

“SCANDALOUS GRACE” Series

Message #4

“A SCANDALOUS NATION”

God knows what is going on in the nations of the world and is at work to bring them back to a right relationship with Himself.

Hosea 4 / August 9, 2020

1. NO GOD – (v.1-3)

“The Lord has a charge to bring against you ... there is no faithfulness, no love, and no acknowledgment of God in the land.”

A. PEOPLE SUFFER

“There is only cursing, lying and murder, stealing and adultery ... and bloodshed follows bloodshed.”

B. THE LAND SUFFERS

“Because of this the land suffers ...”

- You don’t want me? Suffer the consequences. – v.2-3

“Because you ate from the tree about which I command you, ‘You must not eat of it,’ Cursed is the ground because of you ... until you return to the ground ...” - Genesis 3:17, 19

“Creation groans ... because it was subjected to frustration, bondage, and decay.” – Romans 8:18-23

2. NO KNOWLEDGE – (v.4-9)

“My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge.”

A. YOU IGNORE ME

“You ignore my law so I will ignore your children.”

B. YOU RELISH YOUR WICKEDNESS

“The priests feed on the sins of my people.”

- You destroy me, I will destroy you. – v.6

“Although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.” – Romans 1:21

3. NO RESTRAINT – (v.10-13)

“They will eat but not have enough; they will engage in prostitution but not increase, because they have deserted the Lord.”

A. YOU WON’T HAVE ENOUGH

“You will eat but not have enough.”

B. YOU WON’T PROSPER

“You will engage in prostitution but not increase.”

- You ignore me, I will ignore you. – v.6

OUR SOVEREIGN GOD WILL GET HIS WAY

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” – Matthew 24:14

“Kingdom” vs. “Kindom”

Gospel Focused vs. Earth Focused

“For God so loved the world ... that he gave his Son.” – John 3:16

THE NATIONS WILL COME TO JERUSALEM ...

Micah 4:2; Jeremiah 3:17; Isaiah 60:3; Revelation 15:4b