

Old Testament you will find somebody says, after this I will return and so James is quoting that and then quoting this. (Laughter audience)

Well personally I think James has more sense than that. I don't see why we have to look for these four words somewhere else in the scripture in the Old Testament. They may have occurred, but they have nothing to do with, he is not quoting that. He is quoting ⁽¹⁾ And there no question about it that that is what he is quoting. Well why does he begin with these words which aren't in Amoth? Well I think it is only scientific to assume that an important part like this in the argument where James is speaking to the council that James is weighing his words and presenting something to them in such a way as to reasonably to present the argument that he has given. He has not just casting out words loosely. And I think it is also reasonable to consider that the apostle and the leaders in this council to whom James gave this word knew their Old Testament. They knew Amoth. And James didn't misquote Amoth and they not know the difference. Then James gives in something in Amoth they knew that what he gave was not in Amoth and they didn't rise up in wrath and I say look here you are misquoting the scripture they evidently understood what was his purpose was and what can the purpose be? Well it seems to me that that the most reasonable suggestion as to the purpose is this- that he is saying I am giving you a quotation from the prophets. But in introducing that, I am giving you a little bit of background to show where this prophet fits where this quotation fits in the scheme of history. I am putting in some words to show just to what does this refer. Amoth says, in that day. Well, in what day? Well, he doesn't think they will disagree with him as to what the day is but he brings it out in his words so he says putting in the first person, After this I will return and do this, meaning what is heresy that is what Amoth is telling about what will happen when Christ return. Well now that is a reasonable hypothesis. I think Anyone looks at this as to the reason why James put this in here. And if he didn't put it in for this reason I don't know