

**BBC - Home Bible Study Outline – 3/9/25 – “3<sup>rd</sup> Day” – Hosea 6:1-3**

**Hosea 6:1-3** - *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.*

<sup>2</sup> *After two days will he revive us: in the **third day** he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.*

<sup>3</sup> *Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.*

Many Bible commentators have suggested this passage has to do with Jesus' 3<sup>rd</sup>-day Resurrection. On Wednesdays, we've been in a study-series of 'Biblical End-Times.' And this passage, as well as a parallel passage from **Exodus 19**, actually has to do with the Church Age & Jesus' '3<sup>rd</sup>-day' 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming!

**Discussion:** Re-read this passage; is God talking about Himself, or Us?

**Exodus 19** - 3 months after the Jews' exodus from the bondage of Egypt, God admonishes & promises:

**19:5-6** - **God says** to His people; if you obey & keep my covenant, you'll be a *holy kingdom of priests!*

**19:10** - **Moses** is instructed to go *sanctify the people (for 2 days)*, & the **people** to *wash their clothes*.

**19:11** - **The people** are then warned to *be ready* for the **3<sup>rd</sup> Day**, when God will *come down* to them.

**19:14-17** - They all *obeyed*, and on the morning of the **3<sup>rd</sup> Day** they were *brought out to meet God*.

**Discussion:** 1) If **we** obey God, how do Peter & John describe **us** in **1 Peter 2:5,9** & **Revelation 1:6**?

2) If Moses typifies a NT '**preacher**' of God's people, how is he to '*sanctify*' the Church?

3) What does the Bible mean that the **people** are responsible to '*wash their clothes*'?

4) What were they to do in order to prepare for, in anticipation of the expected 3<sup>rd</sup> Day?

5) If in **v.17** Moses typifies **Jesus Christ**, what happens on, the **3<sup>rd</sup> Day**?

**Hosea 6** - Similarly, God's prophet admonishes God's people to '*return*' to Him, with a promise if they do.

**6:1** - In *response* to the prophet's admonishment, the people return to the Lord to be *healed & bound-up*.

**6:2** - After 2-days they'll be *revived*, and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day they'll be *raised up to live in God's sight*.

**6:3** - Then, **if** the people have intimately *followed the Lord*, they will *know & recognize* His blessings.

**Discussion:** 1) How can **we** determine to *return* to the Lord, with more active faith & obedience?

2) What can it mean that if during the first 2-days of '*returning*,' we're *revived*?

3) What can it mean that those who've been *revived*, are then *raised up* on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day?

4) After being '*raised up*,' what does **1 Corinthians 13:12** say about what we'll then *know*?

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Day:** While Jesus did indeed rise of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day after being crucified & buried, the above passages are actually Old Testament glimpses of the Church Age, our Commission, and Jesus' return.

• In our Wednesday "Biblical End Times" studies, we learned that there are three extended ages/eras, or broad periods of time:

1) the **Old Testament** era, lasting about 4,000 years;

2) the **New Testament** era, thus far lasting about 2,000 years;

3) and a subsequent **Millennium** that will endure 1,000 years.

• The 4,000-year Old Testament era can depict the time of God's people before their deliverance.

• The 2,000-year New Testament Church era can (*in the **Exodus** & **Hosea** passages*) depict the first '**2-days**' when the preacher is sent to proclaim God's Word to the people. The people are then to respond by washing their clothes (*by faith receive Christ for the cleansing of sin*), so that God will then '*revive*' them (*cause them to be 'born-again'*), in expectation (*with prayer & fasting, **1 Corinthians 7:5***) of the coming **3<sup>rd</sup> Day**.

• The '*morning*' (*the very beginning*) of the **3<sup>rd</sup> Day**, can depict when the Church is raptured by the returning Christ (*after the Church Age*), so that we can then dwell with Him during His **Millennium**.

**Discussion:** 1) How **Exodus** & **Hosea** depict for us the Church, our Commission, & the Lord's Return.

2) Seeing where we are in the first 2-day period, how close might we be to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day?