

“Foolish Nation”

Dt 6:4 — Because Israel did not love Yahweh their God as they were supposed to, the kingdom they were was taken away from them — because they could not produce the fruit without love (Dt 6:5; 10:12; 30:6). This commandment was given to Israel as “Hear, O Israel” (Dt 6:4-5; 11:13-21).

The heart, soul, and mind represent the whole of Israel, as every parent of Israel was to train up their children in the Way of Yahweh (Gen 18:19; Dt 6:4-9), thereby the whole nation would be secure to bear the fruit of the Kingdom (Mt 21:33-45). The Kingdom was taken away from Israel since they did not bear its fruit (Mt 21:43), and given to a nation who would bear its fruit (Rom 10:19; Dt 32:21; Isa 65:1).

The failure of Israel to produce the fruit of the kingdom was disobedience to their God. It was not because they did not *hear* the message or because they could not understand it.

Dt 32:21 were those thought by them *not* to be a nation, nor *could* be a nation, nor could ever *be* God’s holy people who would be the Kingdom considered to make them jealous — the “foolish nation” which Isa 49:6 would be (Isa 65:1; Rom 9:24; 10:20; Isa 63:19).

The restoration from the fall of Isa 63:17-19 will be that this “foolish nation” will do *for* natural Israel what they would not do for themselves. It takes Gen 18:19 to bring about the promise of Gen 15:18 (Acts 26-6-8; Rom 11:12-15; Isa 64:7; 65:6-9; 49:5).

So in our days, the days of the Ten Kings of Dan 7:24, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob will raise up a kingdom that will not be given to another people (Dan 2:44; Isa 49:6; Mt 24:14; 21:43). It will be the restoration of the holy nation of priests in 1 Pet 2:9, just as Paul described in Rom 10:19-21, to obtain what old Israel failed to obtain as Rom 11:7 says, because of their blindness even to this day (verses 8-10).

But Rom 11:11-15 shows what will come of their failure through the restoration of Isa 49:6,8 and Acts 26:6-8 — life from the dead, as natural Israel today is considered by God to be dead, but will be resurrected in the next age by Messiah (Acts 3:21; Mt 19:28).

So Rom 11:21-22 is the same warning to the “foolish nation” as came to old Israel in Mt 21:43. If they had continued in God’s goodness they would not have been cut off, but as the Roman church was cut off, so were the rest of the branches (Jn 15:1-8).

There is no hope for the tree in Rom 11:23 unless the restoration of Mk 9:11-12 and Isa 49:6 produces the fruit of the Kingdom *for them* (Acts 26:7-8; Gen 15:18; 18:19). That is what it will take for them to be raised to life from the dead. Acts 3:21 is their only hope of resurrection as a twelve-tribed nation (Mt 19:28; Acts 26:8; Isa 49:6,8; Mt 21:43; Heb 10:13; Rev 21:1,2,3,7-10).

So the Kingdom will be restored to a *resurrected* Israel in the next age (Rom 11:15,26-27) as the restored “foolish nation” in Rom 11:21-22 is restored from the dead *first* in order to produce the fruit of the Kingdom for old natural Israel, in order for it to be raised from the dead (Acts 26:6-8). This is done *for them* by this “foolish nation” bearing the fruit of the Kingdom that the first church tossed away.

But before this restoration can come to completion in Mt 21:43, Mk 9:11-12, and Isa 49:6, we must fall on that Stone — the Stone that has crushed many to powder so far, and will crush the whole world (Dan 2:44; Mt 21:44; 2 Ths 2:8-9). People can give one of two responses to Messiah, the Rock, the Stone — either be broken by repentance as a result of falling on Him, or to refuse Him and be crushed by Him.

Those who fall on Him join themselves to Him and become part of the “foolish nation” and do what Dt 6:4-5 says. They will produce the fruit of the Kingdom and bring about the restoration of all things in this present day, and bring back Messiah (Mt 24:14) to restore all things in the next age (Dt 32:8; Isa 49:6; Acts 17:26; 26:7).

Dt 32:21; Rom 10:19; 11:11 — Just as Israel provoked God by worshiping that which was “not God”, so would He provoke them by means of those who are “not a nation” — those outside the sphere of the Mosaic covenant — to bring about Zec 12:10 and 13:8 as Paul prophesied in Rom 11:25-27.

Old Israel fell from their first love in Dt 6:4-5, and the first church fell from their first love in Rev 2:4, and can only be restored by a people who will hold fast to their first love as Eph 6:24 commands.