

**PREFACE: RENEWED PLAN & EFFORTS**

- A. RECENT DISAPPOINTMENTS & NEW EFFORTS** (see *The Shepherd Leader* by Witmer, P&R, 2010)
- B. PERSONAL CARE** (see Lk.6:14; 8:51; 15:4f; 19:2f)
- C. CONTEXT OF CORPORATE OCCASIONS** (“sheep”(pl.), flock; Witmer, *macro*” /Mt.5:1f; Acts 2:1f,3; 42)
- D. TEXT OF INDIVIDUAL CONTACTS** (“sheep”(s.); Witmer, “*micro*”; see Lk.8:40f,45f; 19:1f; 1C.12:27)
- E. EQUIPPING FOR SERVICE IN MUTUAL CARE** (see Jn.15:12f; 1Jn.3:11,etc.; see Eph.4:12-16; see Mt.18:12f,15f; Rom.15:14)

**INTRODUCTION: SHEEP & SHEPHERDS**

- A. IMAGE: AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY** (Gen4:2; 12:16; 26:14; Ex3:1; Ps78:70f; Am1:1; Lk.2:8; Rev7:17)
- B. IMAGERY: PASTORAL LITERATURE** (see Ps.23; Song 1:7,etc.; Jn.10; see 1,2Tim.; Tt.)
- C. THE TRUTH ABOUT SHEEP: HELPLESS & HOPELESS** (Mt.7:15; 9:36; 10:16; 15:24; Mk.14:27; Lk.15:1-7; Rom.8:36; 1Pt.2:25; see *contra* Dt.12:8; Prv.12:15)
- D. THE TRUTH ABOUT SHEPHERDS: HELPFUL & HOPEFUL IN CHRIST** (Jn.21:15; Acts 20:28; 2Cor.3:4f; see Mt.10:6&16 (Rev.7:17); see Ezk.34; Jer.23)

**I. SHEEP**

**A. THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

- 1. Old Testament (“*sheep*”(pl.), Ps.28:9; 68:7; 74:1; 79:13; 100:3; 121:4; 1Kngs.22:17; Jer.13:17; 50:6; “*flock*”, Ps.77:20; 78:52; 80:1; 107:41; Is.40:11; 63:11; “*sheep*”(s.), Ps.23:1f; Ezk.20:37; 34:16; Is.40:11)
- 2. New Testament (“*sheep*”(pl.), Mt.18:12f; 25:32f; 26:31f; Jn.10:1f; “*flock*”, Lk.12:32; Acts 20:28f; 1Pt.5:2f; “*sheep*”(s.), Mt.18:12f; Lk.15:4; Jn.10:1ff)

**B. THE SON OF GOD** (Jn1:34; 29,36 /Ps23:1f (22:1f & 19f w/1S17:34f; Jn10:14//15); Is.53:7(Acts8:32f; 1Pt2:21f))

**II. SHEPHERDS**

- A. LEADERS: PRIESTS**(Ps.77:20); **PROPHETS**(Am1:1;7:15(Ps.78:70f)); **KINGS**(Ps78:70f; 2S5:2;(7:7) / Is44:28)
- B. GOD: SHEPHERDING THE FLOCK** (whole; Ezk.37:24; Ps.77:20; 80:1; 100:3; Lk.12:32)
- C. GOD: SHEPHERDING THE SHEEP** (each; Gen.48:15; Ps.23:1f; Is.40:11; Ezk.20:37; 34:16; Lk.15:4)
- D. MESSIAH: SHEPHERDING THE FLOCK** (Mt.2:6(Mic.5:2); Jn.10:1f,11,14,[16 w/11:52; Ezk.34:23; 37:11f,24; Zech.11:7; Eph.2:11f]; see Mt.9:36; 15:24; Mk. 6:34)
- E. MESSIAH: SHEPHERDING THE SHEEP** (Jn.10:3; see Lk.15:4f)
- F. THE LAMB IS THE SHEPHERD** (Rev.7:17 (Is.53:7; Acts 8:32); see Heb.13:20; 1Pt.2:21f,25; see Jn.10:15; 1Cor.15:31; Rom.8:36)
- G. SHEEP AS UNDER-SHEPHERDS** (Mt.10:6&16; Jn.21:15f; 1Pt.5:1f; see Acts 20:28,29; see Is.44:28; Ezk.34:8f; Zech.13:7; Jer.23:1ff; see 1Tm.5:17 & 1Pt.5:1f w/Mt.2:6; Heb.13:20,17)

**III. A MESSAGE FOR SHEPHERDS & SHEEP**

- A. BE A LAMB TO GOD** (2Sam.12:3; Is.40:11; Jn.21:15; see Jn.1:29,36(34) w/Eph.1:5; Mt.18:3)
- B. LOOK TO CHRIST AS YOUR SHEPHERD** (Ps23:1; 100:3; Ezk34:11f,23f; 37:24; Mt2:6; Jn.10:1ff; 11,14; 1Pt5:4)
- C. THEREFORE, SUBMIT TO HIS UNDERSHEPHERDS** (Jer.3:15; 23:4; Jn.21:15; 1Tm.5:17(1,2Tm.; Tt.); 1Th.5:12f; Heb.13:20,17; 1Pt.5:1f,5)
- D. GATHER WITH HIS FLOCK WHEN HIS UNDERSHEPHERDS CALL** (sheep(pl.), flock; “*macro*”; Mic.2:12; Jn.10:3; Acts 2:42; 14:27; 1Cor.11:18; 14:23)
- E. WELCOME HIS UNDERSHEPHERDS WHEN THEY CALL YOU BY NAME** (sheep(s.); “*micro*”; Jn.10:3; see Acts 2:46; 5:42; 20:20)
- F. SHEPHERD YOUR SHEEP** (Acts 20:28; see 1:8; then Eph.5:21f; 22f,25f; 6:1f,4; 5f,9; 1Tm.3:5,15; 5:8; see Jn.15:12f; 1Jn.3:11,etc.; Eph.4:12-16; Mt.18:12f,15f; Rom.15:14)

*Brethren, what shall **WE** do?* (see Acts 2:37f)