)
 - A. Three GENERAL charges (4:1)
 - 1. No FAITHFULNESS
 - 2. No KINDNESS
 - 3. No KNOWLEDGE OF GOD
 - B. Five CAPITAL offenses (4:2)
 - 1. SWEARING (cf. Exod. 20:7)
 - 2. DECEPTION (cf. Exod. 20:16)
 - 3. MURDER (cf. Exod. 20:13)
 - 4. STEALING (cf. Exod. 20:15)
 - 5. ADULTERY (cf. Exod. 20:14)
 - C. The ARROGANCE of sinful REBELLION (4:3-8)
 - 1. The people REJECT the TRUTH (4:4)
 - 2. The priests ENCOURAGE the SIN
 - D. The CONSEQUENCES of their SIN
 - 1. Their WORSHIP is destroyed (4:6, 12, 13)
 - 2. Their SOCIETY is destroyed (4:7, 11)
 - 3. Their FAMILIES are destroyed (4:13-14)

II. WARNING to Judah (4:15-19)

- A. Don't follow Israel into SPIRITUAL ADULTERY
- B. Don't follow Israel into STUBBORN REBELLION
- C. Don't follow Israel to YOUR OWN DESTRUCTION

III. INDICTMENT of Israel (5:1-15)

- A. Commands the attention of the PRIESTS, the PEOPLE, and the KING (5:1-2)
 - 1. They are all GUILTY
 - 2. God will CHASTIZE all of them
- B. Lists their OFFENSES (5:3-4)
 - 1. Willful IGNORANCE (5:3-4)
 - 2. Blatant ARROGANCE (5:5)
 - 3. Panicked DESPERATION (5:6)
 - 4. Treasonous DECEPTION (5:7)
- C. Promises their DESTRUCTION (5:8-15a)
 - 1. A pending ENEMY INVASION
 - 2. No help in HUMAN INGENUITY
 - 3. To be DISMEMBERED by the Divine LION
 - 4. To be ABANDONED by God until they REPENT

IV. HOPE for Israel (5:15b - 6:3)

- A. Will SEEK the Lord in their AFFLICTION (5:15b)
- B. Will be RESTORED by God's GRACE (6:1-3)
 - 1. His return to them is CERTAIN
 - 2. He will bring to them ABUNDANT BLESSING