

is used by the prophet, not in its figurative, but in its proper meaning, as denoting the Hebrew monarch of that name. By 'that day', for which James has quite indefinitely, 'after these things', we are to understand the period of the dispensation of the Israelites among ~~the~~ nations, subsequent to the fall of their kingdom. Though that kingdom would never be restored, yet the Jewish polity would be re-established at Jerusalem. This polity is here called 'the booth' or 'hut of David' to denote the reduced state of his family and the affairs of the people. Comp. isa. 11:1. When the prosperity of the family is spoken of, the more dignified phrase, the house of David, is employed. See 2 Sam. 3:1; 1 Kings 11:58; Isa. 7:2, 13. The tent, or tabernacle of David, Isa. 16:5, would seem to express an intermediate state of things. That David is here understood of the Messiah I cannot find..... Still more definitely to mark the depressed condition of the Jewish kingdom is described as falling. The present participle is here, as frequently, used to denote an action as happening at the time of narration, and which would be continued. About the time of Amos the Jewish affairs had begun to decline; and altho they occasionally and partially revived, yet, taken as a whole, they continued to deteriorate". So far Henderson. That deterioration has continued til the present day (1942). Hence the raising up of the fallen tabernacle, and the closing up of the breaches thereof, the raising up of its ruins, the rebuilding as in the days of old, are yet future, when they shall possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that are called by my name, saith Jehovah that doeth this,

Let it therefore be noted that all this will be done in the End-time. And when ^{we} consider how many passages in the Prophets speak of the re-establishment of the Theocracy, how can language bring this out plainer than in the text under consideration? Says Scofield: "The verses which follow in Amos describe the final regathering of Israel which the other Prophets invariably connect with the fulfil-