

their gathering together. The question was, Is it necessary that ^gGentiles who become Christians also become Jews? (quotes?) Is it necessary ~~that~~ that they be circumcised? I do not know of any explanation that I have seen that affects this matter of circumcision at all, except the one that I have given.

Now to look a little more in detail at these two vital points. As to the first, the matter of the quotation, I consider it very silly to think that James combined portions of two different prophetic passages. Many try ~~tried~~ (nc) to explain NT^o quotations in this way, and I do not say it is impossible that there may be cases where two are combined, but certainly to think that the words "and after these things/ I will return," are taken from that other passage I think reduces Scripture study to a silly (2nd) matter of like a ^{crossword} ~~cross-word~~ puzzle. To me it seems it is far more likely that he introduced the quotation by giving some a statement that showed the bearing (nc?) of the quotation. The actual quotation would consist of the ~~xx~~ words, "and ~~xxxxxx~~ rebuilt rebuild (?) David's fallen tent, its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it ~~x~~ that the remnant ~~xxx~~ men may seek the Lord and all the ^gGentiles who bear my name ^g declares the Lord who will do these things!" [above quotation not clear at all]

Now as to the matter of circumcision.

~~xxxxxx~~ "men," this quotation, the word ~~xxxx~~ and the word "Edom" is simply a matter of ~~xxx~~ pointing. The matter of The difference between "may seek" and "will possess" is a matter of a change of one letter, and it would seem to me that it is quite clear that the Hebrew Bible, as known to the disciples, must here have had the daleth ~~xxx~~ rather than yodh (?). The ~~xxxx~~ statement, "seek ~~x~~ the Lord" could very well simply be " may seek me," or it could rest on an abbreviation for the tetragrammaton.

If the ^g object is to show that Gentiles do not have to become Jews before becoming Christians, but can be ^g Gentile Christians, a quotation from Amos that will show that at the time of the glorious events and wonderful situation predicted in the following ~~xxxx~~ verses in Amos, that at that time there will be two types of Christians, those who are the remnant of men, indicating the Jews, the remainders