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The Hope of Our Calling

Mt 21:43 — Spoken by the Word of God 2000 years ago — but where is that nation? To whom was He referring? To whom was He speaking? Who are the *you* from whom the Kingdom was taken? To whom was the Kingdom going to be given? And what about the fruit of it? Has it been produced in 2000 years?

Dan 2:44; Mt 24:14; Isa 49:6; Rev 11:15; 20:1,2 — These give some understanding of what the fruit is. Dan 2:35 — The fruit of the Kingdom. The Kingdom is the twelve tribes of Israel, obviously — His people, according to the parable. The fruit is realization of hopes as Paul said (Acts 26:6-7; 28:20).

The hope of Israel (Gen 15:18; 18:19; 17:7-9; Isa 49:6,8). *Hope* means: expectation of something desired; something that gives; the object of this feeling or faith; anticipation; assumption; belief; confidence; desire; expectation; faith; longing; aspire; await; contemplate; count on; look forward to. Eph 2:12 — Outside of Israel no one has this hope.

Bearing the fruit of the Kingdom, of Israel (Mt 21:43) — taken away from ancient Israel and the first church. Both are apostate, in ruins.

The hope of our calling is the *realization* of what we were chosen for as a chosen nation (Mt 21:43; 1 Pet 2:9). The hope of realizing the purpose to which we were called (Isa 53:10).