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LIFE-STUDY OF THE MINOR PROPHETS 19 ON AMOS

III. THE RESTORATION OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL WITH THE REBUILDING OF THE FALLEN TABERNACLE OF DAVID FOR THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST

The restoration of the house of Israel with the rebuilding of the fallen tabernacle of David is covered in verses 11 through 15.

A. Raising Up the Fallen Tabernacle of David That Israel May Possess the Remnant of Edom and All the Nations

Which Are Called by the Name of Jehovah "In that day I will raise up / The fallen tabernacle of David, / And I will wall up its breaches / And raise up its ruins / And build it up as it was in the days of old; / That they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations which are called by My name, declares Jehovah who does this" (vv. 11-12). This portion of Amos is quoted by James in Acts 15, when the apostles and the elders were gathered together to solve the problem of circumcision.

The tabernacle of David is the kingdom and the royal family of David. In ancient times it was hard to separate the royal family from the kingdom. Actually these two things are one. David's kingdom was David's royal family. That kingdom, that royal family, fell when Nebuchadnezzar came to capture the nation of Israel, devastate the land, burn the city, destroy the temple, and carry off the king. That was the fall of the kingdom of David and the royal family of David. However, in Amos God came in to promise that some day He would come back to restore the fallen kingdom of David. In that day the kingdom of David and the family of David will be restored, and all the nations will be called by the name of Jehovah.

This prophecy in Amos indicates that one day Christ will come back to be the real David. When Christ comes back, in His last appearing He will be the real David to restore His kingdom and His royal family. That will be the millennial kingdom, in which all the nations will be called by the name of Jehovah, that is, all the nations will belong to God. It was based on this that in Acts 15 James told the Jewish believers not to be bothered by Peter's and Paul's going to the Gentiles, because in the restoration all the Gentiles will belong to God, just like the Jews. Christ will come and restore the fallen kingdom of David to set up His kingdom for the restoration of the entire universe. At that time all the nations will become God's people. This is a great item in Amos's prophecy.

B. The Plowman Overtaking the Reaper, and the Grape Treader, Him Who Sows the Seed Amos 9:13 says that

days are coming when the plowman will overtake the reaper, and the grape treader, him who sows the seed. The mountains will drip sweet wine, and all the hills will melt (cf. Joel 3:18a). This indicates that in the restoration the produce from the earth will be abundant. There will be plenty of food for everyone.

C. Jehovah Turning the Captivity of His People

Amos 9:14 tells us that Jehovah will turn the captivity of His people Israel. They will build the desolated cities and inhabit them. Also, they will plant vineyards and drink the wine from them, and make gardens and eat the fruit from them.

D. Jehovah Planting the People of Israel upon Their Land

Amos concludes his prophecy by saying that Jehovah will plant the people of Israel upon their land, and they will not be plucked up again from their land, which He has given to them (v. 15).

Burdens for Church Prayers

- Pray for the English-speaking testimony and gospel preaching on West Valley College campus.
- Pray for the burden of raising up next generation for building up of the body of Christ.
- Pray for YP that they will be companions with one another to pursue the Lord together.
- For GOW training: Vital groups be raised up, attending prayer meeting, prophesying on Lord's day by daily enjoying His word and pursue the truth.

Announcement

- Morning Revival: 2012 Summer Training Msg #7.
- Bible Reading Schedule, Amos 1:1-15 T.2:1-16, W.3:1-15, Th.4:1-13, F.5:1- 27, S. 6: 1-14.
- Tuesday (10/23) prayer meeting at brother Tien's house, 19070 Dagmar Dr., Saratoga, CA.
- Thanksgiving conference Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 11/22~25, 2012.
- 2012 Winter Training, 12/24-29, Anaheim, registration deadline: 11/1, registration fee \$155.
- Fall YP retreat at Redwood Alliance11/9-11, registration fee:\$105, registration deadline:10/28.
- ITERO respeaking blending 10/28, 4-6pm Cupertino. The video training schedule is as follows:

Message	Date	Notes
#7 and #8	10/27/2012	Combine, open
#9 and #10	11/10/2012	Combine
#11 and #12	11/24/2012	Combine