

THE THIRD DAY

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Let's take a look at the phrase, "the third day." I'll get you started, and hopefully this study will prompt you to dig deeper into the Word of God.

There are prophetic patterns in Scripture. The sages say that there are four levels of understanding, but never does the deeper meaning or hints set aside the peshat or plain sense of the text. We are physical and spiritual beings. Both count. Both are affected. That being said, let's look at the pattern of "the Third Day" in Scripture, starting with first usage, the third day of creation:

THE 3RD DAY OF CREATION

Genesis 1:9-13, *"Then God said, 'Let the **waters** under the heavens **be gathered together into one place**, and let **the dry land appear**'; and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, '**Let the earth bring forth** grass, the herb that yields **seed**, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth'; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 **So the evening and the morning were the third day.**"*

MOUNT SINAI

Exodus 19:16, "And it came to pass **on the third day in the morning**, that there were thunder and lightning, and a thick cloud upon the mount, **and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud**; so that all the people that [was] in the camp trembled."

SACRIFICE

Leviticus 7:17, "But the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice **on the third day shall be burnt with fire.**"

REPENTANCE, THEN HEALING, FOLLOWED BY GOING UP TO THE TEMPLE ON THE THIRD DAY

2Kings 20:5, "Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the Captain of My people Thus says YHVH, the God of David your father, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears: behold, **I will heal you: on the third day you shall go up unto the House of YHVH.**" This is alluding to Messiah's bride being taken up into Heaven.

THE TEMPLE FINISHED ON THE THIRD DAY

Ezra 6:15, "And **this House was finished on the third day** of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king."

REPENTANCE, THEN HEALING, FOLLOWED BY BEING RAISED UP IN THE THIRD DAY

Hosea 6:1-3, “Come, and let us return unto YHVH: for He has torn, and He will heal us; He has smitten, and He will bind us up. 2 **After two days will He revive us: in the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight.** 3 Then shall we know—if we follow on to know YHVH: 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.

The former rain' is used in the spring, and the 'latter Rain' denotes the autumn.

“HE” in the above verse refers to Yeshua’s first and second comings. He came as the former rain and was crucified, buried and rose from the dead fulfilling the spring Festivals. He will return in Autumn in the future to fulfill the Autumn (Fall) Festivals: Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles.

The 3rd Day PATTERNS

THE THIRD DAY IS A PICTURE OF DEATH AND RESURRECTION

At the *peshat* level, we see that in the third day of creation the waters are separated and dry land appears, then seed planted is born, brought forth from the womb of the *adamah* (ground).

A deeper understanding:

This is a picture of birth, death and resurrection.

The Waters are peoples, the Land is Israel.

On the Third Day there is a gathering of the peoples, a separating and a bringing forth.

Jonah was 3 days and nights in the belly of the great fish, before being spat out.

Messiah Yeshua was 3 days and nights in the earth, before resurrection.

THE THIRD DAY GETS A DOUBLE BLESSING

Only on the third day of creation does God say, “It was good,” twice. In Jewish culture, this day of the week is often chosen for weddings. Today, we call the third day, Tuesday, but its real name is *Yom Shlishi*, Hebrew for “Third Day.”

THE THIRD DAY IS A DAY OF JUDGMENT, THE BOOKS ARE OPENED

Leviticus 23:24 refers to *Yom Teruah* (Day of Shouts/Trumpets - 1st Day of the 7th month of the Biblical calendar) as *Zikhron Teruah*, i.e., a memorial with the blowing of horns. It is said that on *Yom Teruah* the books are opened exposing what you have done. They are closed 10 days later (10 Days of Awe) on *Yom Kippur* (Day of Atonement). 40 days prior to *Yom Teruah* is the time of serious soul searching and heartfelt repentance in the month of Elul, with an eye towards “Judgment Day”.

AFTER TWO DAYS HE WILL REVIVE US, IN THE THIRD DAY HE WILL RAISE US UP

“After two days will He revive us.” In the book of Hosea, we find him admonishing unfaithful House of Israel (the 10 Northern Tribes), led astray by Jeroboam after the division of the Kingdom of Israel due to

Solomon's idolatry late in life. Hosea calls them to return to obeying the Written Torah. House of Israel had mingled worship of the God of Israel with idolatry, golden calf images, switched of the timing of certain holy days and steadfastly refused to come to Jerusalem for the required feasts: Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot.

It had been going on so long, that they thought their man-made practices were okay with God. They were not.

Mere passage of time does not make a practice holy. God's silence does not mean acceptance. It means He's giving us time to repent. But remember, the day always dawns when time is up, and then judgment must fall.

Hosea 8:1-5 "Set the shofar to your mouth! [He shall come] like an eagle against the House of YHVH, because they have transgressed My Covenant and rebelled against My Law. 2 Israel will cry to Me, 'My God, we know You!' 3 Israel has rejected the good; the enemy will pursue him. 4 They set up kings, but not by Me; They made princes, but I did not acknowledge them. From their silver and gold they made idols for themselves--that they might be cut off. 5 **Your calf is rejected, O Samaria!** My anger is aroused against them--How long until they attain to innocence?"

Eventually the 10 Northern Tribes of House of Israel were attacked by Assyria, the survivors scattered to the four winds where they are today. In Hosea 6, Hosea pleads with them, prophesying:

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THE WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL TO BE RE-GATHERED IN THE THIRD DAY

Ezekiel 34:11-13 ¹¹"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. This event will occur between the Feast of Yom Teruah and the Feast of Yom Kippur, these ten days are known as Yamin Norim –The days of Awe (Gods wrath).

1 DAY EQUALS 1000 YEARS PATTERN

Psalm 90:4 For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

2Peter 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

It's been 2 Days (2000 years) since Messiah suffered, died, arose and went back to Heaven. "After two days He will revive us."

The number 2 is the number for the adequate witness, there were 2 tablets of stone that were given to Moses and when he read the Law written on the stones and all of his commandments and ordinances and he asked the people if they would keep them all, they said “I do”. This was the marriage of God to his people.

Yeshua sent his disciples out in 2’s. From the Feast of Hag haShavuot (Pentecost) after the death of Yeshua the Messiah, there will be 2 thousand years as an adequate witness to obtain the Bride for Yeshua.

The bride will be revived, changed in a twinkling of an eye and made ready for the marriage which will take place on the 2nd day of Yom Teruah which happens to be a Tuesday in the following years: 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2029, and 2032. The 1st day of Yom Teruah is for the coronation of Yeshua as King Messiah.

YESHUA FULLFILLED THE FEAST DAYS

You see images in churches and cathedrals, mingling of the holy with the profane, invented “holy days” like Lent, Easter and Christmas, completely forsaking the Biblically mandated *moedim* (Feasts of YHVH). God’s Sabbath, the first of the Holy Days—set up from creation to be celebrated on the 7th day—they arbitrarily moved to 1st Day or Sunday. Resurrection Day of the Messiah was ripped out of its native soil of First Fruits during Passover Week and thrust it into a thorny wasteland, renaming it with the idolatrous name, “Easter,” a clear reference to the pagan goddess “Ishtar” or “Eostre.” But God says we are not to add or take away from His Written Instruction, the Torah.

I was taught that the Sabbath was moved to Sunday because of the resurrection of Messiah. Seemed like a nice thing to do to honor Him. In reality, they really messed it up. What really matters is not that the Sabbath was moved to Sunday but what is really important is not that He was raised on First Day, but that He was raised on the Feast of Yom Habikkurim – FIRST FRUITS.

Yeshua was born on a Feast day – Yom Teruah, he died on a Feast day – Pesach (Passover), he was buried on a Feast day – Chag Hamotzi (Unleavened Bread) and he rose from the grave on a Feast day – Yom Habikkurim (First Fruits). The Messiah was fulfilling prophecy.

Yeshua (Jesus) came to pay our death penalty so that upon repentance, we could be restored back to fellowship with The Father, by the blood of the renewed covenant.

Time may be short. For sure, His return is closer than it was a couple thousand years ago. Are you ready? Have you “washed your clothes?”

It’s time to go back to the Written Word, starting with Genesis, and without your “that’s the OLD Testament” blinders. Ask the *Ruach HaKodesh (the Holy Spirit)* to teach you. That’s His job and He’s very, very good at it.

We are to hear and obey. Yeshua said, “If you love Me, you’ll keep My commandments.” What commandments is He talking about? Well, if He is the Word Made Flesh that means those commandments are the ones found in the Written Torah, foundationally in Genesis through Deuteronomy.

God called these commandments good. They did not suddenly become un-good once Messiah died. He is the Word Made Flesh. He walked out of the Law as an example for us to follow. He came to restore proper interpretation of the commandments, the letter of the Law and the Spirit of the Law. Why?

Because the 613 commandments express the Heart of God. You want to know Him? Study Torah. Torah also points to Messiah. Fulfilled does not mean done away with, but brought to fullest meaning.

When I began studying His Word through a Hebrew understanding and perspective I came to understand that His Sabbath, His *Moedim*/Feasts are a delight, an expression of love. They are the Lifestyle of the Bride of Christ.

Even more amazing to me today is the sacrificial work of Messiah Yeshua, the *Tzadik* (the Righteous One) who laid down His life for His friends. In studying Hebraic mindset, culture and the Biblical Hebrew language, the Scriptures have opened up for me like a treasure trove of never-ending wisdom.

LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

Ezekiel 11:16-21 Therefore say, ‘thus says the Adonai YHVH: “Although I have cast them far off among the Gentiles, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet I shall be a little Sanctuary [*Mikdash*] for them in the countries where they have gone.” ’ 17 therefore say, ‘thus says the Adonai YHVH: “I will gather you from the peoples, assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.” ’ 18 And they will go there, and they will take away all its detestable things and all its abominations from there. 19 Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, 20 that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God. 21 **But as for those whose hearts follow the desire for their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their deeds on their own heads,**” says Adonai YHVH.

CONCLUSION: By applying the Thousand Year Day Principle to the events in the third day patterns appearing throughout the Bible we see that two days (two thousand years) from the death and crucifixion of Christ.

This is also the time for the Gentiles to be engrafted into the root of the Olive Tree, to be recipients of the promises made to Abraham, which is the time for the gospel to be preached throughout the world; two being the number for the adequate witness in the court of law, and for witnessing.

That is why Jesus sent out the disciples in two’s to preach the Gospel. Two witnesses are also required at a wedding, a witness for the Bride and a witness for the Groom.

After the two days journey and on the third day on the Mount of Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared transfigured with Christ.

On the third day we will also be transformed-transfigured and we will be married as the Bride to Christ. Moses will stand up as our witness and Elijah will stand up as Jesus witness at the wedding.

It can be demonstrated that the "*End of Days*" that Christ Second Coming for His Bride will happen during the Feast of Trumpets – Yom Teruah – Rosh Ha Shana as Paul said "*at the last trump*", that Feast will be for the coronation of the King – Jesus on Tishri 1, and on a Tishri 2, a Tuesday (the Third Day)

will be for the wedding of Jesus to His Bride ... His true followers. His Second Coming to Earth during the Feast of Yom Kippur – Atonement will be *with* His Bride to execute the ungodly and to escort the saved Remnant of Israel into the millennium, our promised land.