

Hosea 6:1-3

The Third Day

1. Hosea 5:15-6:1 – The LORD will Heal

- a. 5:12-13 - The LORD afflicts them with sickness acc. to the covenant - Lev 26:25-28
- b. 5:15 - *"I will return to my place"* - God leaves them - Prov 1:22, Matt 23:37, John 16:7
- c. *"till they acknowledge their offence"* - i.e. he stays away til Israel repents - Acts 3:19-23
- d. 6:1 - *"Come let us return"* – Prophecy of Israel's return in repentance after judgment
 - i. This is remnant Israel's repentance during the future great tribulation.
- e. *"for he hath torn"* they acknowledge God is right "song of Moses" -De 32:39, Rev 15:3
- f. *"he will heal us"* -God made a covenant to heal Israel if they obeyed - Exo 15:22-26
 - i. *"The Sun of righteousness arise with healing his wings"* – Lk 7:19-22, Mal 4:2
 - ii. *"I will bind up that which is broken"* - Eze 34:13-16

2. Hosea 6:2 – Israel's Revival

- a. Revive ~def. To return to life; resurrect. Every Bible revival concerns Israel/resurrection.
- b. *"he will raise us up"* – Israel comes back from the dead - Ez 37:11-19, Mt 3:9, Ro 11:15
- c. The resurrection will occur on the third day (not the first, or the second).
- d. *"we shall live in his sight"* – purified, saved, cleansed, made holy – Hos 5:6, 1Jn 3:2 -3

3. Hosea 6:3 – The Coming of the LORD

- a. *"Then shall we know"* – unlike not knowing in Hosea 4:6, but Heb 8:11
 - i. The New Covenant will bring salvation and knowledge to Israel.
- b. *"his going forth is ... as the morning"* – The Sun rises in the morning while its dark.
- c. *"he shall come unto us"* –To dwell with, reign with, be their God – Hos 2:14-22
- d. *"as the rain..."* – Not as a lion or an enemy, but to produce fruit, refreshing. Jam 5:7-8
- e. *"latter rain"* – God provides in the kingdom -Pro 16:15, Psa 72:1-6, Joel 2:23-27
- f. *"shall come... unto the earth"* – This speaks to the coming of the Lord to the earth.

4. The Third Day Dating Dilemma

- a. There is much disagreement about when verse 2 is fulfilled (i.e. date setting)
- b. 1st, who is it? Israel? (Yes) or Jesus, too? 1 Cor 15:4, (see Matt 2:15 cf. Hos 11:1)
 - i. Jesus rose from the dead the third day, too - Matt 24:30, Mk 9:31
 - ii. But, the wording "after two days" never refers to Jesus resurrection in the NT.
- c. 2nd, when is it? Enter the millennial day theory of 2 Peter 3:8
 - i. Applied to creation it suggests world history of 7000 years – God's rest in the 7th
 - ii. Problem → Y2K (we're already in the 7th no matter whose date you use)
 - iii. Applied to Hosea 6:2, Israel is dead 2000 years then rises up in the 3rd thousand
 - iv. Problem → When is Israel dead? 740, 722, 587BC, cross, Acts 7, 28, 70AD?
- d. 2 Peter 3:8 – Not a datesetting formula, but rather a comfort that ...
 - i. God can do in one day what it takes thousand years for man to do. He is powerful
 - ii. He remembers 1000 years like they were yesterday – he is faithful to his promise.
 - iii. He says to remember the prophets – many of which died not receiving it.
- e. Why is it important we know WHEN Israel will resurrect in their kingdom?
 - i. *"Then, we can know when Christ returns, and how much time we have left."*
 - ii. This only affects those who would neglect the work if there was still time.
 - iii. No one knows the time with certainty we know salvation, or Israel's return (6:2)
 - iv. In Acts 1:7 – Jesus said it was not for them to know (after Hosea 6:2)
 - v. Isa 11:11 – God will recover a "second time" the remnant, what comes after 2?