

What is a Sheep Nation?

The following article is adapted from my upcoming book *Kingdom Government and the Promise of Sheep Nations*. While a lot of context is missing which will be presented in the book, this article will basically summarize for you the concept of sheep nations.

“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 shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 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:” (Matthew 25:31-34).

From where do we derive the term “sheep nations?” In Matthew 25, Jesus declares that He will separate the nations as a shepherd divides his sheep from his goats. The nations that Jesus divides like sheep are what I refer to as “sheep nations.” The nations that Jesus divides like goats are what I refer to as “goat nations.” In the Bible, the right hand always denotes the hand of favor. The nations divided like sheep will be set on His right hand and the nations divided like goats will be set on His left hand. Therefore, sheep nations are going to receive favorable judgment after the return of Jesus.

It Occurs at the Judgment Seat of Christ

Jesus returns in glory at the end of the great tribulation. This occurs at the sounding of the seventh trumpet. There is a short period of time during which the bowls of wrath are poured out on the earth. At this time, the church will fulfill her ministry as the literal army of God, fighting with Jesus in many battles climaxing at Armageddon (Jude 14-15, Joel 2:1-11). After Armageddon, there is going to be a judging of nations. *This judgment will be at the judgment seat of Christ.* Matthew 25:14-46 gives us a fuller understanding of what takes place at the judgment seat of Christ, but Paul coins the term that we attach to this event.

“But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we [the saints] shall all stand before **the judgment seat of Christ.**” (Romans 14:10)

In order for Jesus to judge nations like sheep after His second coming, these nations must arise and be in operation on earth before His return. This means that during Daniel's 70th week, even through the end of the great tribulation, sheep nations will exist. They will probably begin to arise even earlier than this. What will be their purpose? The primary purpose of sheep nations will be to herald the gospel of the kingdom of God to the whole world. They will house the glory of God waiting to be poured out in the last days. They will reveal kingdom government

influencing entire geographies. In this, sheep nations will effectively preserve the people of God, feed and educate the people of God, and protect the people of God during the reign of the final antichrist.

Clarifying the Concept of Nations

In Matthew 25, the word “nations” is translated from the Greek word *ethnos*. This word indicates ethnic groups, and thus where we get our word “ethnic” from. However, this is not just indicating ethnicities such as Indian or Panamanian. The word *ethnos* is used to describe nations with geographic boundaries as well as ethnic groups that transcend national boundaries. We must keep this in mind because we are not to become so concrete in our parameters of word use that we impose parameters of interpretation that are not etymologically founded.

When we are talking about nations at the judgment seat of Christ, we are in essence talking about two things. One, there will be representation of people groups that were living within geographically defined boundaries. There will also be representation of all ethnicities. We must also understand they are referred to in the plural. Sheep nations do not refer exclusively to the single holy nation composed of born-again believers at this judgment, but they will include born-again believers prior to the return of Christ. This will be further explained as we proceed.

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, **an holy nation (ethnic group)**, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;” (1 Peter 2:9)

Those that have the salvation of Jesus Christ are considered to be a single, unique *ethnos*. God through the work of Jesus Christ at Calvary has created an entirely new ethnic group composed of all nations through the blood of Jesus. These nations are made one holy nation in Him.

The judgment seat of Christ will have two phases. The first deals with rewards for the saints (pictured by the parable of the talents). The second phase is for the unregenerate nations that survive the return of Christ. It is at this time that God in His perfect justice and wisdom will select which among the nations will enter the millennium. During the second phase, we will stand as onlookers.

By saying that all nations will be gathered before Him, Jesus is saying every *ethnos* will hold representation at the judgment seat of Christ. However, these are human or unredeemed Gentile nations as opposed to members of our single holy nation.

“Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand [the sheep nations], Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a

stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them [the sheep nations], Verily I say unto you, **Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren [the saints], ye have done it unto me.**" (Matthew 25:34-40)

The Three Assemblies

The two assemblies of nations that are gathered before Jesus at the judgment seat of Christ are referred to as sheep and goat nations. In addition, there is a third assembly. These are called the brethren of King. When the King refers to His brethren, He is specifically referring to the glorified saints. This is where the saints are pictured as onlookers during this judgment.

Only saints qualify to be called the brethren of God. When Jesus says, "As ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren," He is pointing out that the members of the sheep nations cooperated with the "brethren" during the last days. This group of "brethren" is comprised of those that received a reward (or judgment) in the previous parable. As we have seen, these parables have been a chronological explanation of the order of events after the Lord's return.

Jesus does the same thing He did in moving from the parable of the Goodman to the parable of the virgins. In that case, He spoke about leaders in His body as the Goodman/porter, afterwards making reference to them as “those who sell.” In a similar fashion, Jesus spoke about the saints as “servants” in the previous parable (see last chapter) and now makes reference to them as the “brethren.” Where else does God refer to the saints as His brethren?

“But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, **Behold my mother and my brethren!**” (Matthew 12:48-49)

“Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: **but go to my brethren**, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.” (John 20:17)

“Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and **as the brethren of the Lord**, and Cephas?” (1 Corinthians 9:5)

The Righteousness of Sheep Nations

Members of sheep nations will work together with the “brethren” in resisting the rule of the antichrist. However, as we begin to develop the concept of sheep nations we run into a

major issue. We have described the sheep nations at this judgment as the unregenerate nations that help the saints during the rule of the antichrist. The principle problem is that if the group judged as sheep nations includes those that are not saved, why does Jesus refer to them as righteous?

“Then shall **the righteous** answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?” (Matthew 25:37)

The fact of the matter is that *in this age* there is no righteousness apart from salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

“As it is written, **There is none righteous**, no, not one:” (Romans 3:10)

“For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20)

“But we are all as an unclean thing, and **all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags** [for cleaning menstrual blood]; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” (Isaiah 64:6)

Many would like to assume that in judgment there are simply saved and unsaved; that at the coming of Jesus it will either mean heaven or hell. Yet this cannot be entirely true because if it were, why are people getting judged as righteous sheep nations at the judgment seat of Christ? It's simply not black and white. What we will find—and it will shock many people—is that the righteousness of sheep nations will be established according to works. The principle thing we must understand is that *the age* that we are presently in will have ended by the time this judgment is taking place.

So how are we to understand this? Let's begin by considering that there will be a remnant of the tribes of Israel at the return of Christ. On this thought, it seems that there is a special exception for a remnant of Israel in Jerusalem. It appears as though there may be an imputed righteousness, even though this would seem to break the rules. Notice that God is going to "call" those left in Zion and in Jerusalem holy.

"And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:"

(Isaiah 4:3)

Those in Jerusalem are recorded as giving honor to God after the two witnesses of Revelation are resurrected from the dead and ascend to heaven (Revelation 11:13). However, even if we accept that those being judged as sheep nations correspond to a Jewish remnant

mentioned in this passage, why are the nations referred to in the plural? Israel is considered a single nation. So how does this work?

Making the Transition

A major defining factor in properly understanding the judging of sheep nations comes from understanding that it occurs as the world transitions from one age to another. The age of the millennial rule will not be governed by the same standards as the age of the church. *In other words, once Jesus returns the New Covenant is fulfilled.*

When we transition into the millennial reign the Bible clearly states in at least two places that the law will be reinstated. During the millennium, the age of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ *will have ended*. Out of the mouths of two or three witnesses let all things be established (Deuteronomy 19:15)

“And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: **for out of Zion shall go forth the law**, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.” (Isaiah 2:3)

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(Micah 4:2)

Them That Fear Thy Name

This is where we rightly divide the word of God on a particular Scripture that at first seems to be redundant. Let us see if we can't glean some additional insight.

“And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto **thy servants the prophets**, and to **the saints**, and **them that fear thy name**, small and great; and shouldest destroy **them which destroy the earth.**” (Revelation 11:18)

Notice that there are four separate groups identified here.

1. The prophets
2. The saints

3. Them that fear thy name

4. Those that destroy the earth

Why are there four separate groups? This question can only be answered after we understand the way things pan out at the judgment seat of Christ. The judgment seat of Christ is the focal event necessary to transition the world from its present age and into the millennial rule. Jesus returns at the seventh trumpet and at that time “the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord.” Therefore the purpose for the church age is essentially finished. Those that survive the return of Jesus and have not received Him as their Lord and Savior will undergo judgment at the judgment seat of Christ. However, they will not be judged according whether or not they made a quality decision to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Remember that these people haven’t died; they are simply involved in the transition from one age to the next. To put it as straightforwardly as possible, *the sheep nations in this parable are those being judged as righteous because of their affiliation with the agenda of the “brethren.”* As the “brethren,” we stand as witnesses to their actions before the Lord.

According to Scripture, the definition of the group referred to as “prophets” is a reference to Old Testament prophets ending at John the Baptist (Matthew 11:13). The “saints” are those that have received salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ (Jude 3). This leaves the group described as “those that fear the name of the Lord” undefined. If they are not Old Testament prophets or New Testament saints who are they? In short, I believe they are (or at the very least include) the unsaved *ethnos* that survived the return of Christ and were affiliated with sheep nations. They receive an imputed righteousness at the judgment seat of Christ after

the saints (referred to as the “brethren”) have received their rewards (or judgments). The sheep nations are permitted to enter into the millennial rule as citizens. It follows that the goat nations are defined as (or at the very least include) “those that destroy the earth.” They will be judged as cursed and not permitted to enter into the millennial rule.

The Judgment Seat of Christ is for the Purpose of Judging Works

It is important to comprehend that the judgment seat of Christ is a judging of works from beginning to end. It begins with a judging of the saints to determine what kind of reward we are to receive (2 Corinthians 5:10). This has nothing to do with salvation. When the judging of the saints is finished, Jesus will also judge the surviving *ethnos* of the world based upon their works. Jesus tells the sheep nations exactly why the sheep nations will enter the kingdom. He says, “For I was hungry and you gave me meat...” Giving someone meat is a work, it has nothing to do with receiving Jesus as Lord—yet this is exactly *why* they will enter the kingdom at this time. When we understand this, it increases our clarity many times over.

Making Sense of Loose Ends

There are very awkward passages that this understanding accounts for. For instance, in the book of Zechariah the day of the Lord and the victory of Jesus Christ are pictured in the fourteenth chapter. It says that God brings all nations against Jerusalem to fight against them (Zechariah 14:2). Then it says that everyone that survives and is left of these nations will go up year by year to worship the Lord and to keep the feast of Tabernacles.

“And it shall come to pass, that **every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem** shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.” (Zechariah 14:16)

This is not a parabolic statement. This will literally happen. This means that survivors whose *ethnos* were initially fighting against Jerusalem are permitted to enter into the millennial rule. How? By the time of the judgment seat of Christ, they fall into the category of “those that fear the name of the Lord.” Interestingly enough, if they don’t go up and keep the Feast of Tabernacles during the millennium there will be consequences. It is news for many people to find out that the millennium is not the perfect state of existence once thought. There will be plagues and judgments still. Consider what Zechariah adds to his former statements:

“And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be **no rain**. And if the

family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be **the plague**, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be **the punishment** of Egypt, and **the punishment of all nations** that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.” (Zechariah 14:17-19)

Speaking of sheep nations, by siding with the passionate, wise and faithful saints they will also submit themselves to a Godly overhaul of the seven mountains society which are family, spirituality, business, government, arts, media, and education. Societal influence by the kingdom of God will ensure the continued blessing and preservation God has appointed for the sheep nations. It is an astounding yet difficult thing to consider that before the end, the government of the people of God in some places may move to a form of theocracy that has never before been seen. In these cases virtually every area of life will be conformed to the principles of God. This is the heralding of the gospel of the kingdom that must take place before the return of Christ (Matthew 24:14). This will occur as the kingdom of God which exists outside of this dimension enters into it through the hearts of the people of God. Remember how Jesus taught the disciples to pray:

“After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. **Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.**” (Matthew 6:9-10)

Before the coming of Jesus nations will bow the knee to His agenda. The greatest glory the world has ever witnessed is waiting to be revealed in the last days. God will draw nations to Himself through the heralding of the gospel of the kingdom. *The gospel of Jesus Christ has the power to bring salvation to individuals but the gospel of the kingdom has the power to bring salvation to nations.* Nations will literally enter the millennium as the result of whether or not they choose to cooperate with the agenda of heaven manifesting through the mature sons of God (Romans 8:19). This is exciting.

The Facts Still Remain

Unfortunately, the existence of sheep nations does not mean all Christians (or unsaved members) will be protected. Many Christians will fall away before the end and will inevitably be destroyed. Others will refuse to participate in the final moves of God due to false doctrine and tradition. Many of these people will choose to reside outside of the realms of God's appointed provision and also be destroyed. Moreover, some of those having understanding will also be required to sacrifice their lives to bring the church into its final destination (Daniel 11:35). The road to the Armageddon will inevitably be the bloodiest road history will ever reveal! As a result of the targeted execution, many Christians will die, many will go into captivity, and eventually even the power mentioned in Daniel 12:7, which I believe refers to the power of the sheep nations (since it cannot be the power of Christ), will be scattered.

“And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.” (Daniel 11:33-35)

“He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.” (Revelation 13:10)

“And his [the antichrist’s] power shall be mighty, but not by his own power [but by Satan’s power]: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people [the saints].” (Daniel 8:24)

“I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them”
(Daniel 7:21)

“And I heard the man [who was an angel] clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half [1260 days or the period of great tribulation]; and when he [the antichrist] shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people [by overcoming the earthly power of the sheep nations], all these things shall be finished [Jesus is returning].” (Daniel 12:7)

Leading up to the return of Jesus, sheep nations will provide the necessary circumstances to preserve enough Christians to fulfill the purposes of God throughout the great tribulation. They will also preserve the individuals who stand against the antichrist with the Christians. Ultimately, they will exist long enough to preserve those who will be involved in bringing the body of Christ to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Jesus Christ. This is also described as “the wife of the Lamb making herself ready” and “the bride being presented without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.”

“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and **his wife hath made herself ready.**” (Revelation 19:7)

“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself **a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing;** but that it should be holy and without blemish.” (Ephesians 5:26-27)

The Goshen Principle

Drawing from our original explanation of the heart, sheep nations are not limited by currently existing national borders. What does this mean? It is not as if in order to create a sheep nation Christians would have to target and invade a country and take over its religious system, government, and means of production. Remember that a kingdom exists within the

hearts of people. Therefore, although sheep nations will occupy certain geographies, they will not necessarily need to take over existing national boundaries. The point is that certain geographies will come together to become sheep nations. Other ways of describing this coming phenomenon are “pockets of mercy” or “end time Goshens.” Those who are unsaved participants will come under the supernatural protection that God is providing to the geographic locations of sheep nations.

“Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are. And I will sever in that day **the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there;** to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. And **I will put a division between my people and thy people:** to morrow shall this sign be.” (Exodus 8:21-23)

After Joseph was raised to power in ancient Egypt, Pharaoh invited Jacob and his whole household to dwell in the land of Goshen. God greatly multiplied the Jews there until they numbered in the millions. Out of fear, the Egyptians enslaved them and murdered their male children. In God’s timing, He sent Moses to deliver the Jewish people through a series of ten plagues. While Egypt was struck with plague after plague, Goshen, which borders right next to Egypt saw not a single plague. Although the Israelites lived there, any foreigners would have

been protected in this geography as well. God miraculously set this geography apart and protected it.

The coming sheep nations will exist under similar circumstances. Consider the fact that many of the trumpet judgments of Revelation correspond with plagues that were released against Egypt. For instance, the first trumpet (Revelation 8:7) correlates with the seventh plague (Exodus 9:22-25) in that trees and vegetation are destroyed and the third trumpet (Revelation 8:10-11) correlates with the first plague (Exodus 7:20-25) in that fresh water is made undrinkable. These are just two examples. If the judgments are similar yet will be on a larger scale in the last days it only makes sense to believe that God's provision will be similar yet on a larger scale as well. Furthermore, Scripture plainly says that God's plan is to perform works in the last days according to the works He used to bring Israel out of Egypt.

“According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous things.” (Micah 7:15)

To create balance, we must remember that God protected Goshen from *His judgments and plagues*. During this time, the Jews still had to cope with the oppression that came from the Egyptians. In the same way, even though there will be supernatural protection from the judgments of God, persecution will still exist. Mighty miracles will be wrought on behalf of the people of God and the sheep nations but many will still die. This message does not contradict itself but simply paints a full and accurate portrayal of what is to come.

The Wars of the Antichrist

The message of sheep and goat nations also makes sense of what we find in the book of Daniel chapter 11. Notice how the antichrist is continually at war. Who is he at war with?

“Thus shall he [the final antichrist] do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain. And at the time of the end shall **the king of the south push at him**: and **the king of the north shall come against him** like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: **but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon**. He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps. But **tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him**: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.” (Daniel 11:39-45)

When I used to believe that the antichrist simply ruled the whole world because the church had been removed, the idea that he would continually be at war made no sense. The supernatural circumstances of his presence and the fact that the kings that rule with him all have the same mind seem to rule out the possibility of a coup or conspiracy to be formed against him. The futurist notion of a "hive-mind" seems to be exactly what the Bible predicts for those allied with the antichrist.

“And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. **These have one mind**, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.” (Revelation 17:12-13)

In addition, the Bible says the final antichrist is given power over every nation, tongue and tribe, which describes the greatest degree of mind control ever wielded by any leader.

“And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.” (Revelation 13:7)

The Bible goes so far as to say *all* whose names are not written in the Book of Life will worship him. The book of Life is so important to understand that we will discuss it in the

Epilogue. What you, as the reader, will discover is that this population “never written into the book of life” refers to the entire non-human/post-human/nephilim population in the earth at that time. This actually helps our understanding quite a bit because it means that not all non-Christian humans will be worshipping the beast.

“And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, **whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb** slain from the foundation of the world.” (Revelation 13:8)

I used to question, who would be left to make war against the antichrist? However, now that I understand that he is at war with the saints because the rapture occurs at the end of Daniel’s 70th week (meaning the end of the great tribulation), and that sheep nations have risen up to reject his agenda and preserve the people of God, the passage formerly discussed in Daniel chapter 11 makes all the sense in the world. Goat nations have also risen up that will oppose the antichrist agenda out of mere human will. Unfortunately, these groups will reject the agenda of God at the same time. It is a fact that the groups represented by Edom and Moab in Daniel 11 are goat nations because although they escape the antichrist’s hand they are still destroyed by Jesus at His coming. If they were sheep nations this would not be so.

“The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of **[Edom]**.” (Isaiah 34:6)

“I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but He is not near. A star (Star) shall come forth out of Jacob, and a scepter (Scepter) shall rise out of Israel and shall crush all the corners of **Moab** and break down all the sons of Sheth [Moab's sons of tumult].” (Numbers 24:17 AMP)

Sheep Nations, Goat Nations, and a New World Order

As already discussed, when the Bible describes stars that fall from heaven it is generally making reference to fallen angels (obviously in the case above the “Star” is actually describing Jesus). These fallen angels come to earth to assist the antichrist with his agenda after the restrainer has been removed. As far as the antichrist kingdom is concerned, the days of human government will have come to an end. It will be extremely difficult for human government to sufficiently sustain a population against what will be revealed. Although goat nations will exist apart from the antichrist kingdom, they won’t have it easy. I will add that any members of the antichrist kingdom that take the mark of the beast and survive Armageddon will also find themselves among those at the left hand of Jesus at the judging of nations. There will be no hope for them.

“Then another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a mighty voice, Whoever pays homage to the beast and his statue and permits the [beast's] stamp (mark, inscription) to be put on his forehead or on his hand, He too shall [have to] drink of the wine of God's indignation and wrath, poured undiluted into the cup of His anger; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.” (Revelation 14:9-10 AMP)

Dissenters who reject the New World Order and the mark of the beast will find refuge in sheep and goat nations that have risen up. Sheep nations will be fortified by supernatural power from heaven to stand in the days of adversity. Those who are members of sheep nations at the return of Christ and are not saved by grace through faith (yet have not received the mark of the beast) will be granted entrance into the manifested kingdom of heaven on earth (the millennial rule of Jesus Christ). For those that are grouped as goat nations, they will be judged as cursed even if they did not participate in the antichrist kingdom. *The judgment of sheep and goat nations is strictly to determine who among the gentile nations will enter the millennial reign and who will not.* It has nothing to do with eternal life or salvation by grace through faith.

Another aspect that should be addressed is that the world as we see it today will not be the same at the time of the return of Jesus. The antichrist will attempt to rule the whole world, but he will fail. Nonetheless, the national boundaries that exist today will be nothing more than a memory at the return of Jesus. With national boundaries eliminated, sheep nations will probably not be current day nations (although some of them may). They will be geographies of

resistance, probably bordering geographies of conformance to a New World Order Agenda and the totalitarian rule of the coming antichrist. The same will be true of goat nations.

Concluding the Matter

In conclusion, in order to create a sheep nation in this age, the kingdom of God must rule in the hearts of influential people within a particular geography and/or people group. A sheep nation is a nation that is influenced by the kingdom of God reigning in and through the hearts of men. When God rules in the hearts of people within a particular geography and/or people group, and that nation is cooperating with and being actively influenced by God's people, God as King will be responsible to distinguish it. No other kingdom will be able rule over the members of a sheep nation no matter how much they may try to impose their agenda.

“But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble. Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.” (Psalm 59:16-17)