

Hosea 6

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6 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. (God will heal them if they repent. They usually only wake up when the good times end)

²After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. (Jesus resurrected 3 days following His crucifixion by the Romans)

(Jesus will return to us on the 3rd day after the two witnesses are killed by antichrist; in the streets of Jerusalem, at the end of this Age)

³Then 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. (Former rain is for planting the seed; latter rain is for maturing the crops. That will result in a good harvest)

⁴O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away. (Ephraim- synonymous of the 10 northern tribes)

(The morning cloud goes away as soon as the sun warms the earth. It produces no rain for the crops. It amounts to nothing)

⁵Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth. (hewed = sown – old Anglo Saxon word) (Your judgment is as assured as the rising of the sun. It will come whether you like it or not)

⁶For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. (God does not want our burnt offerings. HE wants our love and our mercy. HE wants us to know His Word and to live by it. That is our offering to Him in the New Testament)

⁷But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me. (They broke their covenant with God and turned to idol worship)

NOTE: (Today, we're no better than they were. Our idols are – the pursuit of wealth; sexual perversion, abortion – because a pregnancy

is inconvenient; self righteousness; crime for easy money;
government corruption for a power grab; etc)

⁸ Gilead is a city of them that work iniquity, and is polluted with blood.
(Gilead was a city of refuge. Even there, they trespassed against
God; killing souls with false teachings)

⁹ And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so the company of priests
murder in the way by consent: for they commit lewdness. (They lie in
wait and murder souls with false teachings. They do it for the money)

¹⁰ I have seen an horrible thing in the house of Israel: there is the
whoredom of Ephraim, Israel is defiled. (The golden calves of
Jeroboam and all the other idols that they worshipped)

¹¹ Also, O Judah, he hath set an harvest for thee, when I returned the
captivity of my people. (There will be a harvest of punishment for
trespassing against God's commandments for some; a harvest of
rewards for those who remain loyal. Learn God's Word; and live by it)