

## Hosea 6:1-11 **Yahweh is Calling His Impenitent Children to Repentance**

### A Call to Repentance

1 Come, and let us return to Yahweh (the Lord); For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up.

2 After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight.

3 Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of Yahweh (the Lord). His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth.

### Impenitence of Israel and Judah

4 "O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud, And like the early dew it goes away.

5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have slain them by the words of My mouth; And your judgments are like light that goes forth.

6 For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of Elohiym (God) more than burnt offerings.

7 "But like men they transgressed the covenant; There they dealt treacherously with Me.

8 Gilead is a city of evildoers And defiled with blood.

9 As bands of robbers lie in wait for a man, So the company of priests murder on the way to Shechem; Surely they commit lewdness.

10 I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel: There is the harlotry of Ephraim; Israel is defiled.

11 Also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed for you, When I return the captives of My people.  
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Facts Revealed:

### A Call to Repentance [Hosea 6:1-3]

- ✧ The call to repentance is to a people Yahweh has punished, and the time to be healed has come.
- ✧ Verse 2 seems to suggest the time of Jesus in the tomb, and His resurrection providing hope for His people to also be raised and live in His sight.
- ✧ Verse 3 calls the people to seek the knowledge of the Lord and understand His ways which has been established from the beginning, with the promised blessings of the Kingdom of righteousness.

### Impenitence of Israel and Judah [Hosea 6:4-11]

- ✧ The Northern Kingdom of Israel is called Ephraim, the Southern Kingdom is Judah.
- ✧ Yahweh is grieved that their faithfulness is so fleeting and temporary.
- ✧ Yahweh has faithfully called them back to Himself through the prophets and His warnings of coming judgment.
- ✧ God's people think the way to God is through their ritualistic sacrifices and offerings.
- ✧ Yahweh responded to their religious concept by saying "**I desire mercy and not sacrifice, the knowledge of Elohiym (God) more than burnt offerings.**"

- ✧ Through the history of the people, they have dealt treacherously with Yahweh by violating His covenant & laws that was intended to give them life and blessings abundantly.
- ✧ Gilead is a reference to the land of the tribes east of the Jordan River.
- ✧ Yahweh views them all as a city filled with violence and bloodshed which also includes the religious leaders.
- ✧ Yahweh views Israel and Judah as filled with immoral unfaithfulness and defilement leading to judgment, wrath and dispersing of His people world wide..
- ✧ In the face of His Wrath, Yahweh always gives a light of hope for the future.
- ✧ There is an appointed time when Yahweh will give them a harvest, and that time will be when He returns the captives of His people for the Kingdom age still future.