

Acts 15:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

Analysis

James declares 'to this agree the words of the prophets' - the gospel to Gentiles fulfills rather than contradicts Old Testament Scripture. This hermeneutical principle is crucial: the New Testament interprets and fulfills the Old. James will quote Amos 9:11-12 to prove that Gentile inclusion was always God's plan.

Historical Context

James appeals to the Hebrew prophets whom his Jewish audience revered. By showing biblical precedent for Gentile inclusion, he removes the theological objection that Paul's mission contradicted God's covenant purposes.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does the Old Testament anticipate and prepare for New Testament realities?
2. What hermeneutical principles guide our reading of Old Testament prophecy?
3. How does seeing God's unified redemptive plan strengthen your faith?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	τούτῳ	συμφωνοῦσιν	οἱ	λόγοι	τῶν	προφητῶν
And	to this	agree	G3588	the words	G3588	of the prophets
G2532	G5129	G4856		G3056		G4396

καθὼς	γέγραπται
as	it is written
G2531	G1125

Additional Cross-References

Acts 13:47 (Parallel theme): For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

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