

graceWORKS ! GOING DEEPER¹ 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)

²⁷To 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 3



So God is our shelter! In fact, He is our hiding place!

Psalm 32:7

Thou art my **hiding place**; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

(CLV) Ps 32:7

You are a Concealment for me; From distress shall You preserve me; With jubilant songs of deliverance shall You surround me. Interlude

That’s what’s going to be restored for us in David’s fallen shelter. Let’s see what else Israel’s restoration will look like.

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Amos 9

Israel's Restoration

¹¹ "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,

Both David and Solomon are associated with the building of the temple. David wanted to build it, and saved up for it at the last part of his life.

2 Samuel 7

New International Version

God's Promise to David

⁷ After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."

³ Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you."

⁴ But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:

⁵ "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? ⁶ I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. ⁷ Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"'

God was truly pleased with David's initiative. But He also let Him know David would not be the one who built Him a house, but His son would.

¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

David was a “man of blood,” and therefore disqualified to build the Lord’s house. But still he saved up for it, and Solomon used the savings to help build the temple.

1 Chronicles 22

⁷ And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God:

⁸ But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.

⁹ Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days. ¹⁰ He shall build an house for my name . . . ¹⁴ Now, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver; and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto. ¹⁵ Moreover there are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work. ¹⁶ Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, there is no number. Arise therefore, and be doing, and the LORD be with thee.

Today, of course, the Temple is the Body of Christ, the Church.

1 Peter 2

⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

The Lord has rebuilt the “fallen shelter” of David in Christ!

Acts 15:15-17

New International Version

¹⁵ The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written:

¹⁶ "After this I will return
and rebuild David's fallen tent.

Its ruins I will rebuild,
and I will restore it,

¹⁷ that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord,
even all the Gentiles who bear my name,
says the Lord, who does these things'^[a]—

The above is quoting the Septuagint translation. But notice how it coincides with what comes next.

¹² so that they may possess the remnant of Edom
and all the nations that bear my name,"

Note the phrase "all the nations that bear my name." All nations bear God's name--in Christ! In Christ, in whom we live and move and have our being, all nations are God's people.

declares the LORD, who will do these things.

¹³ "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes.

The NIV says this: "After all the forecasts of destruction, dearth and death:

Amos 5:9	Amos 5:11	Amos 5:27
⁹ With a blinding flash he destroys the stronghold and brings the fortified city to ruin.	You levy a straw tax on the poor and impose a tax on their grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush	²⁷ Therefore I will send you into exile beyond Damascus," says the LORD, whose name is God Almighty.

	vineyards, you will not drink their wine.	
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After all that destruction prophesied, Amos’s final words picture a glorious Edenic prosperity. Seasons of planting and harvesting will overlap each other! There will be a continual supply of fresh produce---a reversal of the conditions portrayed in this Scripture.

Amos 4:6-11	
<p>⁶ “I gave you empty stomachs in every city and lack of bread in every town, yet you have not returned to me,” declares the LORD.</p> <p>⁷ “I also withheld rain from you when the harvest was still three months away. I sent rain on one town, but withheld it from another. One field had rain; another had none and dried up. ⁸ People staggered from town to town for water but did not get enough to drink, yet you have not returned to me,” declares the LORD.</p>	<p>⁹ “Many times I struck your gardens and vineyards, destroying them with blight and mildew. Locusts devoured your fig and olive trees, yet you have not returned to me,” declares the LORD. ¹⁰ “I sent plagues among you as I did to Egypt. I killed your young men with the sword, along with your captured horses. I filled your nostrils with the stench of your camps, yet you have not returned to me,” declares the LORD. ¹¹ “I overthrew some of you as I overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. You were like a burning stick snatched from the fire, yet you have not returned to me,” declares the LORD.</p>

Instead, this will happen.

New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills, ¹⁴ and I will bring my people Israel back from exile. “They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. ¹⁵ I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them,” says the LORD your God.

Israel will be “my people” says the Lord! Never to be destroyed again!