

The Parousia Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ: Commentary on Amos 9:15 and Related Passages

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And I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be pulled up out of their land which I have given to them, says YHWH your God. (Amos 9:15)

It should be noted that this prophecy is not unique to Amos, while Amos does state that God was the source of this prophecy, this prophecy was first given by the prophet Nathan well over 200 years before Amos. According to 2Samuel 7, Nathan came to King David at the very pinnacle of his reign to give him the following message from God:

"Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously (before times), (2 Samuel 7:10)

Now compare that statement from Nathan with what Amos stated:

And I will plant them on their land, says YHWH your God. (Amos 9:15)

Notice that Amos identifies the "place" (kingdom) as a "land" (kingdom) and as Nathan states that once they are in that "place" (kingdom) they shall "move no more" which Amos restates as "they shall never be pulled up out of their land" (kingdom) and as Nathan states this will be a place where there are no "sons of wickedness" to "oppress them."

Thus putting the two prophecies together into one they would read something like this:

"Moreover I will appoint a place, their own land for My people Israel, and I will plant them on their land, that they may dwell in a place/land of their own and move no more; and they shall never again be pulled up out of their land which I have given to them nor

shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as they have previously (before times)."

Thus, we have a very interesting description, land/place, of the kingdom that God promised that He would set up in the last days (Dan 2:44). This kingdom would be created as a result of the new marriage Covenant which describes something very interesting about the people that will be living in that place/land/kingdom.

"For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those (the 40 year transition period of 30-70 AD) days, says YHWH: I will put My laws in their minds and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. "None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know YHWH,' **for all shall know Me**, from the least of them to the greatest of them."For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." (Hebrews 8:10-12)

Of course, the reason that "they will not teach"...there is because the only way that they could belong to that kingdom/land/place **is that they already knew God through Jesus Christ** and the only way that they could enter that kingdom was through "resurrection" by "belonging to Christ in His Parousia" (1Cor 15:23b).

Ezekiel and other prophets also referred to this prophecy as follows:

"For **I will** take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all countries, and **bring you into your own land**. "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*. "Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God. (Ezekiel 36:24-28)

"Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says YHWH GOD: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. "Then you shall know that I *am* YHWH, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. "I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and **I will place you in your own land**. Then you shall know that I, YHWH, have spoken *it* and performed *it*," says YHWH.'" (Ezekiel 37:12-14)

"Then say to them, 'Thus says YHWH GOD: "Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and

will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; "and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; ***they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again.*** (Ezekiel 37:21-22)

For YHWH will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the guests¹ shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. (Isaiah 14:1)

But, YHWH lives, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land. (Jeremiah 23:8)

And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. (Ezekiel 34:13)

Then shall they know that I *am* YHWH their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the nations: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there. (Ezekiel 39:28)

There are many other similar references to Israel's own land in the OT, all of which describe the "kingdom" that John the Baptist, Jesus Christ, and all the disciples of the first century were looking forward to in the first century.

The apostles, in the 15th chapter of Acts, openly declared that these prophecies were all fulfilled in the first century as James, the brother of Jesus, stood up and said:

"Simeon (Peter) has told us how God in this time did visit the Nations/Gentiles, **to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets**; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men (of Israel) might seek after the Lord, and all the Nations/Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, says the Lord, who does all these things." (James' "as it is written statement" is a direct reference to the prophecy in Amos 9: 11-15; Ac 15:14-17)

¹ The Hebrew word used in this text is "גֵּר geyr gare" properly meaning, "a guest;" although the translators are all over the board on this one. Some have translated "sojourner," others "aliens," "strangers," foreigners, Outsiders, etc. However, ostensibly none have seen the apparent connection here to the "guests" at the wedding of Jesus to His Bride within the New Testament [Mt 22:10-11].

Although James only directly referred to Amos, in his presentation to the other apostles, James used the word “prophets.”

This is the "Parousia" kingdom of Jesus Christ, and all the resurrected saints, which was established by resurrection of the house of Israel and their “*guests*” [see Isaiah 14:1 above] in ca. 70 AD.

The author of the letter to the Hebrews described that kingdom this way:

“By faith Abraham (11:8)...looked for a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.” (11:10)

“But now they desire a better *country*, that is, a heavenly *country*: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he prepares for them a city/*country*.” (Heb 11:16)

“But ye (the first century saints and those before that time) have come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, **the heavenly Jerusalem**, and to an innumerable company of messengers, to the general assembly and congregation of the firstborn, which **have been enrolled in heaven**, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaks better things than *the blood of Abel which cries from the ground [Gen 4:10].*” (Heb 12:22-24)

There are some things that we specifically need to take note of here. It is certain from the above Hebrews passage; that the kingdom which was described by the prophets in our list above was to be “**His heavenly kingdom**” [cf. 2Tim 4:18] and NOT AN EARTHLY KINGDOM as it would seem from the words of those prophets and as is usually taught by those who do not understand the Testaments correctly. It should also be clear that Abraham understood this from the beginning. THE COUNTRY described by the author of Hebrews is clearly described as “the heavenly” kingdom. Additionally, “just men” are only made perfect in heaven – there are no perfect men here on earth. Also, Jesus is in heaven – He is not here on earth. Thus, confirming the things which are written below.

AT THIS POINT: We must emphasis again and again that **Jesus is speaking these words directly to His first century followers.** *He is not speaking them to us, living here now, in this 21^s century.* While these words from Jesus to His first century followers should certainly have great meaning to us; *we must remember*

that they were not spoken to us and thus, do not apply to us in the same manner in which they did to His first century audience!

If Jesus did not keep these promises within the first century which He made directly to His first century audience; then, the simple fact is *that Jesus lied to His first century followers and in so doing greatly deceived them.*

Now listen to how Jesus describes the beginnings of this kingdom:

“Now before the feast of the passover, **when Jesus knew that his hour was come that He should depart out of this world and go unto the Father**, having loved his own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end.” (The Fourth Gospel 13:1)

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many dwelling places: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you. And...I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there in the Father’s house, ye may be also.**” (The Fourth Gospel 14:1-3)

“Ye have heard how **I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you**. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.” (The Fourth Gospel 14:28)

“But **now I go my way to him that sent me**; and none of you asks me, where are you going?” (The Fourth Gospel 16:5)

“Nevertheless **I tell you the truth**; it is expedient for you **that I go away**: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.” (The Fourth Gospel 16:7)

“A little while, and ye shall not see me because I go to the Father: but, in a little while, ye shall see me again,” (The Fourth Gospel 16:16)

“And therefore, ye now have sorrow: but **I will see you again**, and **your heart shall rejoice**, and your joy no man takes from you.” (The Fourth Gospel 16:22)

“I came forth from the Father, and came into the world: **I leave the world, and go to the Father** again.” (The Fourth Gospel 16:28)

“Father, I will that *those* whom thou hast given me; may also be with me where I am; **that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me**: for thou loved me before the foundation of the world.” (The Fourth Gospel 17:24)

“Jesus answered, *My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews:* but now **my kingdom is not from here. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered...**To this end I was born and for this cause I came into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth hears my voice.”** (The Fourth Gospel 18:36-37 AV)**

My friends; do you hear the TRUTH that rings forth so very loudly from the words of Jesus printed above? Within the passages above, **Jesus** very clearly, without equivocation, **instructed His first century followers that He would return within a “little while” to “receive them”** i.e. those first century saints, **“unto Himself!”**

If you DO NOT hear that ring of TRUTH, then according to Jesus, **you do not hear His voice.** For some of you, it must be very silent were you are ‘standing.’

Now let’s take some of these verses and examine them a little more thoroughly and carefully. It is very clear from the Scripture above, that **“Jesus knew that his hour was come that He should depart out of this world and go unto the Father’s world.”** Now NO ONE doubts that Jesus leaving this world and going to the Father’s world was a first century event, thus, why would anyone doubt that the other statements made by Jesus in this very same first century context would have anything but a first century fulfillment?

Jesus stated, **“In my Father’s world/house are many dwelling places;”** then He continued, **“I go to prepare a place for you”** *within my father’s world²* **and I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there in my, Father’s world/house, ye may be also in My Father’s world.** Once again, **NO ONE** doubts; that if this was fulfilled at all, it was fulfilled within the first century.

At this point there can be NO DOUBT that Jesus instructed His first century audience that He was going to go into the Father’s world to prepare a place for them, there in the Father’s world, so that they could also be there **“in My Father’s world”** with Him.

Of that promise which Jesus made to His first century followers, Jesus stated, **““For a little while longer I will be with you, then ye shall not see me because I go to the Father: but, in a little while after I go to My Father’s world, ye shall see me again,”**

Now dear reader, if you had been there with Jesus when He made these statements directly to His first century audience, how would you have understood

² Our addition “within the Father’s world” in italics above is very clearly implied in the full context of these Scriptures; and so with the other additions which are given in italics.

His promise, “**to see them again in a little while?**” It certainly goes without equivocation that you would have understood them in the exact same manner that the first century audience understood them, i.e. **that Jesus was going to come back, out of the Father’s world and “receive them unto Himself within a short time” and take them with Him, back into the Father’s world; to the “place” which He had prepared for them.**

Dear reader, do you here the ‘ring’ of this great TRUTH here? If not, then according to Jesus, “**you do not hear His voice**” and if you do not hear His voice you do not follow Him; for Jesus said, “**“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”** (Fourth Gospel 10:27)

Jesus specifically instructed His first century audience that as a result of **His leaving them for a short while** that they would, “**“...have sorrow: but”** but that sorrow would turn to JOY when Jesus would “**see them again**” and their “**...heart shall rejoice” when they would see Him again.**

According to modern doctrines of the church those first century disciples never saw Jesus again and thus, their hearts never “rejoiced” because this great promise which Jesus made specifically and only to them – then – there - in that first century was never fulfilled!

Dear reader, can you really think and believe that all of those first century followers of Jesus who heard Him make this great promise of seeing Him again and being taken into the Father’s world with Him died and were buried without seeing the fulfillment of this great promise? Thus, making Jesus; a false prophet, a liar, and a deceiver.

I do not know about you, but the Jesus that I know, love, and serve is not a false prophet...indeed He could not be, because He is the Son of YHWH and was/is a prophet inspired by YHWH. Thus, I simply chose to “**hear His voice,**” to “**believe**” His words without fanciful deceptive interpretations, and “**follow**” Him.