

Enoch's Prophecy of the Seventy Shepherds of Israel

There is another prophecy that, although it does not give an exact year date, indicates that we are on the threshold of the Tribulation period. This prophecy also speaks of a fiery abyss that the wicked will be cast into. The prophecy isn't in the Bible, however. It is instead found in the Book of 1 Enoch - in Enoch's Prophecy of the Seventy Shepherds of Israel. Based on archeological evidence, even the most conservative scholars agree that the manuscript this prophecy appears in predates the New Testament by at least several hundred years. However, the Book of 1 Enoch and the Prophecy of the Seventy Shepherds may predate most of the Old Testament by a thousand years or more. In this prophecy, Enoch speaks of the shepherds or rulers who have governed Israel not just in the past, but also in the *future*.

In a vision, Enoch saw that there would be seventy shepherds of Israel:

"And He called seventy shepherds, and cast those sheep to them that they might pasture them, and He spoke to the shepherds and their companions: 'Let each individual of you pasture the sheep henceforward, and everything that I shall command you that do ye. And I will deliver them over unto you duly numbered, and tell you which of them are to be destroyed-and them destroy ye.' And He gave over unto them those sheep."
- 1 Enoch 89:59-61

These seventy symbolic shepherds watch over the flock of sheep that figuratively are God's chosen people. The next passage tells us that Enoch saw the first group of thirty-five shepherds as unique from the other shepherds to come:

*"And I saw till that in this manner **thirty-five shepherds** undertook the pasturing (of the sheep), and they severally completed their periods as did the first; and others received them into their hands, to pasture them for their period, each shepherd in his own period."* - 1 Enoch 90:1-2

These first thirty-five shepherds correspond to thirty-five kings of Israel and Judah that ruled *before* the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the Kingdom of Judah in 597 BC. After this, a series of foreign kings ruled over the Promised Land as shepherds. The following passage clarifies this time in history. The seventy shepherds Enoch saw were all descendents of Israel, though some of these Israelite shepherds had overlords over them who are also called shepherds:

"...the eyes of those sheep were blinded so that they saw not, and (the eyes of) their shepherds likewise; and they (i.e. the shepherds of the sheep) delivered them in large numbers to their shepherds (i.e. the overlords of the shepherds) for destruction, and they trampled the sheep with their feet and devoured them." - 1 Enoch 89:74-75

Enoch sees twenty-three foreign kings ruling over Israel until the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. Adding their number to the thirty-five kings who came before, a total of fifty-eight kings were foreseen as rulers over Ancient Israel:

*"And I saw **until that twenty-three had undertaken the pasturing** and completed in their several periods fifty-eight times." - 1 Enoch 90:5*

During the reign of the twenty-three puppet shepherds, Enoch describes the destruction among the lost sheep of Israel, as well as the building and destruction of the First and Second Temple in Jerusalem (1 Enoch 89:59-76). Enoch also foresaw that, blinded by their ignorance of God's Will, many from the Twelve Tribes of Israel would be scattered abroad, and would become the victims of many enemies during the times of the two temples.

Enoch also foresaw the coming of a One-Horned Ram or Unicorn who would open the eyes of the blind sheep and lead them to salvation. Enoch's vision disclosed that there would be a period of time when the followers of this One-Horned Ram will be persecuted and killed without mercy. The enemies of the One-Horned Ram will attempt to destroy the Ram's teachings and followers, but will not succeed (1 Enoch 90:1-19). We will discuss the spiritual and temporal meanings of the unicorn, and what Enoch's unicorn means to Christians in the next chapter.

After this, Enoch foresaw that twelve more shepherds would arise to govern over Israel. He therefore foretold the rebirth of Israel as a nation in modern times! Sadly, Enoch tells us that this group of twelve final shepherds in Israel will do more damage to Israel spiritually than the fifty-eight bad shepherds who governed the country long before them:

"And I saw that man, who wrote the book according to the command of the Lord, till he opened that book concerning the destruction which those twelve last shepherds had wrought, and showed that they had destroyed much more than their predecessors, before the Lord of the sheep. And I saw till the Lord of the sheep came unto them and took in His hand the staff of His wrath, and smote the earth, and the earth clave asunder, and all

the beasts and all the birds of the heaven fell from among those sheep, and were swallowed up in the earth and it covered them.” - 1 Enoch 90:19

The predecessors spoken of in this prophecy were the shepherds who came *before* the emergence of someone Enoch calls “the Lord of the Sheep.” This Lord of the Sheep is none other than Yahshua the Messiah: the One-Horned Ram! Since these twelve shepherds arise *after* the death and resurrection of Yahshua and the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 AD, these last twelve must belong to the modern state of Israel - a nation now ruled over by secular-minded Prime Ministers. Since these “kings” are humanistic in their outlook for Israel, they have not shepherded the people into drawing closer to Yahweh or following His Laws. As a result, many Jews in Israel no longer have faith in their heavenly Father. Yahweh will therefore judge these shepherds severely and cast them into a fiery abyss. According to the Book of 1 Enoch, they will be cast away with all the Fallen Angels who defiled themselves with women, and anyone else who is found guilty of unconfessed sins such as bitterness or lack of forgiveness and lack of repentance or impenitence at the end of the world:

*“And I saw till a throne was erected in the pleasant land (i.e. Jerusalem), and the Lord of the sheep sat Himself thereon, and the other took the sealed books and opened those books before the Lord of the sheep. And the Lord called those men the seven first white ones, and commanded that they should bring before Him, beginning with the first star which led the way, all the stars whose privy members were like those of horses, and they brought them all before Him. And He said to that man who wrote before Him, being one of those seven white ones, and said unto him: ‘**Take those seventy shepherds to whom I delivered the sheep, and who taking them on their own authority slew more than I commanded them.**’ And behold they were all bound, I saw, and they all stood before Him.”*

*“And the judgment was held first over the stars, and they were judged and found guilty, and went to the place of condemnation, and they were cast into an abyss, full of fire and flaming, and full of pillars of fire. **And those seventy shepherds were judged and found guilty, and they were cast into that fiery abyss.** And I saw at that time how a like abyss was opened in the midst of the earth, full of fire, and they brought those blinded sheep, and they were all judged and found guilty and cast into this fiery abyss, and they burned...” - 1 Enoch 90:20-27*

The twelve last shepherds of Israel will therefore be judged and found guilty along with the fifty-eight shepherd kings of Israel who came before them - with the exception perhaps of King David and King Josiah. Most from among these seventy kings, however, will perish without repenting of their sins. One easy way to test the legitimacy of Enoch's prophetic vision of the seventy shepherds of Israel is to see how closely the prophecy of the twelve last shepherds applies today. We can do this by counting how many prime ministers have ruled in the modern nation called Israel since its inception in 1948. Uncannily, *twelve* men have served in this office so far, as shown in the following list. James Johnson, a fellow scholar, friend, and enthusiast of the Book of 1 Enoch, provided me with this list when the 12th Prime Minister had not yet ruled:

1. **David Ben-Gurion** (1886-1973): Prime Minister of Israel from 1948 to 1953 and 1955 to 1963
2. **Moshe Sharett** (1894-1965): Prime Minister of Israel from 1954 to 1955
3. **Levi Eshkol** (1895-1969): Prime Minister of Israel from 1963 to 1969
4. **Golda Meir** (1898-1978): Prime Minister of Israel from 1969 to 1974
5. **Yitzak Rabin** (1922-1995): Prime Minister of Israel from 1974 to 1977, and 1992 to 1995
6. **Menachem Begin** (1913-1992): Prime Minister of Israel from 1977 to 1983
7. **Yitzhak Shamir** (1915-2012): Prime Minister of Israel from 1983-1984 and 1986 to 1992
8. **Shimon Peres** (1923-): Prime Minister of Israel from 1995 to 1996
9. **Ehud Barak** (1942-): Prime Minister of Israel from 1999 to 2001
10. **Ariel Sharon** (1928-2014): Prime Minister of Israel from 2001 to 2006
11. **Ehud Olmert** (1945-): Prime Minister of Israel from April 2006 to present.
12. **Binyamin Netanyahu** (1949-): Prime Minister of Israel from 1996 to 1999 and 2009 to Present.

The preceding list clearly shows that twelve men have served as Prime Ministers of modern Israel, with some of them serving more than once! Adding these twelve to the fifty-eight prior shepherds of Israel

mentioned by Enoch, we find that *Seventy men have already served as shepherds of Israel. Since there are to be only twelve shepherds of modern Israel before all seventy of Israel's shepherds are judged, then the time before the end of this present world system must be very near.*

During the twelfth Shepherd of Israel's rule, Enoch prophesied that the persecuted sheep that follow the One-Horned Ram would be given a great sword with which to fight their enemies. As shown when this prophecy is focused on again in the next chapter, this sword is the Holy Spirit. After this, the Lord of the Sheep will smite the Earth with His Wrath, destroy the wicked, set up His own kingdom, and rule until the Last Judgment (1 Enoch 90:19-21). *Therefore, the twelfth Prime Minister of Israel is likely to be the last one to rule before the Second Coming of Christ.*

If this prophecy is true, it means that Yahshua Himself will serve as the thirteenth leader of modern Israel during His Millennial Rule! This fact again shows that the thirteenth member of any group can often turn evil into good, and replace wickedness with righteousness. In fact, the only major biblical exception to that rule was the thirteenth patriarch in the line of Adam through Seth. This was Arphaxad's apostate son Cainan, who - after the Great Flood - was instrumental in corrupting Sethite Sacred Astronomy into the Astrology first taught by the fallen Watchers prior to the Flood.

Fascinatingly, Benjamin Netanyahu's stint as Israeli Prime Minister was due to end in September of 2010 - after a period of only 18 months in office. But Netanyahu won the elections held then in late 2010 and will hold the position of Israeli Prime Minister until 2014 unless he dies in office. However, if Enoch's Prophecy of the Seventy Shepherds is to continue to hold true, either there will be no more Prime Ministers of Israel after Netanyahu leaves office or else Israel will be governed by one of its former Prime Ministers again after Netanyahu until Yahshua returns to vanquish the wicked at the Battle of Armageddon.

Since he has already been in office since 2009, Benjamin Netanyahu's position as Prime Minister is due to end someday soon. As shown in Book Two, "The Language of God in Humanity," this Feast of Israel prophetically correlates with the Rapture. However, the Rapture is even more closely tied to Pentecost and the summer harvest season in Israel, so there is a possibility that the Rapture could occur someday soon. These End Time heavenly signs are primarily explored in Chapters 8, 11 and 12 of this book.

In addition, this book has shown that there are many other prophetic indications that the First Rapture may occur sometime soon.

These include the prophecies in Psalms 108, 109, and Psalms 110 through 118. Indeed, Psalms 111 through 117 appear to be tied to the seven years of the Tribulation. In addition to these prophecies, I have shown how Daniel's Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks has several different prophetic applications. Then there is the 2010 end date of the Great Step in the Grand Gallery of the Great Pyramid, and the subsequent revelation I was given of the Antechamber, which shows that the Great Tribulation may be shortened to six years rather than seven.

However, keep in mind that there is likely to be two Raptures - with one before the Great Tribulation and one occurring at its end - when the Two Witnesses are resurrected. This possibility is explored in Chapter 11 of this revised book.