

his people, the Israelites who have not followed him truly as they should will be replaced by those who seem to be outside like the forest of Lebanon. They are going for a time to take over the leadership.

29:18 And in that day shall the deaf hear . . . vs. 19 . . . vs. 20 vs. 21 vs. 22 vs. vs. 23 But when Jacob (they are imagining here the the founder of the house of Israel ancestry), when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and ~~the~~ shall fear the God of Israel." So here you have great numbers of the Israelites turning away from God, you have the nation as a whole going off into apostasy. Israel is imagined as seeing the new ones whom God has brought in -- Lebanon from outside, the Gentiles, brought in to the leadership among his people. So you have the picture- of the turning to the Gentiles, just as Ahaz is to be replaced by God's own King, so the leaders of Israel are to be replaced by the new leaders whom He will bring from those that sought him not, those that had not followed him.. This happens up to vs. 23, and then vs. 24 looks beyond that: Vs. 24 "They also that erred in spirit (they also shall come to) understand, and they ~~that~~ that murmured shall learn doctrine.

~~Here~~ Here we have an exact parallel to Rom. 11 where it describes God's work under the figure of the olive tree, and we have the olive tree and then we have the wild branches that are grafted into the olive tree, and then we have the natural- branches grafted back again into their own olive tree. The redemption -- and so all Israel shall be saved, in God's own time as ~~Paul~~ Paul says. So here you have the parallel to it. The turning to the Gentiles. The fruitful field becoming like a forest. The forest of Lebanon becoming like a fruitful field for a time and then they also that erred in spirit come to understand the eventual redemption of Israel. So we have the new Nation pictured here.

Then we have Chapter 30 in which we have the people's answer to this. It is a very interesting chapter in which it is as if the people replied and they say, No, we have got this plan with T.P. You say it is not going to work. Vs. 1, Woe to the rebellious people . . . " You say that that won't work, well all right well go to Egypt.