

**graceWORKS ! GOING DEEPER<sup>1</sup> The Papou Study Bible** is a daily study provided by me to



help folks explore the depth and joy of the “conneXion” life of God. It’s my personal study, and is not intended as a doctrinal statement or statement of any church or denomination or congregation. It’s also my belief that “grace” works, and the servant of God should always want to go deeper. Multi-tasking as usual, I’m also calling this the “Papou Study Bible.” I’m writing it as if I were speaking to my girls who love me and any descendant they have that love their Papou too. And to anyone who wants to consider me a spiritual Dad or “Papou.” I want them to be able to study the Bible with Papou (grandpa in Greek) after I’m gone---and if they don’t, I’ll haunt them. The Scriptures say it’s noble to “search the Scriptures daily” to verify truth like the ancient Bereans did (Acts 17:11). My folks came from Berea. My incredible Dad (and your grandfather and great grandfather, guys), Vasil Charles Valekis taught me to do this like he did---every day until I die. He taught me and everyone I know to go to church no matter what and to put God first. While Mama (Maria Pagona Stratakis Valekis) never really did this, she made sure we listened to Daddy on this one. She would have hit us with a spatula or frying pan or worse if we didn’t.

This is a simple sharing my “daily search.” And I’d like to think it is a continuation of God’s life through my Dad through me. Both my “Dads” by the way. And a way to honor him, mama and our loving “Dad”---God. And for all of us to be together, in Spirit, even when we I join them in heaven. I like to use

the Blue Letter literal, very “visual,” Greek translation a lot to help “visualize” these truths the beautiful way Greek enables you to view.

And I like to share this with folks serving in an elder capacity, or any capacity, to grow them, challenge them, and stretch them. But especially share it with anyone I’ve ever brought to Christ and family members who truly love me. And when you study these, I’ll make sure to connect with you from heaven. *Ever an orthodox Greek, Jim Valekis*

**Christ IN You Series**

**Colossians 1:27 (King James Version)**

<sup>27</sup>To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory

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**Amos 9 Part 2**



So God will have his way with . And just as He punishes and disciplines, so He blesses. When it’s all said and done, Israel will be replanted in its own land. It will never again be uprooted. The hills will drip with new wine.

God’s blessings will be restored, for His discipline will have its full work, and His people will be restored.

It all makes me think of this Scripture in Hebrews 12: <sup>11</sup> No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. **Enjoy as we close out the book of Amos.**

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Amos 9 New International Version

## Israel's Restoration

<sup>11</sup> "In that day

"I will restore David's fallen shelter—  
I will repair its broken walls  
and restore its ruins—  
and will rebuild it as it used to be,

**The Jews have a writing they call the "Talmud." Here is a brief exposition of it.**

## Talmud

The Talmud is the central text of Rabbinic Judaism and the primary source of Jewish religious law and Jewish theology. Until the advent of modernity, in nearly all Jewish communities, the Talmud was the centerpiece of Jewish cultural life and was foundational to "all Jewish thought and aspirations", serving also as "the guide for the daily life" of Jews. [Wikipedia](#)

**So the Talmud considers the above a Messianic prophecy.**

**The NIV includes this:**

**1. "I will restore." This raises a hope that runs through the whole Old Testament from Genesis 3:15 on. God will bring a blessing after judgment and will not ultimately reject Israel.**

**And God's Israel is larger than just His physical people. I'm convinced now that all of God's people are meant to be His "Israel"---His overcomers with God.**

**Here are few Scriptures that I think support that.**

### Galatians 3

<sup>26</sup> So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have

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<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity  
between you and the woman,  
and between your  
offspring<sup>[a]</sup> and hers;  
he will crush<sup>[b]</sup> your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

#### Footnotes

- a. **Genesis 3:15** Or *seed*
- b. **Genesis 3:15** Or *strike*

clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

**It seems to me that this says that in Christ, we all become the "people of God" --- the overcomers with God, Israel. Notice this Scripture.**

**Galatians 6**

<sup>2</sup> Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom<sup>1</sup> the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. <sup>16</sup> Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God.

**In contrast to "Israel according to the flesh" in 1 Corinthians 10:18:**

(CLV) 1Co 10:18

<sup>1</sup>Observe <sup>2</sup>Israel according to the flesh. Are not <sup>3</sup>those eating the sacrifices participants with the altar?

**The New Testament church, made up of believing Jews and Gentiles is the new seed of Abraham (Galatians 3:29 above). And they are heir's according to the promise.**

Romans 9:6	Philippians 3:3
<sup>6</sup> It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel.	<sup>3</sup> For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—

**There is some disagreement about this. But I personally fall on the side that recreates and renews all things in Christ.**

**But here are some more beautiful concepts.**

**2. I will restore David's fallen shelter:**

**The NIV study bible brings out other references to the concept of shelter for Isreal.**

<b>Isaiah 1:8</b>	<b>Isaiah 4:6</b>
<p>Daughter Zion is left  like a shelter in a vineyard,  like a hut in a cucumber field,  like a city under siege.</p>	<p><sup>2</sup> In that day the Branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be the pride and glory of the survivors in Israel. <sup>3</sup> Those who are left in Zion, who remain in Jerusalem, will be called holy, all who are recorded among the living in Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> The Lord will wash away the filth of the women of Zion; he will cleanse the bloodstains from Jerusalem by the Spirit of judgment and the Spirit of fire. <sup>5</sup> Then the LORD will create over all of Mount Zion and over those who assemble there a cloud of smoke by day and a glow of flaming fire by night; over everything the glory will be a canopy. (or "over all the Glory there will be a canopy). <sup>6</sup> It will be a shelter and shade from the heat of the day, and a refuge and hiding place from the storm and rain.</p>

**God is our shelter, is the point that is being made here!  
God is our dwelling place, and God is our shelter.**

Acts 17:28

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<sup>28</sup> 'For in him we live and move and have our being.'

Colossians 1:17

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<sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

John 14

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**Jesus Comforts His Disciples**

**14** "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

**The Greek renders "Father's House" as the "home of the Father of me." In other words, where God dwells. Which, I believe, is not in some place or space outside Him, but in the place of being He Himself both is and "dwells" in---the Communion of the Father, Son and Spirit!**

**God is our shelter!**

<b>Psalm 91:1</b>	<b>Ps 17:8</b>
<sup>1</sup> Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.	<sup>8</sup> Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings
<b>Psalm 91</b>	
<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. <sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.	

**Wow. More to consider as we leisurely take stroll this beautiful passage.**