

Acts Series

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The Acts of the Apostles “To the end of the earth” Acts 1:8

Jews and Gentiles in One Body Acts 15:14–21



Two central issues:

1. Interpretation: literal, allegorical

2. Replacement theology

Amos 9:11, “ ‘On that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old;

Amos 9:12, “ ‘That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the Gentiles who are called by My name,’ Says the LORD who does this thing.

Amos 9:13, “ ‘Behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; the mountains shall drip with sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it.

Amos 9:14, “ ‘I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; they shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them.’ ”

“In that day I will cause to stand the booth [f.s.] of David, the fallen one [f.s.], and I will wall up *their* (f. pl.) breaches, and *his* (m. s.) ruins I will cause to stand. And I will build *her* (f. s.) as the days of old.” Masoretic Text (MT)

**“In that day I will raise up (*anastēsō*) the tent of David which has fallen, and I shall rebuild its ruins, and its remains I will raise up (*anastēsō*). And I shall rebuild it even as the days of old, so that the remnant of men shall seek, and all the Gentiles upon whom my name is called, says the Lord, who shall do these things.”
Septuagint (LXX)**

Amos 9:11–12 was taken by the rabbis as a messianic passage. One of the rabbinic names for the Messiah is *Bar Naphli*, which means “Son of the Fallen One,” and is based upon this passage. The Talmud reads:

“Rabbi Nachman said to Rabbi Isaac, ‘Whence art you taught when Bar Naphli will come?’ He said to him, ‘Who is this Bar Naphli?’ The other replied, ‘It is the Messiah; for it is written, in those days I will build again the tabernacle of David which is fallen down.’ ”

“If James’ quotation refers to the Christian Church, the claim of Dispensationalists that prophecy skips over the Church age cannot be maintained: it is directly refuted by this passage.”

~O T Allis

“... passages in the New Testament that illustrate how the church fulfills prophecies regarding Israel.”

“... the ultimate fulfillment of many promises to Israel, symbolically depicted as Israel.”

“I note above that some Old Testament prophetic passages apply to the Gentiles’ calling in the New Testament. Consequently, they speak of the church.”

~Kenneth Gentry

Rev. 3:21, “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”

“Verses 11, 12, of this chapter, are quoted in Acts 15, not for the purpose of shewing that the prophecy had then come to pass; but to prove that God had all along determined upon having a people from out of the Gentiles; and that, therefore, the language of the prophets agreed with that which Simon Peter had been relating of what God had done in his days. It is not the accomplishment of a prophecy, but the establishing of a principle by the mouth of the prophets, as well as by the word of the Spirit through Simon Peter.”

~JN Darby