

THE THIRD DAY.

BRETHREN IN CHRIST: – I find in the sixth chapter of Hosea a reason why Christ was resurrected on the third day.

Hosea says, "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; after two days, (two thousand year-days) will he (God) *revive us*, in the third day, (Millennial day) he will *raise us up*, and we shall live *in his sight*. Hosea 6:1-2.

Thus we see the two thousand of the Jew's cast off condition and the one thousand years of favor and resurrection, and it furnishes a reason why Christ arose on the third day.

The 3d verse explains still further – "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 (or Spring) and former (or Fall) rain unto the earth." So we have Christ's first coming to Redeem the inheritance and prepare for his kingdom and call his saints. And His Second coming to claim his kingdom and restore lost man to his estate. How beautifully these prophecies blend together showing us that there is a meaning in all that Christ did and it seems glorious that God is willing to disclose some of these mysteries to us in this day. So may we walk as to win the "prize of the high calling" of God. Rejoice, brethren, rejoice!

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