

comes in vengeance and the KJV says that his garments are sprinkled with blood. The RSV says spattered with blood which amounts to the same thing. Thus in every, all the cases where the word is used in the O. T., the meaning is perfectly clear from the context and while not an extremely common word, it is used in quite a number of cases. There need be no reason why anybody should think that the meaning of the word is not clear unless he is convinced that the use of the word with this meaning does not make sense and therefore some other meaning is necessary. However, as we have noticed in the context aside from any N. T. revelation, in the context, the idea of sprinkling here makes perfect sense. It is also, and for a believer in the N. T. it is simply a prediction of ~~pre-~~ exactly that which Peter says has been fulfilled. It is only if one is not personally ready to accept the truth that Peter presents, that he can consider the passage obscure and say the meaning of the word is not clear.

It should be noted that there are some who claim a syntactical objection to it. They say that you do not sprinkle nations, you sprinkle blood or water or oil or something else. That if it means nations it should say he will sprinkle something or other upon many nations. ~~The~~ The word upon is not found here. It is not found in the Hebrew. This however is hardly an objection that is sufficient to throw out ~~any~~ the meaning of a word, the meaning in which it is used in 23 different other cases, and to substitute a meaning for which there is absolutely no evidence in any Hebrew passage that is known, or one might add anywhere else. The only reason, the only evidence for the meaning ~~startle~~ here would be the fact that in the ancient Greek translation of which the Jewish ~~translation~~ translators evidently had difficulty also in understanding this concept, we find substituted the phrase "astonished." So shall many nations be astonished. This would readily occur to a translator, being a parallel to the statement in verse 14 about many being astounded, but it is not expressed by the original Hebrew at all. In English it is also, we sprinkle water upon the lawn. It is rather ridiculous to speak of sprinkling the lawn, and yet as a shortened form of expression we very commonly speak of sprinkling the lawn, or sprinkling the wall, sprinkling the