

*\*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.
   1. \*Psalm 90:4 & 2 Peter 3:8 A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by.
   2. \*Daniel 9:27 He will make a firm covenant with the many for one week.
   3. \*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.
   1. Two periods are referenced, the winter, and the spring rains.
   2. 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.