

# Hosea

“For the Lord has a covenant lawsuit  
against the people of Israel.”



# Transition

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- The first three chapters focus on the story of how Gomer, the wife of Hosea, violated the marriage covenant with her husband.
- This story was orchestrated by God to be a metaphor for how Israel – God’s bride – violated its covenant with God – the covenant He had established with Abraham.
- Despite her unfaithfulness, Hosea continued in his love for Gomer, he pursued her, bought her out of captivity, and restored her as his wife.
- From Chapter 4 on, Hosea tells the people how *their* story will end.

# Hosea 4:1a

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Listen to the Lord's message, you Israelites!

For the Lord has a covenant lawsuit against the people of Israel.

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# Hosea 4:1b

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For there is neither faithfulness nor loyalty in the land,  
nor do they acknowledge God.

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Because there is no faithfulness or kindness or  
knowledge of God in the land.

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There is no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgment  
of God in the land.

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No faithfulness!

No love!

No acknowledgement of God!

# faithfulness, love, acknowledgement

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How do each or all of them pertain to a marriage covenant relationship?

In the context of Chapter 4 – covenant lawsuit – what do they refer to?

# faithfulness, love, acknowledgement

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Have you ever experienced a work culture where faithfulness (loyalty) and/or love (kindness) were in short supply?

How about in your neighborhood? Your family?

# Hosea 4:2

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There is only cursing, lying and murder, stealing and adultery;  
they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.

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