

Three
And A Third

The Jews said to Jesus, "Show us a miracle for a sign. Prove that you have the right to do these things." Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple, and I will build it again in three days."

John 2:18 — 19

What is the significance of three days
or the third day?

Then God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered together so the dry land will appear." And it happened. God named the dry land "earth." He named the water that was gathered together "seas." God saw that this was good.

Genesis 1:9 — 10

Then God said, "Let the earth produce plants. Some plants will make grain for seeds. Others will make fruit with seeds in it. Every seed will produce more of its own kind of plant." And it happened. The earth produced plants. Some plants had grain for seeds. The trees made fruit with seeds in it. Each seed grew its own kind of plant. God saw that all this was good. Evening passed, and morning came. This was the third day.

Genesis 1:11 — 13

The number three is referred to as the number of harmony. For the first two days of creation There was no real harmony which would allow any kind of life as we know it to begin on the earth.

Three also symbolizes continuance, it may not be directly connected to the first but it is a continuation from the first.

On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the
place in the distance.

Genesis 22:4

And the Lord caused a very big fish to swallow
Jonah. Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three
days and three nights.

Jonah 1:17

And Moses stretched forth his hand toward
heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the
land of Egypt three days

Exodus 10:22

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

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 Temple was finished on the third
day of the month Adar. It was the sixth
year that Darius was king.

Ezra 6:15

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God raised Jesus from death. God set him free
from the pain of death. Death could not hold him.

Acts 2:24

And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the
dead is living in you, He who raised Christ Jesus
from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies
through His Spirit, who lives in you. Romans 8:11

By His power God raised the Lord from the
dead, and He will raise us also.

1 Corinthians 6:14

knowing that the One who raised the Lord
Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and present
us with you in His presence.

2 Corinthians 4:14

In the last days the mountain on which the Lord's Temple stands will become the most important of all mountains. It will be raised above the hills. People from other nations will come streaming to it. Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord. Let us go to the Temple of the God of Jacob!"

Micah 4:1 — 2

But I saw no temple in the city, because the
Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its
temple.

Revelation 21:22

The words "three days" are used 60 times in the Bible, 41 times in the Old Testament and 19 times in the New Testament.

The words "third day" are used 48 times, 32 times in the Old Testament and 16 times in the New Testament.

According to Rabbi Dr. Hillel ben David
(Greg Killian) once something is done three
times it is considered a permanent thing. This
is called a "chazakah. Once we have done
something three times, we have connected to
it and connected it to this world.

When Yeshua said he would rebuild the temple in three days the Pharisees knew exactly what he was saying.

He would be the one who will bring everything the prophets wrote into fruition.