



# BEHIND

THE

# CONTROVERSY

*"...because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land."*

H O S E A 4 : 1

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## I. A \_\_\_\_\_ CONCERN

**HOSEA 4:1-2** *Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.*

## II. A \_\_\_\_\_ REVEALED

**HOSEA 4:3-5** *Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away. Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that strive with the priest. Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother.*

## III. A \_\_\_\_\_ PROBLEM

**HOSEA 4:6-7** *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.*

## IV. A \_\_\_\_\_ TO HEALING

**HOSEA 6:1-2** *Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us b up, and we shall live in his sight.*