

Romans 10:19-11:1

A Foolish Nation

1. 10:19 - *"But... Did not Israel know?"*

- a. A child's excuse is 1st, I didn't hear, then 2nd, I didn't know. ← Not an excuse.
- b. Know what? God's blessing to all that believe, not to all under law. Rom 10:2-4
- c. How did Israel know - 1st By Moses (Deu 32:21) - 2nd By prophets (Isa 65:1-2)

2. 10:19 - **Moses Said, I Will Work Through a Foolish Nation (Deuteronomy 32)**

- a. Deu 32:7-14 – God set his people, and led them to the promised land.
- b. Deu 32:15-18 – They forsook God, and lightly esteemed the Rock of salvation
- c. Deu 32:19-22 – The LORD abhors them, hides his face, angers w/foolish nation, judgement
- d. This speaks to both their fall in the OT, and their rejection of Christ in the NT.
- e. *"children in whom is no faith"* – The Rock said - Matt 12:34, 12:39, 12:41, 17:17
- f. *"them that are no people"* – If this is Rom 9:25-26, 1 Pet 2:9-10, then it is not you.
 - i. This refers to Hos 1:9-10, referring to displaced Israel! Not a people = Isa 7:8-9
 - ii. "no people" a people without a place/home = this excludes every Gentile nation.
 - iii. No people = people scattered, prophets not received by Israel, forsaken, discarded.
- g. *"a foolish nation"* Is a singular undeserving nation (within a nation) identified in Matt 21:43
 - i. Moneychangers vs. blind/lame 21:12-14, children vs. priests 21:15-16
 - ii. Priests/elders vs. publicans, harlots - 21:23-32, a nation bringing fruit - 21:41-44
 - iii. See the foolish nation provoke to anger → Matt 21:45-46, Acts 5:28-33, 7:51-54
- h. This remnant nation theme throughout the prophets - Hos 13:9, 14, Isa 26:1-4, 37:31-32
- i. Moses said: Israel does not have faith, so I will work through a foolish nation (not a people)

3. 10:20-21 – **Esaiahs Said, I Will Be Found by Sinners (Isaiah 65)**

- a. What made the nation foolish in the eyes of Israel was their transgressions.
- b. 10:20 - *"I was found of them that sought me not"* - Not seeking the Lord is sin- Rom 3:10-12
 - i. Isaiah was bold because he speaks of them as being sinners that found God by faith
- c. 10:21 – *"to Israel he saith..."* – Israel which esteemed themselves by law called disobedient
 - i. Isa 65 – Israel rejects Christ, does not get the kingdom, repentant sinners get it.
- d. Isaiah 63-64 – The prayer of the faithful remnant of Israel before their kingdom.
 - i. Isa 63:15-19 – A people rejected by Israel, sinners, plead for mercy from Our Father
 - ii. Isa 64:5-8 – A confession of sins, recognition of his hid face, they are the clay.
 - iii. God promised mercy to those that would repent – Deu 4:25-31
 - iv. Jesus came telling sinners to seek the Lord and find him – Matt 6:33, 7:7-8
- e. There is a "cluster" that remains, for those that seek him (remnant) – Isa 65:8-10, 13

4. **Are these verses talking about the Body of Christ?**

- a. Did God replace Israel with Gentiles? Is Paul saying Moses and Isa spoke of the church? No.
- b. If what Israel knew was Moses and Isaiah (Deu 32, Isa 65), then Rom 10 is not the mystery.
- c. The children of Deu 32 to whom the Rock appears is rejected and then believed is Israel.
- d. Body of Christ is not a nation, nor not a people. We are the church, a new man Eph 2:15
- e. *"Hath God cast away his people?"* Is God done with Israel? Are they forever condemned?
- f. *"God forbid"* which chapter challenges every replacement theory, covenant view of Israel.