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God, our Father, is always looking for those who will seek and worship him. Jesus said if we do not worship him, the rock will cry out his praises, but Father prefers it from the people he created.

The prophet Isaiah is well known for Messianic prophecies, but Paul points out in Romans 10:20-21 what Isaiah [Esaias] said of God. Paul writes, "But Esaias is very bold, and saith [from God] 'I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest [shown] to them that asked not after me.' But to Israel he saith, 'All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people."

This is a prophesy given because of Israel's rebellion, because God would show himself [redemptively] to the gentile nations. These are the nations that the irreverent Jews thought that their God had no interest in.

Isaiah 65:1 says, "I am sought of them that asked not for me. I am found of [by] them that sought me not. I said, 'Behold me [look to me], behold me' unto a nation [nations] that was not called by my name." The pagan nations did not know Jehovah, yet he drew them unto himself through Jesus. This was the result of Israel's centuries' long idolatry. This was least expected by Israel.

God still covets our praise and worship, our reverence toward him. America was raised up as a nation by God but has now forsaken him as did Israel. Because of this, America faces judgment.

Yes, God will raise up and preserve a remnant. Just like the gentile nations came into his fold starting with the early church, so also God can raise up heathen nations today that have not previously sought him. It is now happening.

Just like the Jews did not believe God could save the gentile nations, so also do many of todays' Christian nations and other people think that the Muslim nations cannot be saved. Yet, there are now millions of Muslims in those oppressive nations who are coming to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. God is raising them up unto himself "against all odds."

Continue to pray for God's saving grace to come to all Muslim people, and other non-believers, just as we also pray for Israel. And yes, many Jews are also being saved.

God hears our prayers for them. Keep praying.