

"THE LOST SHEEP OF ISRAEL"

(OR, A STUDY IN SHEEP)

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"Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep, and doesn't know where to find them; Leave them alone, and they will come home, Wagging their tails behind them.

As children, most of us were put to sleep countless times with this Mother Goose Nursery Rhyme. Too many of us have, perhaps at one time or another, literally put ourselves to sleep counting the proverbial sheep. Sheep then, have been important to us in one way or another. Perhaps we were the "Black Sheep," or "Mother's little lamb," Whatever... this brings us to the point of this study -A Study in Sheep! The "**Lost Sheep of Israel**," the so-called "**Ten Lost Tribes**" of Israel that have been lost since the 7th century B.C.

In the Biblical Encyclopedia the following is said of sheep:

"The sheep is the first animal mentioned by name in the Bible, and was among the Hebrews' most treasured possessions. The patriarchs counted their sheep by the thousands, and they moved from place to place as pasture for these was needed. Not only was the flesh of the sheep used for food and sacrifice, but their skins were among the most primitive forms of clothing, and in progress of time their fleeces were spun and woven. Shepherds were an abomination to the Egyptians, and on account of this occupation, the land of Goshen was given to the Israelites to live in."

In **Jeremiah 50:17**, we find who the Sheep are, and how they were scattered:

"ISRAEL (not JEWS) is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away; first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and this last, Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon hath broken his bones."

Sheep is the emblem of Christ in **Isaiah 53:7** and in **Psalms 95:7** sheep is the emblem of the Father's People. There is to be a remnant of God's Chosen Race of People saved to the "end times." In the book of **Ezra**, written some 500 years B.C., the prophet stated in the **9th chapter, 8th verse**:

"And now for a little space grace hath been shewed from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage."

And in the book of **Romans** the Apostle Paul, in the **11 chapter, 1st verse**, cries out:

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"I say then, hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew."

And in the **6th verse**:

"Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace."

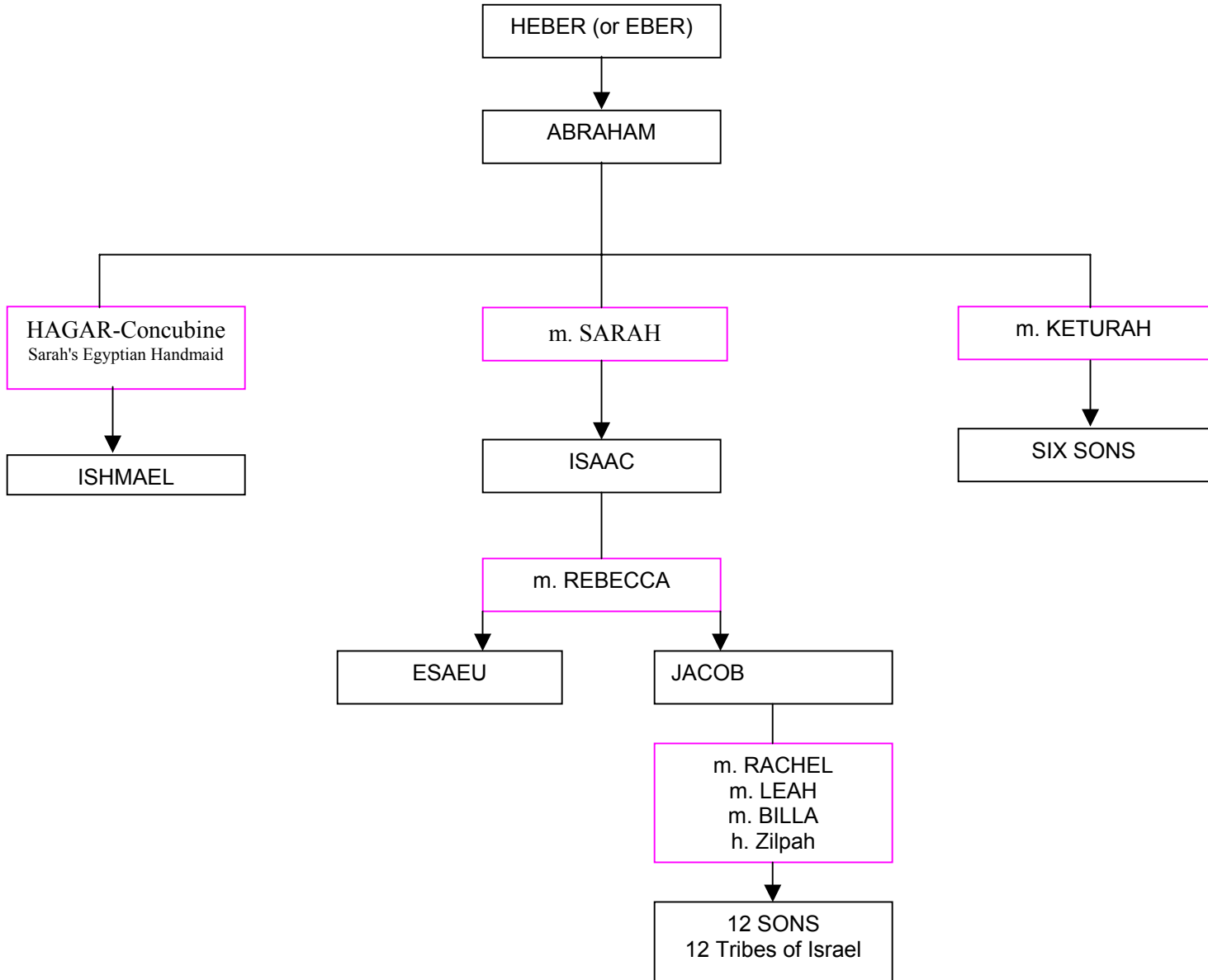
We see plainly from the above verse that some of the Israelites (The Chosen) were not lost - that is, they had not lost their identity. Paul knew very well that he was a Benjaminite, one of the chosen tribes. This is because the tribe of Benjamin, for the most part, was linked with the tribe of Judah in the formation of the Kingdom of Judah, and because of this, was not taken in the Assyrian Captivity in 721 B.C. It was the Ten Tribes, which comprised the Kingdom of Israel, which God punished by this captivity (plus portions of Judah and Benjamin). You can read all about this in the **2nd Book of Kings**. In **chapter 17, verse 18**, we read:

"Therefore the Eternal was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only."

You can see by this statement that Judah was no longer considered a part of Israel. The surviving Kingdom of Judah was comprised at this time of parts of the tribes of Judah, Benjamin and Levi. They were all known as Yehudah from which the words, "Judah" and "Judea" were derived. From this point in history to the present time, "Yehudah," the Hebrew word for Judah, lost its racial meaning. You can also see that the prophecy pertaining to "Israel being removed" was fulfilled with the "Assyrian Captivity" mentioned above. These Israelites (Israel) who were taken captive to Assyria, and who never returned to Canaan (the Promised Land), were absolutely never called "JEWS" in Biblical scriptures.

Another point which is of interest here is that not only was Israel to be removed from God's sight, he stated also that, "I said, I would scatter them into the four comers, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men." (**Deut. 32:26**) Remembering that we are looking for the LOST SHEEP OF ISRAEL, and learning from the scripture just quoted that Jehovah-God would cause ISRAEL to loose its identity, we can see how and why the Israel Sheep got lost. It is also not difficult to see that this prophecy certainly could not apply to the JEWS who never lost their identity. They were called "JEWS" in Christ's day, and they are so called today! It behooves us to understand whom the Sheep ARE NOT...as well as to learn who THEY ARE. After all this is the entire thesis of this work: THE JEWS ARE NOT THE HEBREW-ISRAELITES IN THE BIBLE. ...THEY ARE NOT ISRAELITES. ...THEY ARE NOT THE "CHOSEN" THEY ARE NOT THE SHEEP IN THE BIBLE! THEY WERE NOT EVEN HEBREWS!! We can know this because the Bible tells us so. Here is a short genealogical table of Abraham (The "1st Hebrew").

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We will quote two more scriptures, which should forever convince you of this fact! In the book of **Isaiah, 28:11** the Prophet tells of another punishment which God is placing upon ISRAEL (The Ten Lost Tribes) in addition to loosing their identity, being scattered and taken captive. He said, "Another tongue will he (God) speak to his people (Israel.)" In other words, Israel would loose their HEBREW language. They would cease to speak it and would be given another tongue, or language, by God. Again, we can plainly see that this cannot possibly be the "JEWS" since they have continued to read their bibles in the Hebrew tongue. And last, but certainly not the least, God said to ISRAEL (**Isaiah 62:2**) "and thou shalt be called by a new name." To sum up this prophecy quoted above which pertains only to ISRAEL, the "JEWS," if they are ISRAEL, would have to have:

1. Been scattered to the four comers of the earth, and any memory of them removed from mankind.
2. Been given another language, other than Hebrew.

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3. Been given a new name other than "Jews."

Does this prophecy fit the JEWS? I THINK NOT! IF NOT, to whom does it pertain? The remainder of this 'Study in Sheep' will lead you to the answer of this centuries old question if you have "**ears to hear and eyes to see.**" But first, please keep in mind for the remainder of this study that ISRAEL (the Ten Lost Tribes), who was taken into the Assyrian Captivity, absolutely **never returned** to Canaan, the Promised Land! Only members of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin are recorded in the Bible as having returned to Jerusalem from the Babylonian Captivity, and only some 42,360 of them made the journey. This is absolutely correct, and the exact census can be found in **Ezra, chapter 2**. By the fourth century B.C., the entire "Promised Land" had virtually been emptied of Israelites and had been repopulated by other Pagan races from "Babylon, Cuthah, Ava, Hamath, Sepharvaim," and other areas (**II Kings 17:24**) thus only those 43,000 who returned to the city of Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple, etc., could claim any of Isaac's and Jacob's blood. This should give you some idea of what Christ (who "*came only to the Lost Sheep of Israel,*" **Matt. 15:24**) was up against when he walked in the city of Jerusalem and the countryside of Judea! As a matter of fact, we find in **John 7:1**, that "*After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.*" In Judea, only a small percentage of the people who lived there could actually claim to be of Abraham's, Isaac's, and Jacob's seed (**II Kings 17:18**, quoted above). They were called JEWS simply because they lived in Judea, which was the full meaning of the term at that time, just as the Apostles and Jesus were called "Galileans" because they lived in Galilee...not Judea!

SHEPHERDS BEWARE!

Returning now to scriptural testimony regarding God's sheep, (the Chosen) we find in **Isaiah 6:11** "*All we (Israel) like sheep have gone astray: we have turned everyone to his own way; and Lord hath laid on him (Jesus Christ) the iniquity of us all.*" Whereas the prophet **Jeremiah** in 600 B.C. prophesied principally to Judah, there are some pronouncements which pertain to Israel, and which are useful to us in this study. In the **23rd chapter, verses 1-6**, we find the following:

"Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord. Therefore thus saith the Lord God of Israel¹ against the pastors that feed my people, Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the Lord, And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds: and they shall be fruitful and increase. And I will set up shepherds over them, which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more. nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the Lord. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth, In his days JUDAH² shall be saved, and ISRAEL shall dwell

¹ The Bible never states "the Lord God of Egypt," or Moab or any race or nation of people but Israel (his sheep).

² Please note that Judah and Israel are separate entities.

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safely¹; and this His name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

Then in the **7th and 8th verses**, the Lord said through **Jeremiah**:

*"Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, The Lord liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, the Lord liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, (Assyria, *NOT Babylonia which was east) and **from all countries** whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land."*

Isn't this profound? Isn't it thought provoking? Just think, we do not need a "Commentator," or "Theologian," or "Higher Criticism" here. All we need is to believe in the Lord and believe that he means what he says! LET US "RIGHTFULLY DIVIDE THE WORD OF TRUTH which we have just finished reading in the above quoted eight verses:

1. We learn that many of our Pastors had better start believing the Word as it is written and stop "spiritualizing" and "symbolizing" the simple truths, which our Lord has given us for our benefit.
2. We learn that the Lord deals with Israel and Judah separately, and that JUDAH is no longer (600 B.C.) considered ISRAEL. Look how our Pastors (Shepherds) are "scattering his sheep, and destroying them" when they tell us that ISRAEL and JUDAH are all in one...the same, and that they are the "JEWS;" that this prophecy concerns the "JEWS." Such Heresy!
3. We learn that God is going to "gather the remnant of his flock out of all the countries" where he had driven them. We know immediately that this cannot possibly be the "JEWS," because they are not "ISRAEL" as we learned above, and they had not been "driven north" into the Assyrian Captivity 125 years earlier, as were the ten Tribes of the 'House of Israel.
4. We learn that this "remnant" is going to receive their "own land," and that they dwell "safely" there. We know that this 'also is not the "Jews" because they were "driven" only into one country, Babylon, which was east of Judea ...not north. We know too, that only some 43,000 of these "Jews" returned from Babylon to Judea, and that from the time they got there until Titus dispersed them in 70 A.D., Judea was never a safe place to live; nor has Israel been a "safe place to dwell" since it was created in 1948.
5. We learn that the "EXODUS" (bringing the Children of Israel out of the land of Egypt) is good copy for the filmmakers; but Jehovah-God said in effect, "You ain't seen nothing yet! Wait until I bring ISRAEL, the scattered sheep, from all of the countries where I have driven them, and place them into one fold, in a **new land** which I will give them, and where they will be safe in their homes, and not want for anything. Their government shall be just, and the Lord of Righteousness (Jesus Christ) will be their King."
6. We learn that in a single sentence Jehovah-God said that "Israel shall dwell safely, and Judah shall be saved in his days." This certainly should be enough to prove that if the "Jews" were of the tribe

¹ "Israel to dwell safely" – If the Jews are Israel as the Church teaches; where have they ever dwelt safely?
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of Judah, (which most of them are not) they are no longer considered Israel, since God had long before separated them into two nations, the Kingdom of ISRAEL, (Ten and one half tribes of the Chosen) and the Kingdom of JUDAH (One and one half tribes).

Isn't it simple when we read the Bible and believe that it means what it says? What can be more simple? We did not make one single word say something different from the way in which it was written, and it all makes sense, doesn't it?

SOME OF THE LOST SHEEP ARE FOUND

In the **15th chapter** of the book of **Matthew**, Jesus is walking on the coast of Tyre with some of his disciples, when he was approached by a woman who had come from Canaan, and who wanted him to come and remove a devil from her daughter. In the **24th verse**, Jesus answers her in a manner which some take as a rebuke. Certainly this was not so. He simply addressed her in a straightforward manner, as he always did, and gave her one of the greatest truths in the entire Bible! Jesus said to her "I AM NOT SENT BUT UNTO THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL." You could write, talk, and preach about this scripture until the Lord returns, and not cover all of its ramifications. Yet, I doubt seriously if you have ever heard a sermon preached which heralds this truth! To me, this is one of the most important scriptures and teachings in the entire Bible, because it is here that we can know with certainty that some of the LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL were found. We are certain because it was our Lord who found them. He said so himself, and thus we can believe it. You see, Jesus was teaching some of these "Lost Sheep" of the House of Israel when the lady interrupted him about her daughter. When he told her that he had to "feed his sheep" the lady understood this completely, but answered that "even the dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their master's table."

This is another doctrine taught by Christ that seems to be completely overlooked by the "establishment church." They are possessed with a desire to "preach the gospel to the four corners of the earth," without first having disciplined the "Lost Sheep of the House of Israel." Just as Jesus had known that the woman's daughter was healed without having seen her, he also knew who were Israelites (the Chosen) in Judea, in Samaria, and in Galilee and who were not! He also knew that the "Ten Lost Tribes" had "been driven" into "other countries" such as Greece, Phillipi, Galatia, Syria, Cappadocia, Cilicia, Thracia, Moesia, (their tradition told them that they were descended from Moses) Rome, Hispania, (formerly Iberia -the Hebrew word for "Hebrews") and other areas which later became known as "Christendom," or the "Western Christian Nations." More about this later.

Now one might ask, "If Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, was sent only to the "Lost Sheep of the House of Israel," how will his sheep know him? He answers this question in **John 10:4**, when he relates the following:

"And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him, for **they** know his voice."

Then again in the **17th verse** Jesus affirms,

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

In the **14th verse** of the same chapter, Jesus sums it all up with these words,

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"I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine,"

Here, Jesus states another important truth, "If you have ears to hear." He states that he is the good shepherd...he knows his sheep...and that they know him. Since the "JEWS" did not recognize him then, and through the subsequent TWO THOUSAND YEARS HAVE FAILED TO DO SO, IT BECOMES OBVIOUS THAT THEY ARE NOT HIS SHEEP. If not his Sheep - then not the "Chosen."

In the **10th chapter** of the book of **John**, Jesus is found teaching in the Temple at Jerusalem, and as usual he has stirred up the "JEWS." Then to the Pharisees he makes a most revealing statement in the **16 verse**:

"And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold¹, and one shepherd."

Most people think that Jesus means that the Jews are his "fold," and that he has "other sheep," (Gentiles) who are not of this fold; and that Jesus is going to bring them into it.² Just a few weeks ago, I heard a local pastor give this same interpretation to these scriptures. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY ERRONEOUS TEACHING! But how can we know this? We can know it because the Bible tells us so! All you have to do is to continue reading this chapter, and when you get to the **24th verse** of the same scenario we read,

*"Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt: If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly." And in the next verse, "Jesus answered them, I told you and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But YE BELIEVED NOT, BECAUSE YE ARE NOT OF MY SHEEP, AS I SAID UNTO YOU."**

Yet the preacher mentioned above, still said that the JEWS were the Chosen Sheep of the House of Israel! Folks, our people are languishing for the truth!

What then, did Jesus mean by "other seed I have that are not of this fold?" Here is the complete answer. First we must remember that his discourse took place in the city of Jerusalem, the largest city in the country of Judea. (Judah) Secondly, we must remember that at this time, the term "JEW" (Jehudite) was given to everyone who resided in the country of Judea, and that this included some Hebrews (the Chosen Race). However, the preponderance of these residents were people of non-Hebrew tribes, i.e. Canaanites, Hittites, Phillistines, Amorites, etc., who may or may not have conformed to (believed in) the "religion of the Jews." A lot of these people were mixed with Hebrew blood from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. Thirdly, we must remember that five-sixths of God's Chosen, (the Children of Israel) were removed from the Kingdom of Israel and scattered "in the north" some seven centuries before Christ's time. Now let us reenact this scripture for its full meaning and benefit.

¹ Jeremiah 23:8, a prophecy covered earlier which stated that Israel (the Lost Sheep) would be led out from "all countries where they had been driven," etc.

² They get this teaching from the "Establishment Churches."

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Jesus is teaching a Temple audience of "JEWS," and some believers and non-believers from the many tribes of "Pagans" who populated Canaan as mentioned earlier; but all are considered "JEWS" since they are "inhabitants of Judea." To this non-descript group then, Jesus states, "Other Sheep I have which are not of this fold." "This fold," means the Hebrews (Chosen) who are in his audience. "Other Sheep" refers to the "Ten Lost Tribes" of Hebrews (Sheep) who were taken into Assyrian Captivity and scattered...never to return to the "Holy Land." "One fold" means that they will all be gathered together at some future time and place, and of course, "one Shepherd" means himself! Does this make sense? Certainly it does, and the entire Bible will make sense if you will but let it interpret itself. How can anyone think that the "JEWS" were His fold when Jesus (God in the flesh) plainly stated that they were not? Doesn't God know whom he chose? IF HE DOESN'T THEN HE IS NOT GOD: BUT IF HE IS GOD, THEN IT IS COMPLETE HERESY TO SAY THE "JEWS" ARE THE CHOSE (SHEEP) WHEN JESUS SAID THAT THEY WERE NOT.

God chose a seed (race) for "his glory," to "hear his voice," to "follow him," and to be "called by his name." Therefore, when he stated in the above quoted scripture that the "JEWS" were not his sheep, I believe that he knew what he was talking about! Do you? If so, then ask your preacher how he can say that the "JEWS" are God's "CHOSEN," when Jehovah-God inspired the Apostle John to write in **I John 2:21-23**,

"And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is NOT OF GOD: and this is that spirit of ANTI-CHRIST...?"

I John 2:21-23:

"I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is anti-Christ that denieth the Father and the Son.

Whosoever denieth the Son, (Jesus) the same hath not the Father, (God) (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also."

In these scriptures, which Jehovah-God directed the Apostle John to write, we have learned the following:

1. We have learned who the liars are! They are those who do not believe that Jesus is the Christ.
2. We have learned that those who do not believe in Jesus are not neutral but in fact are Anti-Christ.
3. We have learned that those who do not believe in Jesus DO NOT HAVE GOD THE FATHER!
4. We have learned, however, that those who believe on "the SON, HATH THE FATHER ALSO."

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5. We have learned that "NO LIE IS OF THE TRUTH."

But the "establishment church" teaches that the "JEWS" (who do not believe in Jesus Christ) believe in Jehovah-God; the Father of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We are told that they (Jews) are the Hebrews in the Old Testament, and that they looked forward to the coming of the Messiah; but when Jesus Christ came. ...for some strange reason (most offer no explanation of this fact) they just did not believe him. This is strange indeed when "from the foundations of the earth" Jehovah-God chose this race to be his "witness" and his "glory" on earth, and to be a "blessing to the other nations of the world." Folks, how fuzzy can our thinking be? It is completely incongruous to be a "follower of Christ," and then not believe what he says! But there is more.

Now we have learned that our Father some four millennia ago chose Abraham, through which he would produce a race of people and scatter them about the world in nations which would be a benefit and a blessing to the other peoples (nations) of the world who are made in his image also...for his glory: that God passed this seed down through Abraham's son, Isaac, and through Isaac's son Jacob. We have learned that God refers to his seed as his "sheep." We have learned that God knows his sheep - every one, and that there will always be a remnant of his sheep available to do his work. We have learned that God sent his sheep a "Good Shepard" in the form of Jesus Christ, and that "his sheep" will hear his voice and follow him. We have learned that the "Jews" are not "his sheep" and not of "his fold," and do not follow him. We have learned that the remnant of his sheep were lost (scattered) and that the Good Shepherd was sent from the Father to both save and prepare them for "his glory" and "his witness" here on earth; and we have learned that his sheep know him.

In order to find these "Lost Sheep of the House of Israel," Jesus gathered his Apostles, as seen in **Matthew 10:5-6 and 23**.

"These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them saying, "Go not into the way of the Gentiles, (other nations) and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel."

In **verse 23**, Jesus tells them:

*"Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, * (not Judea and the Jews) till the Son of Man be come."*

After reading Hal Lindsey's Late, Great, Planet Earth, I think that he should read this verse. ... On second thought...perhaps the entire book!

What is left now for the Good Shepherd to do for his Sheep? We find the answer in **John 10:15**

"As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father; and I lay down my life for the Sheep."

Get this folks...Jesus said that He, "came but to the Lost Sheep of Israel ...scattered abroad," (away from Jerusalem and Judea) ...He sent his Apostles "only to the lost sheep scattered abroad," ...and now He "lays down his life for his Sheep." WHAT A POWERFUL MESSAGE. IF ONLY THE CHURCHES WOULD PREACH THIS MESSAGE! They think they are preaching it. They have substituted the word CHURCH for the SHEEP when Jehovah-God plainly states that ISRAEL (the Chosen) is a SEED, and that "HIS

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SHEEP" is "ISRAEL." Absolutely nowhere in the Bible does it say that the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is the Church. After the Good Shepherd has laid down his life for his Sheep, and returned to his Father in Heaven; what did he promise them?

TO SEPARATE THE SHEEP FROM THE GOATS

In **Matthew 25:31-33**, God tells us of this plan:

"When the son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a good shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on the right hand, but the goats on the left."

SHEEP: EVERLASTING LIFE... GOATS: EVERLASTING FIRE

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD."

Then in the **42st verse**, we are sadly told,

"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."

Now we have learned that after the Good Shepherd has laid down his life for his Sheep, that He will come again in his glory, and separate his Sheep from the Goats. And we learned that his Sheep are separated unto Everlasting Life, and the Goats (the unbelievers in Jesus Christ... the Anti-Christ) ...will be separated into Everlasting Fire.

This perhaps, seems harsh treatment for the Goats, because they were not "chosen from the foundation of the world." The Baptists generally stay away from these verses; because they don't like the words "chosen," "pre-destined," or the "elect." They circumnavigate the issue with the term "foreknowledge." However, this simply "will not float," as they say in today's parlance, because this is not giving Jehovah-God credit for doing...creating...and causing to happen! They are simply saying that God knew about it! They do not seem to understand that the "Elect" were "Chosen" from the "foundation of the earth" to be God's glory here on earth forever...by ministering to those who are "created in his image." God chose a race, a seed... NOT TO BE MASTERS, NOT LORDS, NOT SUPERIORS, BUT LOWLY "SERVANTS" ...just as the Lord himself served when he washed the feet of the Apostles, fed the five thousand, etc.

But the Baptists don't sing "Whomsoever Will May Come," for nothing. It was during this study of Sheep that an understanding came to light for some scriptures which heretofore had remained a mystery. I believe that it is well that we consider one such valuable teaching at this time.

THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL ARE FED

Mark 7:26-29,

"The woman was a Greek, A Syrophenician by nation, and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter. But Jesus said unto her, Let the Children (his Sheep...the Children of Israel) first be filled; for it is not meet (good) to take the children's bread, and cast it unto the dogs. And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord; yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs (bread). And he said unto her, For this saying...go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter."

We have already learned that Jesus said that he was "sent but to the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel" to be their shepherd. (The House of Israel is not the House of Judah) Also that these "Children of Israel" were his Sheep, and that it is they who were "Chosen" for the team that would do the Master's work among the "other nations" of the world. Therefore, Jesus said, "Let the children be filled first; because it is not good to take the bread and throw it to the dogs." (first) The Greek lady agreed with him; but pointed out that after his "Children" were filled, that from such an abundance of bread, crumbs would spillover onto the floor and there would be plenty for the dogs.

"WHOMSOEVER" IS FED ALSO

In this parable, Jesus is teaching us that THE "CHILDREN" ARE THE "ISRAELITES;" THE "BREAD" IS THE "WORD;" (JESUS IS THE WORD) AND THE "DOGS" ARE ALL OTHERS THAN THE DESCENDANTS OF ISSAC AND JACOB. (ISRAEL) So in essence, then, Jesus was restating to her the entire teaching of the New Testament that is summed up in this manner: God chose a seed (posterity) who were to glorify him on earth, and manifest his glory to the other nations of the world by being a "blessing" to them. Throughout the entire Old Testament, God dealt with members of this race, (Abraham, Moses, Solomon, David, etc.) and then made his final revelation by coming to earth in a miraculous birth of Jesus Christ. All other nations had their own Gods, Deities, and Idols; but Jehovah, the one God, dealt solely with his people...Israel, to bring them back in line when they departed from their mission here on earth.

Since he dealt only with Israel throughout the Old Testament, (and this makes sense as they were the only ones who believed in him) wouldn't it also make sense that he would continue to deal with them while here on earth? Certainly! Doesn't it also make sense that, after resurrecting and taking his place at the Father's right hand, he would continue to work through this race whom he chose from the "foundation of the earth" for this purpose? Certainly so! Yet in the face of a complete lack of evidence of JESUS CHRIST HAVING WORKED THROUGH THE "JEWS" DURING THE PAST TWO THOUSAND YEARS, the "establishment" church still maintains and defends the "Jews" as "God's Chosen Race." Fortunately for us, Jehovah-God is Sovereign (not the "church") and as such, He continues to work through his "chosen race" regardless of what some of the "called" preachers think and preach.

Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, in Judah (Judea), the land, which his Holy Father had promised the Children of Israel...not Rome. He grew up in Nazareth, in Galilee...not Athens. He was baptized in the River Jordan...not the Red Sea...He ministered in both Judea and Samaria ...not Carthage...and he died in Jerusalem, Judea (the City of the Jews), not Babylonia. All of this planned, prophesied, and executed by Jehovah-God, and in his time frame, regardless of what the "Jews" (church members) and the Pharisees (church leaders) thought to the contrary. Yes, God is still working through "his Sheep" and has continued to do so for the past two thousand years. They continue to multiply and someday they will be "as the stars in the sky...too numerous to number."

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Regardless of what men thought then, God the loving Father, knew that he must get his "chosen" (Israel) ready so that they could carry out his mission here on earth i.e. ministering and witnessing to the other peoples of the world. With this in mind then, we find Jesus (God's Son) talking to the Greek woman mentioned earlier, who had just asked of him a favor, and he forthright told her that he had work to do with "his children" first. The woman was persistent, but perceived exactly what he meant and said that the Master had enough food to go around for everyone else even after "his children" had been fed, and Jesus told her that because of her understanding, upon her return home she would find that the devil had been removed from her daughter. Isn't this beautiful? This Greek woman, not of the Elect...some two thousand years ago...understood more than many of the people of our day who are "educated" in the scriptures. She knew perfectly well that she was not of the "chosen children;" but that the Master had included her also in his plans. She was one of the "Whomsoever," and "Whomsoever" was just fine with her! Because of this insight and faith, her daughter was healed! Oh, but if only the world would read the Master's Book, believe his words, and follow our "Good Shepherd." What a wonderful world this would be!

Don't ever think for a minute that Jesus did not know who the Sheep were that he was sent to feed. Do you remember the story of the "Woman at the Well?" Well, you probably remember that this was the first time that Jesus had seen her, and he told her that she had had five husbands. She wondered how he knew! Since you have never been instructed to look for race in the Bible, you placed no significance to the fact that even though the woman was a Samaritan, (we are taught they were no good because "the Jews did no business with the Samaritans") she told Jesus that the well was given them by their "father" Jacob. THIS MAKES HER "CHOSEN" ...AN ISRAELITE! And in Samaria! Since she was of the "Chosen Race," she was given "ears to hear" and just look at what she did with the gospel after she received it. What a teaching. JUST THINK, THE "GOOD SHEPHERD" FOUND ANOTHER "LOST SHEEP."

You now have it from the mouths of the Prophets, the mouths of the Apostles, and the mouth of Christ Jesus, (God in the flesh) ...the story of a "seed" ...a race...a people... "whom Jehovah-God chose," or "elected," from the foundation of the world "to be his people... for his glory" ...and He "their God" forever. Then He multiplied them "as the stars in the sky and the sands of the seas," and scattered them as nations, "among the other nations;" but did not lose them. He has continued to remain in their midst, and sent them a shepherd in his own time to teach them what he expected of them. He gave them his WORD, chose twelve of them as Apostles to go to the remainder of the "Sheep" who were "scattered abroad" ...then the Good Shepherd laid down his life for the "Sheep," thus providing salvation and a way to eternal life with the Father through his Son, Jesus Christ...both for them and "whomsoever" else believes in his Son and "keeps his commandments." We also found that his Sheep, (the Elect-Chosen) "hear his voice," and are "called by his name."

Out of God's (Christ Jesus') own mouth we found that the "Jews" are "not his Sheep," and in fact are not even "of God," (do not have Jehovah) as most preachers (Shepherds) claim from their pulpits day in and day out. And we found that his "Sheep" were chosen to be a "witness" of God's love to all peoples of the world by ministering to their needs both spiritually and physically, and that whoever these "Lost Sheep" are ...they were never lost from God's presence and are, as of this day, carrying out this Covenant among the other peoples of the world ...And we found that these "scattered," "Lost Sheep" are certainly not the Jews because Jesus Christ said so!

MOTIVE, MEANS, AND OPPORTIJNTTY

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Now a good detective solves a difficult case by applying the principle of deduction to the facts of the case. (mystery) They apply a principle, which they refer to as M.O.M., which means that whoever has the MEANS...the OPPORTUNITY...and the MOTIVE, are prime suspects. I invite you to do likewise, with the information given you in the Bible, to solve "The Case of the Missing Sheep." We are speaking, of course, of the "Lost Sheep of the House of Israel." Remember, now that God's Covenant with this seed of Isaac and Jacob is everlasting. Therefore, they must be alive and well today, and they must, as a race of people be engaged in carrying out God's will involuntarily. It is God's will that they "witness" to the other races, and that they are a "blessing" (benefit) to these nations. (people) HERE THEN, IS THE MYSTERY:

THE CASE OF THE MISSING SHEEP

I. THE MYSTERY (CASE):

Jehovah-God chose a race of people, (sheep) caused them to "lose their identity," and "scattered them among the other nations of the world to become hereinafter "The Lost Sheep of Israel."

II THE CLUES:

1. This race of people was chosen by God to:
2. Multiply into many nations with "thousands of millions of people."
3. These chosen nations were to be scattered around the earth among the "other nations."
4. These chosen nations (people) are to continually minister to the needs of the other nations (non-chosen people) of the world by carrying his Word (the Bible) as well as food, clothing, and shelter to them.
5. These chosen people (Sheep) would be called by "a new name (God's own name).

Just simply apply these clues (requirements of the Covenant) to the "other nations" of the world, and you will quickly see which ones are his Sheep...called by his name...and are consequently doing his will (the above requirements). In essence Jehovah-God chose a race of people, blessed them with an abundance of goods and services which enable them to share with the other nations; and gave them an innate desire to proclivity, to take his "Word," as witnesses for Jesus Christ to these other nations and to always be there with help for them when famine... earthquakes...floods ...etc., beset the "whomsoever," his creation! THESE LOST SHEEP THEN MUST HAVE THE

Means: The wherewithal, goods, services, transportation, communications, etc., to minister to the other nations of the world.

Opportunity: They must occupy the key geographical locations of the world, including the possession "of the gates of their enemies.

Motive: They must possess an innate desire as a race, to share their "blessings" with the "other nations of the world."

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Have you completed the M.O.M.? Did you get the same answer as I did? No wonder! It is really not too difficult to discern the nations who have the ability...the capacity...the will ...and subsequently...the goods to feed the "other nations" of the world. They are the same ones who have been doing it for centuries. Were you surprised to find that they were all members of the so-called "Western Christian Nations?" The people whom God chose, and upon whom he gave a new name "CHRISTENDOM?" You see, I told you that it would not be too difficult to see who was doing God's will...didn't I? Now apply the Seed requirement to the majority of the people who live in these missionary countries, and you will solve the mystery of the "LOST SHEEP OF ISRAEL."