

National Identity Eph 2:19-22

Mt 21:43; 1 Pet 2:9 — *Nation* (#1484) — a *Holy* nation (Isa 49:6) that gives witness or testimony of the kingdom (Mt 24:14). In 1 Pet 2:9 we see a nation (a set-apart nation, #40 and #1484) who are a peculiar people (#1519 and #2992) — “You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a people belonging to God for the purpose of declaring the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (Lk 1:76-79).

Eph 2:12; 1 Pet 2:10 — Once you were not a people (#2992) — a people belonging to God, His own possession, His own very special people (Ps 16:3; Isa 43:10-13; Isa 52:15). In time past you were not a people, as you were separate from Messiah and excluded from the Commonwealth of Israel (1 Pet 2:10; Eph 2:12-13). Being a part of the Commonwealth of Israel is to be included into the citizenship of a holy nation, in one of its holy tribes, and one of its holy clans, and one of its holy households. 1 Pet 2:9 says that this nation is a holy nation, a chosen race, a people chosen from every race of men (Rev 5:9-10), from every nation, to be raised up to become a royal priesthood, His very own possession, His very own very special people, His majestic ones, His excellent ones, His noble ones, His glorious ones in whom is all His delight (Ps 16:3). Jn 17:22 — “I have given them the glory that You gave Me, Father, that they may be one, as You and I are one, that the world may know You sent Me, and loved them as You loved Me.”

So this is our calling, the reason we were chosen, having been brought near (Eph 2:13) or into His holy nation to do the works in verse 10, in order to bring honor and glory to our Redeemer, and our Father in heaven. The blood of Messiah in verse 13 expresses the violent death of our Master Yahshua, as He poured out His lifeblood as a sacrifice for us (Eph 1:7).

No longer should anyone live in confusion, separation, or alienation in these last days (Eph 1:10), when Mk 9:11-12 and Dan 2:44 reach their full climax, in the restoration of Isa 49:6; Mt 21:43; and 24:14 to bring about Rev 11:15; 20:1-3; Heb 10:13; Acts 3:21. Now is the time of Heb 10:13 in our daily lives in the holy nation we have been chosen to build up. Isa 49:17 – Sons build, that is, sons who see themselves as sons of God. No true son sees himself as a slave no matter how hard or long he works to build that nation (Gen 12:1-4; Mt 21:43; Gen 18:19).

Acts 26:6-8 specifically calls attention to this new spiritual Israel made up of twelve geographical locations on earth (Jms 1:1) to do what Mt 21:43 says for natural Israel who never produced the fruit of the kingdom.

The New Nation

For centuries YHWH dealt with natural Israel, His people, but as Mt 21:33-43 says, they continued to stone the prophets sent to them. So the Day of Pentecost came to establish this *new* Israel (1 Pet 2:4-10).

The apostle Peter who preached that day, along with the rest of the apostles, identified that new nation as one composed of persons who had received the very same Spirit who dwelt in Messiah, who became both Sovereign and Anointed (Acts 2:36; Jn 14:18). In fact, after remembering their Master's own words in Mt 21:43, Peter wrote in 1 Pet 2:4-10 the very words applied to old Israel in Ex 19:5-6. But now royal dignity had been given to them. All who were born into this new nation, either physically or spiritually, recognized YHWH as ruler, and His Son as Sovereign, and the Anointed One (Acts 2:34-35). Acts 5:32 – Their obedience showed that they possessed citizenship in the eternal dwellings (Phil 3:20), as they were sealed with the eternal Spirit who was given in advance of this inheritance (2 Cor 1:22; 5:5; Eph 1:13-14).

Whereas natural Israel was constituted a nation under the Law covenant, the Holy Nation of Spirit-begotten sons became a royal priesthood under the New Covenant as a foretaste of the age to come (Mt 19:28; Heb 8:6-13 Ex 19:5; 1 Pet 2:4-10).

So, we are a nation set apart from all others to bring about the new age to come when Israel of old will be restored to the New Covenant we now take the blessing in (Acts 26:7). When the Spirit was poured out upon the first disciples, who were all natural Jews, it was obvious that YHWH was dealing with a new holy nation (Acts 1:4,5,15; 2:1-4; Eph 1:1-14). That new nation was extended to the Gentiles as well (Rev 5:9-10, as today is fulfilled in us; Acts 10:24-48; 13:46-48; Eph 2:11-20) to become eternally as

Eph 2:21-22; Rev 21:3,12,24; etc. We are now in the process of “being built together” to become the dwelling place of God (Eph 2:21-22).

Pr 17:17 and Eph 2:21-22 means we do not disagree (1 Jn 2:20,27,28; 1 Cor 1:10; 1 Tim 2:8; Mal 1:11) and if Eph 2:21-22 is so, we then take no more identity in the world, but only as Messiah’s Body. We are no longer ashamed to belong to Him (Gal 3:25; Mk 8:31-38). We are the *new* sons of Jacob whom the faith of Abraham produces, that is, true sons. Eph 2:12 — No longer separated, no longer alienated, we are the Commonwealth of Israel.

No Ordinary Nation

A holy nation is superior to an ordinary nation. The holy nation is composed of those from every ordinary nation. A nation is as Gen 10 and 11 says – having the same culture and language. Without this particular characteristic, it is not a nation, but just a people, as Rev 5:9. Gen 10:32 —Every nation has its own ethnicity — one government, one language, and one culture, coming from one descendent of Noah (Acts 17:26). But the holy nation is made up of people from all cultures, ethnicities, and languages — from every nation and people — built into one culture. Only in Messiah can the curse in Gen 9:25-27 be broken, or the separation of the nations in Gen 11:8-9.

Ethnic cleansing is in order in the fallen world, when the confusion once again permeates in the arrogant men who try to globalize under the curse – the second curse, the second fall after the flood – when men try to undo the confusion without Messiah. In the world, every ethnic group thinks their own culture and language is superior – they are ethnocentric. So, if that is right, they should have stayed within their own boundaries and not brought confusion to the nation they migrated to. Otherwise they ought to establish a new nation, without prejudice (that is, if they could), as when the Europeans came to America from England and established a new nation. But they were of different religious persuasions, which caused strife and division. But when other nations and cultures, languages and ethnicity immigrated into their newly formed nation, each with its own ethnocentric behavior, it brought strife and diversity, and the Civil Rights Bill had to be established to force legislation for equal rights. Now, even the perverts of society lobby for their rights to be pedophiles, as if they were protected by the Constitution!

Civil and equal rights should never, never need to be legislated in a nation that is truly a nation. This happens only in a country full of people of mixed ethnic persuasions, philosophies, ethnicity, ethnology, practices, cultures, religions, habits, manners, customs, languages, morals, etc., etc., and won’t comply to any one set of customs, morals, manners, ethnology, practices, or even language. A nation that is civil would never have to force civil rights or equal rights because all in that nation are of the same race and culture, or else they comply absolutely of their own free will because they love the nation they have been grafted into. They are thankful to be in that nation.

A nation does not consist of other nationalities, for they are of the one nation they have become a part of. A nation consists of the community of people under one government, all serving in total loyalty – a federation of tribes, not as the American Indians, for they were not a nation, but different warring tribes. (They had no one head, but a mass of confusion as in the United States today). They all are under one flag, and all pledge their allegiance to it. Everyone has one national identity. A nation is a nation only as a people defined by geography and political and racial unity.

A nation is defined by language as Gen 11:1 teaches. They were one language and one speech until God confused their language and speech (verses 6-9), and then the three races divided into their own groupings, according to their own language. This was a divine judgment upon the sons of men, but also to preserve them until this curse is lifted in the next age. It was a judgment on human pride, as verse 6 would have been for their ultimate destruction, which the world today is going back to in calling for globalization.

Syncretism — attempts to harmonize opposing races by political clout and coercion. Co-equality can only be in a nation of one’s own kind and persuasion and culture. Gen 10:5,20,31,32 — This is the *definition* of a nation. A nation can only be a nation if it is made up of people who are of one culture and persuasion, in which there can be no hostility between persons of different cultures, for a nation is one culture and language. No one in a nation communicates in a different language. Gen 10:5 —

There is only one national identity. To have to coerce a people of a nation under one flag to be one identity, to speak its own language, to adhere to its own culture goes against the natural law and logic. Civil war is not logically understandable in a nation which is truly a nation, except when the government breaks its own Constitution and Bill of Rights and the people of the nation altogether take up arms against their own government. But if everyone is under the one head and identity of their own nation, then it is just civil strife or war. Abraham Lincoln was a tyrant who did great harm to America and to its Constitution and brought about the death (murder) of 650,000 of its own citizens in what is called the *Civil War*. Abraham Lincoln was the most corrupt and dishonest of all presidents, and his assassination was just. The Civil War was a great waste of human blood — the greatest waste of human blood that has ever been shed in the history of mankind.

The Effects of a One-World Government

God is not for globalization, or one world government (Gen 11:7-9). It is God's will that people stay in their own groupings, and marry within their own ethnicity and culture, or racial groupings. Rev 19:11-20 is the outcome of globalization; in verse 19 they are gathered together to blow us out of the sky.

Globalization tries to undo what God decided to do after the flood. Only He can carve out from all these separate nations and people and languages and tribes a people for Himself to be the light of all the earth (Isa 49:6; Mt 24:14). It is not up to men to take things in his own hands to undo our Father's wisdom, for it will only lead to the same thing once again as in Gen 11:6.

Gen 11:4 is rebellion against what they were ordered to do under natural law (Rom 2:14) in Gen 9:1-7, 18-19, so they were forced to scatter and fill the earth, as in the original mandate of Gen 1:28. They were to carry out Gen 9:1-7 within their own ethnic groups in order to keep the Everlasting Covenant (Isa 24:5) in the natural social order. Going against Gen 10:5,20,31,32 would make the Everlasting Covenant extremely hard to keep in a mixed multicultural, multilingual, multi-ethnic environment which promotes confusion, hatred, alienation, strife, racial prejudice, hate crimes, and the welfare system. Such an environment goes against the natural law (Rom 2:14). But within one's own kind and background, the Everlasting Covenant would be easier to keep (Acts 17:26). This was our Father's kind intention in Gen 10:5,20,31,32.

Why do you think there are so many "hate crimes", slurs, and racial inequality? Because Gen 10:5,20,31,32 is being violated at the expense of peace. Acts 17:26 — All ethnic groups must stay within their own predetermined boundaries and the territories of their dwellings (Gen 10:1,5), unless they come as *refugees* into another territory, giving up their own culture and taking on the new culture in which they have taken refuge. (In fact, we also are refugees in the kingdom of Eph 2:12-15 and Rev 5:9.) To understand this and agree with it shows that one is discerning good and evil, which one's eternal destiny depends on (Rom 2:14-16; Rev 20:12-15). This differentiates between the *two kinds* of people in Rev 22:11, the Unjust and the Just. The Holy are the only race that incorporates *all* ethnic nations and cultures into Rev 5:9 to live in perfect peace and equality (Gal 3:28).

Gen 11:6 – If as one people speaking the same language the whole human race remained united in the proud attempt to take its destiny into its own hands, and by its man-centered efforts to seize the reins of history, there would be no limit to its unrestrained rebellion against God. Satan wants to find a man to give the kingdom of this world to – to be one. The Antichrist will attempt to eliminate two-thirds of the world's population, and start again in the "unity" of Gen 11:6 – a magnificent society or civilization. Likewise, Satan is all for the ecumenical movement as a mockery of the oneness in Jn 17:21.

The assertion that "all men are created equal" was true in the beginning and is still true in each grouping's own ethnic region. But when migration into other groupings takes place, this rule takes its toll in strife and segregation hostility by perverted men who try to outsmart nature.

In the case of the second curse on man in Gen 9:25-27, Châm's descendants will always be in the social category that God has so-ordered in society – even among his own brothers. Canaan will be the servant of servants. Gen 9:25-27 is until the next age, when all things will be restored on earth (Acts 3:21), and only in Messiah in this

age is it already restored among those who walk in the Spirit (Mk 9:11-12). Wherever Canaan goes, he is suspect – except in Messiah. Even black taxi drivers suspect black customers, and will pass them by. But Châm needs Shem; independence leads to disaster, as is common in South Africa and even in the US.

Gen 6:18 is speaking of the everlasting covenant in Gen 9:1-9. Our Father wanted the earth filled with mankind who, like Noah and the three sons and their wives, although fallen as Adam and Eve, would carry out the mandate in Gen 9:1-7 and Gen 3:16-19, and keep this everlasting covenant (Isa 24:5).

Relative Evil

The word *evil* in Gen 8:21 is a relative evil as we all know in our imaginations, but this is no conclusive indication that these evil thoughts would be carried out – not if man abided by the covenant in Gen 3:22, which is the great test for fallen man, determining his eternal destiny. Noah and his family also were under this same curse as Gen 8:21, but they all were considered relatively righteous – not going over the boundaries into the behavior of Rom 1:24-31. What about Noah in Gen 6:9-12? Had *all* flesh corrupted their way on the earth? All except for Noah and his family. So not *all* were corrupt. All were fallen short of God's original glory, but not all were depraved or corrupt. So with this fallen but righteous man and his family, God would once again give the mandate in Gen 1:28, and expect fallen mankind to keep the covenant in Gen 9:1-7, and all who would keep it would be worthy of a second life (Rev 20:15), and all who would not, would be worthy of a second death sentence (Rev 21:8). Gen 2:17 is the first death sentence.

The word *sentence*, as in *first* death sentence and the *second* death sentence, means a conclusion reached after deliberation — the punishment imposed to serve out a sentence. Heb 9:27 is the first sentence corresponding to the first death already pronounced, and after this first sentence is served out, all will be raised to life again (Jn 5:28-29) – some to a second life, and others to the second death. The second death sentence is final and eternal. Rev 20:11-15 is the judgment as in a criminal proceeding to determine the degree of the crime committed and specifying the punishment to be inflicted upon the convict.

All have sinned, but the judgment of Ecc 12:14 and Rom 2:16 will determine the motives involved in the sins, and the degree of guilt. All men lie, but not all are liars. Many men have done various sins, as to the standard of Gen 3:22, but not all have become as Rom 1:24-32. As Pr 28:5 says, the wicked person does not know justice, does not even understand it. Do you know judges and juries like these?

Gen 3:16-19 is the standard by which the nations will be judged, as Pr 24:23-25,28-34, by their motives, whether they are good or evil (Gen 3:22; Rom 2:14), by what they *know* is wrong (Jms 4:17).

Migration can be righteous as long as it is colonization in regions that are not already established in their own particular culture or ethnicity (ethnic affiliation) – customs, manners, and especially language. Otherwise it causes great confusion, and civil rights laws must be imposed to ensure equal rights. Governments are mandated to establish laws against prejudices, such as hate laws, etc. Usually, a migrant or immigrant moves to satisfy his lusts or escape boredom in his own region, or he is too lazy to work, or is being persecuted for religious reasons, or is fleeing the law for his criminal actions. So he migrates to another region, and then will not humbly submit to their culture, but brings his own religion, customs, and language, which are contrary to the established order. This causes confusion when enough of the rebels come in, and then lobby to get their own “equal rights”, passing “anti free speech laws” to protect themselves as minorities.

Ethnic Groups

If members of an ethnic group or minority group retain their customs, language, or social views and will not by any means take on the language, customs, and social views of the (supposed) nation that takes them in, then they should go back to the place they came from in order to preserve the nation they migrated to. Otherwise they will only make that nation a “third world” nation if they stay or are allowed to stay. Ethnic groups in a nation that retain their own former nation's ethnicity will destroy the nation that received them. They will cause civil strife, turmoil, hatred, alienation, and war – eventually civil war as an ethnic cleansing of the “rift” allowed to migrate to their nation. *Arift* is something that separates or divides.

If the migrants want to stay within a nation, let them humble themselves to accept their new nation's ethnicity – or that nation is soon not a nation. A nation is made up or composed of citizens who owe their allegiance to it, since they are all under its protection. A nation is a community of persons who were born in it or migrated to it with absolute gratitude for its reception and protection, forgetting their past allegiances to the nation they deserted. The nation they migrate to is composed of those of one nationality – the nationality of that nation which they have become a citizen of or now belong to. They must humbly embrace the characteristics of the nation that now protects them. There can be no ethnocentricity among the immigrants, holding onto the thought that their race is superior than others. They all become part of the one race in that one nation, or God can't bless that nation.

Ethnology is a science that compares human cultures in a social structure, language, religion, and technology; it is a branch of anthropology dealing with the divisions of mankind into races, and the origin, distribution, relations, and characteristics of ethnic groups and the relations among them (Gen 10:31). Gen 10:5 was as our Father intended (Acts 17:26). Gen 10 tells the intended purpose of our Father, who is all wise and knows the heart and intentions of man (Gen 8:21). Gen 9:25-27 tells of one spectrum of society. We see in Gen 10:5 that Yapheth was to spread out in their own nations – or produce their own nations – each with its own language.

Gen 10:1-5 — verse 5 (Yapheth);

Gen 10:6-20 — verse 20 (Châm);

Gen 10:21-31 — verse 31 (Shem).

And Gen 10:32 happened as described in Gen 11:1-8. In Gen 11:1-4 rebellion set in, so Yahweh came down and did verses 6-9. There would have been no limit to the unrestrained rebellion against God's purpose if they were allowed to stay together in their fallen state, with Satan ruling, all speaking the same language and one mind (Satan's).

An *immigrant* is a person who comes to a nation to take up permanent residence, one who is not a native, but because of unusual circumstances in his native country comes into this new nation, having been rescued from aggression, etc. As in Israel of old, they must be as foreigners, strangers, visitors in that nation, in order to reside there. They had one law and order there.

Alien Resident

Israel was the light of the nations. A nation means a coherent society of people, a people who stick together to be united, to hold fast, to fight, to ward off the tyrant, and even to die for their nation's good. Unless the people of a nation are coherent, and have the quality of coherency, it cannot be called a nation. A nation has the quality of being congruent — the congruity arising from some common principle or relationship, as subordination to one ideal, or purpose. Synonyms are coherent, cohesion. They cohere as parts of the same mass, composed of mutually dependent or related parts making a logical whole. They are cohabitants in peace forming a nation with a government who protects its people who are united politically.

A nation is a people having like customs, institutions, being socially homogenous with mutual interests. Nations are, or were, formed from people of common ethnic stock, and if any of other ethnic groups were added through immigration, they were fused or grafted into their new ethnic stock by intercourse socially, mentally, physically, and if possible, emotionally. A nation's greatest one characteristic, at least outwardly, is the same language – a single language and closely related dialects, a common tradition and the same natural laws of conscience (Gen 3:22; Rom 2:14), and government to enforce these laws (Gen 9:5-6). Otherwise, they eventually incur Num 35:34. Each and every person of that nation upholds the national identity, for he is attached to his own nation and national interests.

Israel of old was supposed to be the light of the world to every nation, and every alien resident (settler, sojourner, stranger) was expected to live by that light. Lev 24:22 concerns all who join themselves to Israel (Num 15:29-30).