

passages Gen. 43:12, 15; Dt. 15:18, Isa. 6:7 (twice), Jer. 16:18; 17:18. It seems to mean "twice as much". The term  $\{ \text{שָׁנַיִם} \}$ , also double, is from the idea or root "to fold" and may indicate a piece of paper is doubled, folded, and this had debt paying significance. Whether the word in the text is ever used this way is doubtful. It would make a nice point of interpretation though.....

Perhaps the verse says the Lord will repay twice what has previously been charged.. Certainly a verse of promise.

9:13

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seems to indicate v. 12 is antecedent to v.13

This verse has a militant cast and this explains the symbolism. Together the verses may be arranged like this:P

Today I say, (v. 12)  
I will do this (v. 12)  
When I have done that (vv 13-16)

Some think a confrontation is seen in this verse and use the mention of Greece to indicate it ( ). Greece is a proper name occurring in Dan. 8:21; 10:20; 11:2, this text, Joel 3:6. The word may be associated with Noah's grandson, Javan, and if so, Greece may be used synechdochally for the Japhetic line and cultures. An attractive proposition if some evidence is gleaned.

9:15

"defend"  $\{ \text{יָגֵן} \}$   
"sling stones"  $\{ \text{אֲבָצֵי בָּרָז} \}$   
"they will be boisterous"  $\{ \text{חָמָו} \}$   
"bowls"  $\{ \text{מִזְרָקִים} \}$   
"corners of the altar"