

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. (If we 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 will return on the 3rd day after the two witnesses are killed by antichrist 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- for planting the seed; latter rain- for maturing and harvest of the crops)

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 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)

⁶For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. (God does not want our burnt offering. HE wants our love and mercy. HE wants us to know HIS word and to do it)

⁷But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me.

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

⁹And 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)

¹⁰I 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)

¹¹Also, O Judah, he hath set an harvest for thee, when I returned the captivity of my people. (A harvest of punishment for trespassing against God's commandments for some; a harvest of rewards for others)