



**Pamagat:** The LORD’s Charges Against Israel

**Hosea 4:12-19** “My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God. 13 They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof is good: therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery. 14 I will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: therefore the people that doth not understand shall fall. 15 Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Judah offend; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Bethaven, nor swear, The LORD liveth. 16 For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place. 17 Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone. 18 Their drink is sour: they have committed whoredom continually: her rulers with shame do love, Give ye. 19 The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.”

**Panimula:**

1. Israel apostatized. Apostasy means to turn away from known truth.
2. Israel turned away with regards to the true sacrifices for Jehovah worship (vv.12-13)
3. Israel is likened to a “backsliding heifer.” – (v.16) – Apis – the Egyptian bull-god. [guyay baka na matigas ang ulo o nagdadalagang baka na hindi sumusunod]

**I. The Sins Charged Against Israel.**

- A. Idolatry – spiritual whoredom. (1 Cor. 10:20)
- B. Immorality – physical whoredom.
- C. Injustice (v.18)
- D. Tinawag parin silang “My people.”

**II. The Tokens of God’s Anger Against Them Because of Their Sins.**

- A. God will not punish Judah because of Israel’s sins – for a while.
- B. The sinner’s prosperity will be used to their destruction.
- C. No means will be used to bring them to repentance.
- D. One of the saddest verse: (v.17) – “Let him alone” (Ephraim – is put for Israel; Joseph’s second son, Gen. 48:1; Josh. 16)

**Katapusan:**

1. Judah was given a warning but they too will eventually fall. (v.14-15)
2. Judah had the Temple, the Priesthood, and the David Kings.
3. Avoid Gilgal and the Bethaven (“house of vanity”). – avoid the devil’s territory.
4. Our day and age is exactly the same as Israel.