

As Abraham Did, Do

(But As Abraham's Natural Descendants Did, Don't Do)

(1 Corinthians 10:11; John 8:39)

Gen 18:19 — No people has done this as a nation, but only certain ones as individuals. Like Rev 3:4, it has always boiled down to just a few, and then they disappeared.

Our Father promised Abraham that as long as he and his offspring, his natural descendants, kept the covenant they would (as a nation) be blessed and not cursed, and not be taken away from the land and see their enemies take over. But if they continued to be rebellious and obstinate and stiff-necked (Acts 7:50,51)(haughty and stubborn, Num 35:33-34) as in Mt 21:33-45, then verse 43 *would come upon them*. This kingdom in verse 43 was the first “church” and it was for them to obey the *same conditions* (Acts 26:6-8; Isa 49:6; Heb 10:13). But if they also became stiff-necked (stubborn and unwilling), the kingdom would be taken away from them (Rom 11:21-22), if they did not continue in the only way the church can be, as Acts 2:42-47 and Acts 4:32-37. Otherwise Rev 2:5 would happen and they would no longer be the Edah, the witness, or light to the nations. But that witness would of necessity have to be restored in order bring about the end of this present age (Mk 9:11-12; Mt 21:43; 24:14; Heb 10:13; Rev 20:1-3).

To bear the fruit takes a good tree (Mt 7:17-18). The tree of the first century is Mt 7:19 and it became like a stump. A new tree grew up out of the same root system (Dan 4:13-16). The first church turned into a senseless animal (Dan 4:23,25,32). The first church went insane and became like an animal for 1900 years. But in the last days Dan 2:28,44 would come about, the restoration of all things (Mk 9:11-12) — in the latter days (#319, #320), the latter end, the last or end days. *Latter* is relating to the end, the final days (Mic 5:3; Rev 12:1; Mt 21:43), when Rom 11:25-26 will bring about Mt 19:28. The “last days” begin on the first day of the 49-year period before the year of

Jubilee, the LAST DAY in Rev 12:6 (Jn 6:39,40,44,54). The year of Jubilee was never celebrated in all of Israel's history. Mk 9:11 and Mt 17:4 restores all things, which includes the Yom Kippur, the feasts, and the seven sabbatical years to the year of Jubilee, and the last day of this age to begin the new age of Messiah's reign on earth.

"The latter days" is an expression used of the *end times* when God intervenes to set up His earthly kingdom. Mt 24:14 comes, and then comes the end of this age.

Isa 2:2-4; Hos 3:4-5; Mic 4:1-5 — I can't help but believe that this, or these things will happen during these last days that are coming up, when the nation is born. They are referring prophetically to us who are a foretaste of this coming kingdom. This refers to our festivals and events, our open houses. Our gates never close; they are always open day and night (Maté Factors). Remember we are not living for ourselves. We have been saved for this witness in the world (Jn 12:25-25,26 Acts 26:7). Mic 4:1-5 as Isa 2:2-4 in this present age is the fullness of Mt 24:14, which ushers in the fullness of the next age. Mt 24:14 comes first.

A Place to Belong

His name is slandered by those who claim to know Him but are not where He is from (Jn 12:26; Lk 13:25-27), and do not know Him and can only misrepresent Him. They denigrate Him as Rom 2:24 and Eze 36:23. Where are you from? What's your address? 1 Jn 4:2-3 — Unless you are in a place *where He is*, you are *outside*. He asks, "Where are you from?" or, "Where are you coming from?" The only way we can possibly know Him is to be where He is and serve Him there. Phil 3:10-11 — Only in the Community can one attain to the resurrection from the dead. No one can gain possession of this outside the Body of Messiah, the Community. Unless you are in one of these communities you have not yet been immersed into Him and become a member of His Body (Gal 3:27; 1 Cor 12:12-13).

Phil 3:12 — “Press on” means striving to enter by the narrow door (Lk 13:24) where His disciples are commanded to enter. This is the door to the kingdom, which entails a lifetime of “pressing on” to finally arrive. The problem is: Are you here? Are you with us? Are you with Him? (Mt 12:30). Unless each one of us is *with Him*, pressing on through the hardships that come our way (Acts 14:22), there can be no entry into the millennial kingdom to rule with Him for 1000 years. We must keep on keeping on, just as Paul said that he had not yet *arrived* or *attained* to the resurrection from the dead. That is, he was not yet perfected (Lk 1:17). Paul had not yet laid hold of it — laid hold of what Messiah Yahshua has laid hold of him for. He had not yet completed his journey (Mt 24:13), but he made every effort (Phil 3:13; Col 1:22-23), doing everything that he could in order to reach his goal.

2 Tim 4:6-8 was written later and seems to indicate that Paul had laid hold of it by the end of his life. That is, he had the confidence of 1 Jn 2:28 and 4:17-19 and 2 Cor 5:6-11 and Heb 10:38-39. Paul in Philippians 3 was speaking of the saving of the soul — being perfected (Rev 19:8; Eph 2:10; 4:12-16), that the Holy Spirit’s work would be completed in Him as He gave himself to His work in him. To save one’s soul is to save it from *death* (Jms 5:20; 1:21). That is referring to the second death for believers in Messiah in the Body (Rev 2:11; 3:5). The many of Rev 3:4 did not attain to the resurrection. They were judged not worthy of Messiah (Col 1:10-11), and not worthy to rule with Him on earth for 1000 years (Rev 5:9; 20:5-6).

This first resurrection is the resurrection in Phil 3:10-11, in contrast to the second death for those of us who do not attain to it, who do not overcome our iniquities and do not walk worthy of Messiah. Such will go to this second death. Their names are taken out of the book of life, that is, “life in the resurrection” from the dead, or the next life, after this present life in Messiah’s Body (2 Cor 5:10; Rev 2:11; 3:5; Jn 8:51; Dan 12:1-2,10).

Dan 12:1-2 — *Everlasting* means age-lasting — lasting for an age, 1000 years (2 Cor 5:10-11; Dan 12:3). Have you ever thought about how our Master would not confess our name before the Father as Rev 3:5 says (Mk 8:38; 2 Cor 5:11). Dan 12:3 speaks of the wise virgins, and Dan 12:10 the foolish virgins, who were “left behind” (Mt 24:40-41). Rev 17:14; 19:14; Rev 3:4-5 — Only the ones like Paul were worthy of Messiah (Heb 2:11-13; Mt 25:40,45).

Our Special Task

We are a special people with a special purpose, for the sake of doing what Abraham did, though we may not be his natural offspring. Only those who belong to Messiah are Abraham’s seed and they will fulfill this great enterprise (Gen 18:19; Jer 31:1). The promise God made to Abraham is fulfilled by his offspring doing what Abraham did, that is his seed after him (Gen 18:19). Jn 8:39 — The Master rebuked Abraham’s natural seed for not doing it. The proof that Abraham did what he was chosen to do was the obedience of his family, as his son Isaac (Gen 22:12). So verses 16-18 have not yet been fulfilled and it cannot be done until his seed does what Abraham was chosen for (Gen 18:19).

The phrase “after him” means his descendants must do what he did. Acts 26:6-7 says what the spiritual twelve tribes are to do for him and his natural descendants. This promise made by God to our Fathers can only be fulfilled through his *descendants*. Gen 18:19 — Descendants come *after* the progenitor. This promise did not and cannot come through the natural Jews (Jn 8:39) since the kingdom was taken away from them (Mt 21:43). The descendants of the natural seed of Abraham are now excluded from the promise in this age. Now it must be given to his *spiritual* descendants (Gal 3:16), his offspring through faith (Gal 3:26-29), which are of a new nation (Mt 21:43; Acts 26:7). They must bring about the resurrection of the natural seed of Abraham as a nation (Acts 26:6-8; Isa 49:6,8; Rom 11:15). But only when the prophecy of Isa 49:6 fulfills all God

promised Abraham in verse 8 will the natural seed be given an enemy-free land promised in Gen 15:10,17,18.

Isa 49:8 can only be granted to Abraham's natural descendants when Abraham's spiritual seed accomplishes Isa 49:6, which also is Acts 26:6-8. Rom 11:15 speaks of life from the dead — raising Israel from the dead by the day-and-night serving of the special-agent nation restored to life from the first-century twelve tribes. The restoration in Mk 9:11-12 and the restoration of Rom 11:15 is a parallel. The twelve tribes in Acts 26:7 that Paul said was "ours" in the first century died. It is now dead — just as dead as old Israel. But like old Israel, the new Israel died also, but the root was still alive like the stump in Dan 4:23-26. It is the same with "us" as with old Israel (Zec 12:10; 13:8-9). Job 14:7-9 gives light to this subject.

The restoration of all things in Mk 9:11-12 comes in the latter days (Dan 2:28), in the days of the ten Kings (Dan 2:44; 7:24). Dan 12:4,9 is when the gospel of the kingdom is restored, as well as the corporeal but spiritual community of Israel — twelve tribes (Rev 7:5-8; Eph 2:12; Gal 6:11; Jms 1:1; Acts 26:7). It will be when the prophecy of Mal 1:5,11 is fulfilled in the last days just before Mt 24:14, when the end comes. *Those* twelve tribes will be the witness of the gospel of the kingdom, the witness (Edah) which is the light of revelation (Lk 1:79), since the first edah died in the second century (Rev 2:4-5). See Jer 30:20 for the word *Edah*, or community of Israel (Jer 30:18 - 31:1).

The days of the Ten Kings in Dan 2:44, Dan 7:24, and Rev 17:12 are at the time of Dan 12:4, when the book of Daniel is unsealed. Dan 2:44 — Then the kingdom will not be left to another people as Mt 21:43 spoke of old Israel and the first church. Mk 9:11-12 is the days of the Ten Kings. Mt 6:10; Zec 14:9 — His Kingdom will come if Yahweh (Elohim, the Father), the Son, and the Holy Spirit are one *and* His people are one (Eph 4:1-6,12-16). "It Takes a Community" to perform Heb 10:13, to accomplish Rev 20:1-3, and to do for Abraham's seed what they did not have the heart to do and did not do (Acts 26:6,9,8; Isa 49:6-8; Jn 8:39). Isa 49:8 — It takes a community to restore

the land (the word is *land*, not *earth*). Rom 11:15 comes by Rev 11:15. We are *Servant Israel* (Isa 49:3), His special agency. Paul said Isa 49:4, but what we learn from Paul's letters of correction to the clans of Israel, and of James to the "twelve tribes", is what we must *beware of* in ourselves in order to fulfill Dan 2:44.