



The Third Day – A Synopsis

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What is “The Third Day?” What significance does it have in the prophetic future? This study will answer these questions and give us a clear understanding of what this term really entails. This term is comprised of three words that encompass the essence of the entire Bible and what the Bible tells us of the end of days.

On December 29th of 2005, Randy Maugans and myself, Sue Patterson embarked on this journey which would weave us through prophetic scripture employing the use of the metaphoric language. (More will be written on this in coming studies). Over 200 shows have taken us from Genesis to Revelation and every book in between to examine this phenomenon.

After almost three years, we have come to the acknowledgement that this is a huge undertaking and must be topically summarized. We begin this series of topical studies pulling in all of the previous understandings to bring you a concise and clear view of each subject matter. Hence, we begin where we began some three years ago. This is the first of many studies that will be a synopsis of the larger study of “The Third Day.”

“The Third Day” is mentioned many times in the Bible; 48 times to be exact. Many of these passages are referring to ‘the third day’ of the month or the passage of three days coming to ‘the third day.’ There are several passages that have within them an example that Paul had spoken about in 1 Corinthians 10:11 **“Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.”**

There are other passages that give us clues as to what occurs on “The Third Day.” “The Third Day” is a term that is found in the Bible and is synonymous for the Tribulation. This is the beginning point for learning what the Bible is really telling us by looking through the written words on the page to find their deeper meaning and the pieces of a very large puzzle. A puzzle that is comprised of many puzzles, when worked and put

together fit into the larger puzzle with all parts of the puzzle jointly fit together.

When Moses and the children of Israel had left Egypt, they wandered in the desert for about a month and a half. The Lord brought them to Mount Sinai. There He spoke to Moses and Moses relayed these words to the children of Israel.

And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. *Exodus 19:11*

The third day that was being referred to here was the third day of the third month after the children of Israel left Egypt. Since all of these things happened to them for examples for us, we need to take a more in depth look at this. Example is defined in the dictionary is a pattern or model to follow.¹ So we look at the pattern and try to discern what it means for us in the end of days.

Moses told the children of Israel to “**be ready against the third day.**” Why did they need to be ready? They needed to be ready for something, but what? On “the third day” the Lord was going to come down to Mount Sinai. What is so significant about Mount Sinai? We can find the answer to that in this next verse where Paul speaks about Mount Sinai in Galatians.

Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.

[25] For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. [26] But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Galatians 4:24-26

These verses are speaking about two covenants, one from Mount Sinai, and one from Jerusalem.² The one from Mount Sinai is referring to the law, the Ten Commandments that were given to Moses when he went up to the mount to receive them from the Lord after the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai. The law from Mount Sinai is referred to as a covenant that genders to bondage. Those that are within this covenant are in bondage and are not free. The Lord has warned those that they were supposed to be ready. Perhaps they were to be watching and ready for His arrival?

If we then take the example of the Lord coming down upon Mount Sinai with Mount Sinai being the covenant and those that are under this covenant and are in bondage to it; the Lord is coming down upon those that are under this covenant. The Lord comes down upon Mount Sinai on “The Third Day.” Let’s take a look at some of the actual events that transpired that day.

And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, 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. *Exodus 19:16*

And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. *Exodus 19:18*

There were thunders and lightnings, a thick cloud that covered the mount, a trumpet, smoke, fire upon the mount, smoke ascending, and an earthquake. Do these things sound familiar? Let’s look in the book of Revelations and we will find how familiar they really are.

And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. [6] And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. *Revelation 8:5, 6*

We find in Revelation 8:5, 6 five of the seven items mentioned in Exodus 19:16, 18. The cloud and the smoke are not within that passage. We can find a linkage to the smoke in the 5th trumpet that almost word for word matches Exodus 19:18; “**the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace**”

And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. *Revelation 9:2*

In both of these passages we find smoke ascending and smoke as a furnace.

The thick cloud is referring to the “cloudy day.”

For the day is near, even the day of the LORD is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen. *Ezekiel 30:3* ₃

These things happened to them as examples for us upon whom the end of the worlds have come; namely the end times, the end of days, the Tribulation. We must look at these things and line them up with what the prophetic teachings are telling us.

All of the supporting scripture that parallels Exodus 19 are speaking about the events within the Tribulation. The Tribulation comes down upon a people that are in bondage in Mount Sinai. This occurs on “The Third Day.” Let’s look at some more passages concerning “The Third Day.”

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: *1Corinthians 15:4* ₄

Jesus Christ was crucified, buried and rose the third day. The third day actually equates to the third day of the feast of Unleavened Bread. Jesus did rise the third day, not the third day after His death, but He rose on the “Third day” of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The significance of that ties us into a prophetic calendar the Lord gave us in the fall of 2004.

The timing of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ has within it a time element that goes back to the book of Daniel and the seventy weeks of Daniel. In the midst of the seventieth week, the Messiah is cut off. This would be Jesus Christ that is killed for the sins of this world. Jesus rises the third day. When Jesus rose from the grave, He fulfilled the first half of the 70th week of Daniel. There is another half of a week to yet be fulfilled.

Just as the third day ends the 1st half of the 70th week, the last half of the 70th week would pick up right where it stopped some 2,000 years ago; on the third day. Therefore, on the third day of Unleavened Bread when Jesus rose from the grave, Jesus will return in the same manner.

Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven,

shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. *Acts 1:11*

Just as Jesus rose the third day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, He shall return on “The Third Day” of the Feast of Unleavened Bread; picking up right where He left off. His return is referred to as the “coming of the Son of man”, “the day of Christ,” the day of the Lord,” “the end,” and what we commonly refer to, “the Tribulation.” This is what “The Third Day” studies are all about; it is an in depth study of the Tribulation and all that it entails.

“The coming of the Son of Man” is not a single one time event that occurs at the seventh trumpet. It is actually a process. The word “coming” is the word “parousia” in the Greek is defined as being at hand or near; and is describing His presence.⁵ What would His presence be? His presence is when He comes down to the earth with His wrath and indignation against those that have turned the things of God into something abominable. This is when He visits the inhabitants of the earth in “the visitation,” aka “The Tribulation.”⁶

Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire. *Isaiah 29:6*

This verse sounds very much like what we looked at earlier. This is describing the same event with some added key words, great noise, storm, and tempest. When you follow out these words, you will find more linkages that are speaking about the same thing, the Tribulation.

Prior to the onset of “The Third Day,” aka the Tribulation, the saints of God that are standing in the Truth are sealed as the 144,000 in Revelation, chapter 7. Just as Jesus rose the third day, the 144,000 are raised “The Third Day.” The Multitude is also raised “The Third Day,” albeit at the end of the Tribulation at the seventh trumpet, but the seventh trumpet is also part of the Tribulation. We can get clarification of us being raised with Him in the following verse.

After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. *Hosea 6:2*

Both the 144,000 and the Multitude⁷ are raised in the third day and we shall live in His sight forever more. At the beginning of “The Third Day” the 144,000 are sealed. This is when the marriage to the Lamb as the 144,000 becomes part of the “Bride of Christ.”⁸

We can find a verse that has marriage and the third day in the same passage.

And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: *John 2:1*

This period of time described at the third day was referring to the third day of a month in which this marriage took place. This also began the ministry of Jesus with His first miracle of turning the water into wine. This was also the first show that launched “The Third Day” series. We need to look through the words on the page to discover the underlying message. What is being conveyed to us?

On “The Third Day” (The Tribulation), there is a marriage. The marriage is the marriage of the 5 wise virgins (the 144,000) to the Lord at the time of the sealing when they go in to be married unto the Lord in Matthew 25:10.⁹ The water is turned into wine, namely the new wine that is spoken about in scripture. The new wine is referring to the understanding that we are receiving about the events of the Tribulation.

There is another event that occurs in scripture on the third day. This is located in Esther.

Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on *her* royal *apparel*, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house. *Esther 5:1*

Esther, as the wife of king Ahasuerus appears in the king’s court with her royal apparel on to make a request a petition to hold a banquet of wine. On this third day, a banquet of wine is held. At the banquet of wine, an additional petition is asked to hold a banquet the following day at which time the news of Haman and his plan to kill the Jews is revealed to the king. There is a complete parallel story within this book of the events and players of the Tribulation. Again, we have wine that is associated with the third day.¹⁰

There is another passage concerning events that occur on the third day. This is found in two dreams that are told to Joseph when he was in prison in Egypt. Joseph gives each, the butler and the baker, the interpretation of their dreams and on the third day, these outcomes are realized and completed.

And it came to pass the third day, [which was] Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants. *Genesis 40:20*

Again, this is an example that we need to examine and find the pattern located within this series of events. The chief butler is raised to his former position and receives honor while the chief baker is hanged. The chief butler represents the 144,000 which are sealed and bear the cup with the new wine. The chief baker represents the Multitude which is hanged on a tree just as Jesus was.¹¹ (See the study of “The Butler and the Baker”).

These are the most obvious third day references that coincide with what occurs at the onset of the Tribulation. “The Third Day” is a term that encompasses the Tribulation and all of the events found therein.

“The Third Day” begins on “The Third Day” of the Feast of Unleavened Bread when the 144,000 are sealed and the Tribulation then comes like a thief upon an unsuspecting world. The Lord comes down upon Mount Sinai (church) when the judgement (visitation) in the form of the seals, trumpets, and vials begins at the house of God as stated in 1 Peter 4:17.

The 144,000 are sealed at the marriage on “The Third Day” and receive the “new wine” as the cupbearer to the king. This “new wine” is the understanding of the events that will unfold within the Tribulation. This is the understanding and identification of people, places, and events, and the timing of these events.

Join us as we embark on the same journey that we have been traveling for many years now. This time however, we already know the road and can get you there much easier. We have blazed a trail through the wilderness that you can now easily follow. This road is not only for the 144,000 that need to learn these things, but is also blazed for the Multitude, that they may find

their way to Mount Sion where the 144,000 are standing with the Lamb of God, standing in Truth and Righteousness. Jesus Christ shed His blood for us to be able to stand with Him.

They (*the Multitude*) shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten. *Jeremiah 50:5*

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1. Webster's New World Dictionary
 2. See the study of "The Two Covenants"
 3. See the study of "The Gog/Magog War"
 4. See the study of "The Day Christ was Crucified"
 5. Strong's Concordance 3952
 6. See the studies "The Coming of the Son of Man" and "The Visitation"
 7. See the book "The 144,000 and the Multitude" and the studies "The 144,000" and "The Multitude"
 8. See the study "The Bride of Christ"
 9. See the study "The Ten Virgins"
 10. See the study of "Queen Esther"
 11. See the study of "The Butler and the Baker"