



*\*Hosea chapter 6 parallels the issues we as believers face in our world today.*

*\*Hosea 5:15 (KJV) I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early. (Earnestly)*

1. **Israel must earnestly seek** Jesus as a prerequisite before His second coming.
2. **The Devil is trying to destroy** the people before they can repent.

*\*Hosea 6:1 "Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds.*

*2 After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence.*

*3 Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth."*

*4 "What can I do with you, Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears.*

*5 Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets, I killed you with the words of my mouth—then my judgments go forth like the sun.*

*6 For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.*

*\*The resurrection of the people of God.*

1. **V:1 God judges his people/church before** he judges the world. Better to be judged here on earth than at the great white throne.
2. **V:2 A single day in the Bible often represents** a single year of our time and also a thousand years.
  - A. **\*Psalm 90:4 & 2 Peter 3:8** A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by.
  - B. **\*Daniel 9:27** He will make a firm covenant with the many for one week.
  - C. **\*Romans 11:25-32** Until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in and in this way, all of Israel will be saved.
3. **V:2 This verse could have a double meaning** within it. One for Israel and one for the Church. You decide.

4. **V:3 Gives a certainty of the main event** in verse 2; as certain as the sun rises in the morning this is going to happen.
  - A. Two periods are referenced, the winter, and the spring rains.
  - B. Are these two events attached in some way?
  
5. **V:4-5 What should God do with Israel/Church?** Your loyalty is fleeting; therefore I will sift you with my Word (His mouth). The judgments of God are tools to prepare us for his return.
  
6. **V:6 Jesus quotes this verse in Matthew 12:7** and questions the religious leaders about their confidence in knowing the heart of God.

*\*Hosea 6:7 As at Adam, they have broken the covenant; they were unfaithful to me there.*

*8 Gilead is a city of evildoers, stained with footprints of blood.*

*9 As marauders lie in ambush for a victim, so do bands of priests; they murder on the road to Shechem, carrying out their wicked schemes.*

*10 I have seen a horrible thing in Israel: There Ephraim is given to prostitution, Israel is defiled.*

*11 "Also for you, Judah, a harvest is appointed. "Whenever I would restore the fortunes of my people.*

### \*A harvest is appointed for who?

1. **V:7 There is no harvest for the unfaithful.** The phrase at Adam is a Holy Spirit wordplay for the fallen humanity, it is also a reference to the lack of faith at the place where Joshua crossed the Jordan and those that stayed behind.
  
2. **V:8 There is no harvest for those who centered their lives** on wicked deeds. Gilead was such a city.
  
3. **V:9-10 No harvest for those who** took consent (Shechem) to do works of evil and lewdness.
  
4. **V:11 The Harvest is for those who have received a new bloodline** through Salvation in Christ Jesus.