

The Shepherds and The Sheep

For two thousand years, Rabbis, Bishops, Pastors, and Spiritual Leaders have acted as shepherds to God's people. They have taught them in the ways they should go and led them on the paths that they should tread. And they have separated God's people into little groups and sub-groups with names like Orthodox, Reform, Conservative, Kabbalist, Mystical, Modern, Catholic, Baptist, Protestant, Lutheran, Episcopalian, Evangelical, the list is endless. This is because the shepherds have allowed incorrect thinking into their teaching, and this has scattered the sheep.

So, today we look around and see God's people scattered around the Globe in little groups of creeds, cultures and sects. Each following God according to the way that they have been taught. And the modern thinker will look at these groups and say, "Who is right? Well, they are all of them right." And we have relativism and a further distancing from the truth. Relativism is incorrect because the God of the Bible is a Hebrew God with the original Hebrew Mindset and in the Bible, there is one absolute truth. Not many truths.

Psalm 119:142

Your righteousness is eternal righteousness, and your Torah is truth.

In the Bible truth starts with Torah. In the Bible there is one Word and it is also truth.

John 17:15-19

I don't ask you to take them out of the world, but to protect them from the Evil One. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Set them apart for holiness by means of the truth – your word is truth. Just as you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. On their behalf I am setting myself apart for holiness, so that they too may be set apart for holiness by means of the truth.

The Torah is truth, and the Word is truth but they are not separate truths, they are one and the same truth. For both the Torah and the Word is Yeshua and Yeshua is the truth.

John 14:6

Yeshua (Jesus) said, I AM the Way – and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through me."

For indeed, Yeshua is the Living Torah, and the Torah is truth. And Yeshua is the Word of God, and the Word of God is truth. And Yeshua is that Truth and the Life. That is, the eternal life.

But the shepherds are not all right. And they are not the truth. So, what is to become of God's people who we see scattered around the world each following the teachings of their shepherd? Is it the sheep's fault that they are following a shepherd who is scattering them? Not according to Yeshua;

Matthew 23:1-4

Then Yeshua addressed the crowds and his talmidim (disciples); "The Torah-teachers and the P'rushim (Pharisees)," he said, "sit in the seat of Moshe (Moses). So whatever they tell you, take care to do it. But don't do what they do, because they talk but don't act! They tie heavy loads onto peoples shoulders but won't lift a finger to help carry them.

Yeshua tells the people to do what the teachers tell them to do. Because they sit in the seat of Moses. Yeshua is saying that you are to listen to the teachers and Pharisees because they have placed themselves in the place of authority that God set up with Moses in the Torah.

Numbers 11:16,17

ADONAI said to Moshe, "Bring me seventy of the leaders of Isra'el, people you recognize as leaders of the people and officers of theirs. Bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them stand there with you. I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take some of the Spirit which rests on you and put it on them. Then they will carry the burden of the people along with you, so that you won't carry it yourself alone.

So, by the Divine Law that God has established, it is right for the sheep to follow the shepherd. This is according to Torah. And Torah is according to God's wishes for our lives. But it is not God's wish that this scattering of sheep should continue unchecked forever. As we near the tribulation and the coming kingdom of heaven on earth, it is God's intention that he will make all his people into one nation again.

Because of this, God will gather his sheep himself in these days to come:

Jeremiah 23:1-4

"Oh no! The shepherds are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" says ADONAI. Therefore this is what ADONAI, the God of Isra'el, says against the shepherds who shepherd my people: "You have scattered my flock, driven them away and not taken care of them. So I will 'take care of' you because of your evil deeds," says ADONAI. "I myself will gather what remains of my flock from all the countries where I have driven them and bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and increase their numbers. I will appoint shepherds over them who will shepherd them; then they will no longer be afraid or disgraced; and none will be missing," says ADONAI.

God is going to gather all his people Jew's and Gentiles and he will make them into one nation once again in the land of Israel. One nation with twelve tribes. Since all twelve tribes are called out as sealed in Revelation 7:3-8 it is obvious that gathering and making of one nation will happen within the next six to nine years.

What will happen to the shepherds? In Jeremiah 23:1-4 God simply says he's going to 'take care of you because of your evil deeds'. "Evil deeds" is mostly a reference to not following Torah, or ignoring Torah. And this is what is happening among shepherds today. The Rabbis have built a fence around Torah with the Talmud, Mishnah and other texts they consider sacred. The Christian shepherds have abandoned the Torah with a doctrine of Grace alone. So, God says he will take care of them in these Last Days. He will judge them with the nations of the world. When he judges the nations, he will also judge the shepherds.

In Jeremiah 25 God is telling Jeremiah to prophesy to all the inhabitants of the earth. And starting in verse 30:

Jeremiah 25:30-38

"As for you, Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah), prophesy all these words against them; say to them, 'ADONAI is roaring from on high, raising his voice from his holy dwelling, roaring with might against his own habitation, shouting out loud, like those who tread grapes, against everyone on earth. The sound resounds to the ends of the earth, for ADONAI is

indicting the nations, about to pass judgement on all humankind; the wicked he has handed over to the sword,'

Says ADONAI." Thus says Adonai-Tzva'ot (Lord of Hosts):

"Disaster is spreading from nation to nation, a mighty tempest is being unleashed from the farthest ends of the earth."

On that day, those killed by ADONAI will be strewn from one end of the earth to the other; they will not be mourned or gathered or buried, but will lie on the ground like dung.

"Wail, shepherds! Cry! Wallow in the dust, you lords of the flock! For the days for your slaughter have come. I will break you in pieces, and like a prized vase you will fall." The shepherds have no way to flee, the lords of the flock no way to escape. Hear the cry of the shepherds, the wails of the lords of the flock! For ADONAI is destroying their pasture, the peaceful grazing grounds are silenced, because of ADONAI's fierce anger.

Like a lion, he has abandoned his lair; for their land has become desolate because of the oppressor's fierce sword and because of ADONAI's fierce anger.

And so, the shepherds go down with the nations in the End Times in God's fierce anger. Why? Because they did not teach Torah and they scattered the sheep.

Matthew 5:17-20

"Don't think that I have come to abolish the Torah or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete. Yes indeed! I tell you that until heaven and earth pass away, not so much as a yud or a stroke will pass from the Torah – not until everything that must happen has happened. So whoever disobeys the least of these mitzvot and teaches others to do so will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But whoever obeys them and so teaches will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness is far greater than that of the Torah-teachers and P'rushim (Pharisees), you will certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven!

It is time we brushed off the Old Testament, took a good look at the Torah, and started to learn how to walk in Torah again. Let us set aside this thinking of the last two thousand years and recognize that we are living in the few years of preparation before the Tribulation and get ourselves ready for the Kingdom of Heaven. For the Kingdom of Heaven will be ruled by Messiah through the Torah and we should already be walking in it and have it written on our hearts.

If we are shepherds of even a small flock. We better be obeying Torah and teaching others to do so. The time of God's patience is coming to an end. The time of God's fierce anger is approaching fast.

May Yeshua HaMashiah who is Jesus Christ the Messiah the Living Torah keep your hearts and minds.

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