

An aerial photograph of a vast, arid landscape. The terrain is a mix of brown and tan earth with some blueish-grey patches, possibly from mineral deposits or water runoff. A winding road or path is visible in the lower half of the image. In the distance, a small settlement or industrial site is visible on a ridge. The sky is a dramatic mix of blue, purple, and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, serif font.

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We want to look in the Word of God in the Book of Hosea, Chapter 6. Now I know most of you believe that God sent the prophet messenger, William Branham, to close out the seventh church age. Then He sent an apostle, Raymond Jackson, and God gave Brother Jackson a revelation revealing what would happen in Israel concerning the ending of the two days (two thousand years) are finished and beyond. And how God restores back all their land and then gives them the gospel through two prophets as Israel recognizes and accepts the real Lamb of God as Jesus Christ their King. This is speaking of the elect of Israel.

I want to show you where we're at in time as it relates to Israel and the Gentiles. Two thousand years now has already elapsed for Israel and the Gentiles, as God said He would wait two days and then make complete restoration bringing us, the Gentile bride, up to the 70th Week of Daniel. Now this two days is talking of Israel in the natural, but in a spiritual sense He restores the Gentile bride prior to returning to Israel. We now have arrived at this time in history.

I read a big book of the history of the Jews. It shows that every time Israel was in persecution the church was, too; they were persecuted side by side throughout seven church ages. When Israel was destroyed in 70 A.D. and taken out of the homeland, the church was taken out of the spiritual homeland. They were out of the homeland for two thousand years. Israel now has returned back to the homeland; so has the church of the living God.

Hosea 6:1 says, *“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.”* The old spirit of the Nicolaitanes got in the church and in the same time period Israel was driven from the homeland. He said, *“Thou has smitten.”* A lot of times it is God doing something when we think maybe it’s the devil. If we get going down a contrary road that’s going to lead away from the place that God wants us to be, sometimes He will let certain circumstances happen to us in order to stop us, to make us think, and say, *“Wait just a minute here, why is this happening to me?”* Sometimes God will smite us if necessary. Many times God will cause conditions in our life and we’ll say, *“The devil is doing this to me, and the devil is doing that to me, and I’m just being beat up by the devil so badly.”* Well, sometimes that’s the case; but sometimes it’s the Lord allowing certain things to happen to you to get your attention, because there’s a stop sign here and He wants you to stop and pray. Sometimes the only reason we really get down to business with God is when we have a lot of things going wrong. That’s human nature; as long as everything is rolling along fine, we’re happy. As long as everything’s running just right, we don’t stop and pause, and look and see where our life is coming from, see where our help is coming from, and see where our blessings are coming from.

Paul said, *“Some have swerved.”* And it’s not a real serious thing to swerve as long as we pull it back in line, see. But I believe God is trying to get us to where we swerve less and less, don’t you? We’re coming to the end time and the Lord says, *“He has smitten,”* but the Lord will heal, see.

Hosea 6:1 *“Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he has smitten, and he will bind us up. Verse 2, “After two days will he revive us: (notice), **in the third day** he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.”* Now in the third day,

after the two days. Notice the word *after* – after two days, see, not *during* the two days, because during the two days you're running the seven church age course where seven thunders took place and all these other mysteries were finished. And as this time period began to come to an end, God sent a prophet to wake up the world, He sent a midnight cry and there was a voice saying, "Behold the bridegroom cometh." (Matthew, Chapter 25) There began to be an awakening. The last church age was coming to an end, and darkness was settling in the church world. But the promise of God, in Zechariah 14:6-7 says, "Now before the day ends, the sun is going to break through." Hallelujah! There's going to be some light, enough light to run back to the Word! And he says, "There shall be light at the evening time." Praise God, there was enough light to get us started in the right direction. There was enough light to get us out of organized religion. There was enough Light to let us see there was One God. And there was enough light to show us water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, Hallelujah! He said He would give us light, and at the evening time there would be light. We've come through this evening light period. And just as the evening light in the natural does – the sun went down and darkness came upon the earth, but behold the Son arose in our hearts!

There's a scripture in 2Peter 1:19 that talks about the Word of God. It says, "*We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the Day Star arise in your hearts:*" We have a more sure word of prophecy, which is the Bible, and we do well to look to the Bible. It will be like a flashlight. It will keep you in line. It's not going to be like the sun, but it will be like a light shining in the darkness. It says, "You have that *until* the day dawns." Now the day is to dawn in the last day. It's the

beginning of that third day. We've come through the two days, and after two days, notice that, *after two days* He will revive us and in the third day we shall live in His sight. And Revelation 10:8-11 puts the Gentile bride in the third day. Two days have already past and gone. The time cycle has elapsed and that's the finishing of the two days of Hosea 6:1-2 for the Gentile bride.

As we have come into the third day, Israel is going to take back every bit of her land. She's going to build that temple back and her King is going to come. The two prophets are going to come to that land and prophesy (Notice, the bride prophesying in Revelation 10:11 is ending as the two prophets prophesying is beginning.) There's going to be light in Israel. The sun is going to rise for her. But for the bride of Jesus Christ, He's standing here spiritually in the earth for her. "The Sun of Righteousness shall rise with healing in His wings." (Malachi 4:2) "After two days, He will revive us:" The two days are up. We've had our time of wandering in the wilderness but behold, let me announce to you tonight, that two days is over!

Solomon saw a woman, coming out of the wilderness and she was leaning on her beloved; her wilderness journey is over. He said "Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness, leaning on her beloved?" It's you, the bride of Jesus Christ, seeing Jesus, the same yesterday, today and forever. After two days it shall be; and by the modern calendars those two days have expired. At this time the two days is completed. He said just after this He will heal. Oh Praise God, I'm telling you there's a healing balm; there's a balm in Gilead. There's healing for the bride; there's deliverance for the bride; there's a gospel for the bride; there's leadership for the bride; there's a ministry for the bride; and there's gifts for the bride of Jesus Christ!

In Revelation 10:8, it says, "The voice from heaven spake again." The first time the voice spoke it put us through the

church ages, and it was in that evening time that the mystery would be finished. In the evening time the sun would come out in the form of seven spiritual angels making up the face of Christ, seven thunders uttering right out together. *"There shall be Light in the evening time, the path of Glory, you're sure to find."* Hallelujah! We found the path, see. We found the path, we walked the path, and now we are in heavenly places. Paul said, "We're in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." He said, "We're translated out of the kingdom of darkness, into the Kingdom of His dear Son and into the Kingdom of God." I've already got my spiritual translation; my soul is already translated! This world means nothing to me – its glory, its pleasures, and its wealth is nothing to me. I'm only in love with the Master, Hallelujah! We've arrived! Like Jesus said, "What if you see the Son of man ascending up into heaven, which is in heaven," even while He spoke. Paul said, "We're made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Now this is some of the healing He has for us, this is the reviving He has for us.

There are three baptisms that are spoken of in the New Testament. One of the baptisms is baptism in water in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. That's a natural thing that we do; we baptize in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then the work is left up to God; and if He doesn't do a work, then you just got wet, see. Then He baptizes you with the Holy Ghost and with fire; that makes you an individual before God. You're sealed, you've got contact with God, you can talk to God, and you can walk with God. Then, the third baptism is, *He inducts you* into a fellowship. Paul spoke of it as being baptized into the body of Christ.

It's bringing our minds together. You're baptized into the body of Christ, all having the same mind. You're baptized into that mind of Christ, all speaking the same thing and that there

would be no division among you. The Spirit of God gives you an apostolic message, that five fold ministry message. He said He would heal us after two days. I want my healing. I want my revival. Lord, you said you would revive us after two days." Glory to God, I've been revived! I'm just waiting for the change.

Let's get another one of these scriptures. Hosea 6:2 says, "*After two days,*" so it's got to be after 2000. It has been the evening light, and during this evening light, Brother Raymond Jackson came and told us where Israel fit. He did this by revealing the second part of that fifth seal. Brother Branham made known the first part of the fifth seal, but God through Brother Jackson revealed the second part of the fifth seal showing the trumpets, the vials, the 70th Week of Daniel, etc. So Brother Jackson was ministering in that evening time period, and he thoroughly told us all about the brethren. The Jews are the brethren, which was revealed by the fifth seal, but the Gentiles are the bride. (Note: The Lord took His servant Brother Jackson home as the two days were ending.)

Looking back to the first age, the Lord had one apostle called Paul, who spearheaded that message for the bride. God said to Paul, "I want you to go and be a light to the Gentiles and be for salvation to the ends of the earth, delivering them from the power of Satan unto the power of God." There was only one apostle that God spoke to in that manner; and his name was Paul. But to the Jews, Peter was the one that carried the banner to the Jewish part of the church. So God used Brother Jackson, a Gentile apostle to reveal God's workings with Israel, so that our understanding would be complete here at rapturing time.

I like that little saying there that's spoken of in Amos about what the Lord will do for the bride in the completion of our revelation. Sometimes the bride may get to the place where she looks almost destroyed. But the Lord spoke and said; "As the

shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear," He can take that and build it back, see. The lion might have mauled you until you feel like there isn't anything left but two legs and a piece of an ear; but if you have some ears, you can hear and if you have two legs you can walk. You can hear the Word of God and walk in the light! There are no hopeless cases, Hallelujah! All things are possible to them that believe!

Now after two days, we've got to realize bride, where we're at. We don't have another age to come through; we have only a very short time. I'm not saying it's going to be in five years; it may be for me before I get through preaching this sermon, but if it is, just remember, there is a message, there is a gospel, there is a Christ and He's the real Christ. And He will never leave you nor forsake you, not even in your worst time. *"Somewhere in the shadows you'll find Jesus."* He's the one that gives me peace, joy, and tranquility. He's the one that helps you when you feel like you don't have a friend in the world. He's a friend that sticks closer than a brother. He is that light at the end of the tunnel.

Let's come out of the evening light and walk in the light of a new day. The Son has risen, the two days are over, and we're in the third day. Let's see what He's going to do for us in the third day. He said in Hosea 6:2, *"After two days he will revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight."* Verse 3, *"Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning,"* Morning, a new day; it's not the evening light, it is morning. It's the morning time when the sun rises. Every day His mercies are new. I love the mornings. I love to think and meditate in the morning; because by the time the evening gets here I've got so much on my mind that it's hard for me to pull aside and really think and meditate on the Lord. But He'll go forth as the morning; then He says, continuing with Verse 3, *"and he shall come unto us as the rain,"* It's raining again!

Glory to God! Then watch what He does; *“as the rain, as the latter rain and the former rain unto the earth.”*

Now I don't think there's much more rain that we could get, *“the rain, the latter rain and the former rain,”* where's anything else? He just pours the whole bucket on us. Are you ready for Him to pour the whole bucket full on you? He will withhold no good thing from them that love Him.

Now on to more scripture. In the Book of Isaiah 52:1, it says, *“Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, (that's clothed in fine linen), O Jerusalem, the holy city:”* Jerusalem. The Bride is a beautiful City already. *“...for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.”* Verse 2, *“Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.”* Verse 3, *“For thus saith the Lord, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; (and that's what we've done, through the church ages), and ye shall be redeemed without money.”*

Let's go to Verse 6, *“Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I.”* Now if you could get that revelation, you could look at things different, see. *“Behold it is I, that speaks.”* Now Isaiah was a vessel; read that good, Isaiah was the vessel, but it was God that was doing the speaking, do you see what I'm saying? Let me get that again, because the next thing I read is going to be important, too. He says, *“Therefore they shall know in that day that I am He that doth speak: behold it is I.”*

You know, He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The Bible calls it an ass. Some of them recognized Him and said, *“Behold the King cometh.”* And others said, *“Him, a King? You've got to be kidding?”* But there was some that threw branches in the way and began to say, *“Hosanna, Hosanna, to Him that comes in the name of the Lord.”* But the leaders there said, *“No, He's not a*

King; He didn't come riding in on a great white horse." See, that's the way He comes to us sometimes; He comes humbly, riding on a donkey, and you're sure to miss it unless it's revealed. Did you catch that statement? "And you're sure to miss it unless it's revealed," because He comes clothed, hid in a cloud, clothed in a cloud and only a revelation will penetrate through the cloud to see what's in that cloud. But the bride sees what's in that cloud. There He is, His face shining like the sun. Hallelujah!

Verse 7 says, "*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!*" That's what I'm telling you! Apostate religion has stopped reigning; they don't reign anymore. Church hierarchy doesn't reign anymore. "Thy God reigneth!" Hallelujah! Here He comes at the most unexpected time; here comes the Lord! Yes, the voice from heaven is speaking again (Revelation 10:8-11) which is the restored Ministry of Ephesians 4:11-16) and we have to have our minds ready to hear what the Lord has got to say. He's passing by this way. I'll tell you, *the wind is blowing again, just like on the Day of Pentecost*, except it's blowing to finish up the end time bride; let it blow over your soul and blow all that dust off. Rise up and shake the dust off, He said, and say, "Thy God reigneth!" Denominations don't reign anymore, "Thy God reigneth!"

Then He has some watchmen here, this prophecy in Isaiah 52:7 says, "*Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice;*" The voice; not thy watchman shall lift up *their voices*; they're lifting up the voice. There's one, the voice that has to be lifted up. "If I be lifted up, I'll draw all men unto me." It says, "*Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.*" Now, when will it be?

After two days. How many see where we're at? After two days, not in the church ages, that's history, and God blessed those saints. Now where's someone that will step up to the plate? Where's someone that will step up to the trumpet? Where's someone that will step up and say, "The watchmen have to see eye to eye; they all have to speak the same thing?" He will make provisions for us to do that, and when He makes provisions, they're very good and He'll do it in such a humble way that it'll be like John the Baptist. The disciples came to Jesus when they recognized who He was and said, "Why do the Sadducees say that Elias must first come before this takes place?" Jesus said, (listen to me, don't miss this church), "He's already come and did exactly what He was supposed to do right here among you and you missed it." There sat the Lord Jesus Christ in the temple there; they were singing, reading the Psalms, the Psalms of David, saying that the Messiah is coming and when He comes what was to be. But there He sat right in the midst, and they recognized Him not.

He just keeps giving us one chance after another, one after another. You know, we're not as gracious as God is. If someone fails two or three times, then we are reluctant to give them a second chance or a third chance. But the Lord, He does. He'll send messengers, He'll send trials, He'll send blessings, and keep on working with us. He's come to baptize us into one mind; that baptism into the body, which is an induction into a fellowship where there's only one mind. Let this mind which was also in Christ be in you, the induction into the mind of Christ. Then you're thinking changes; you can't think but one way. You might do some foolish things, and try to deviate here a little or deviate there a little, for some selfish reason. But if you're His, He re-baptizes you into that mind. Baptize us again, Lord! The disciples were filled with the Holy Ghost, but after

some trials, after some work there, the Bible says, "They were filled with the Holy Ghost," and this was the second time. "I need Thee, Oh, I need Thee!"

Let me get this, Isaiah 52:8, "*The watchmen shall lift **the voice**; with the voice together,*" Now, it has to be together. Like the fellows up here on the musical instruments. He said, "They'll lift up the voice together;" there'll be no difference. "*Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.*" You can look at Israel and see what is taking place; they're back in the homeland. He's bringing back Zion after two days; and that two days has just elapsed and in that third day, He will restore it. Verse 9, "*Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.*" How many know you're redeemed? You're redeemed; the Lord has redeemed you. "*He hath redeemed Jerusalem,*" – He's redeemed us.

In this last day, He said He would bring again Zion. He said that He would revive us and give rain, former rain and latter rain, all at one time. He said He would give this to us. He has brought again Zion by giving us leadership so that we would see eye to eye. Then He said that He would give us a living (spiritual) message for a living (spiritual) people; something that's pertinent for the day and time we're living in. God Bless you. Amen.

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