

THE “OTHER” SHEEP

John 10:16

Introduction:

1. The Bigger Picture

A) Jesus has “other sheep” that are not of this fold

> What fold? The Jewish people (John 10:1-2)

The Shepherd of God’s people is the Messiah (Ezek 34:22-24)

> Who are the “other sheep?” Non-Jews, the Gentiles, every other nation/tribe/ people

The scope of God’s salvation is worldwide (Romans 1:16; Acts 1:8)

B) God’s redemptive purpose was always cosmic in scope

> The descendents of Adam (Romans 5:17-19)

> All of creation (Romans 8:18-22)

> Look at the picture we see in John’s vision (Revelation 7:9-17)

C) Israel’s unique place in God’s plan

> A special treasure to God (Exodus 19:3-6)

> Revealing His glory to all the peoples of the earth (1 Chronicles 16:23-36)

> From the descendents of Abraham – the Hebrews, would come the Last Adam

D) The unique purpose of the “other sheep”

> To reveal the glory of our God in the way we live (1 Peter 2:9-12)

> To proclaim a message from God to the world (2 Corinthians 5:18-21)

> To make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20)

2. A Sovereign Process

A) Other sheep “I HAVE” (John 10:16a)

> Jesus has in His possession other sheep who will – in the future tense, hear My voice

This points us to the absolute sovereignty of God in salvation

The teaching (Ephesians 1:3-7)

The illustrations (John 4:4ff; Acts 18:9-11)

B) Them also “I MUST BRING” (John 10:16b)

> Literally, “it is necessary that I bring” which is also present tense

> This also focuses upon the sovereignty of the Shepherd’s activity (John 10:9)

C) They “WILL HEAR” My voice (John 10:16c)

> The “other sheep” that He has WILL HEAR (Acts 13:47-48)

An important insight into the responsibility of evangelism (Romans 10:11-15)

The sovereignty of God in salvation leads to the worship of God (Romans 11:33-36)

3. The Shepherd’s Plan for His Sheep

A) There will be ONE flock (John 10:16d)

> The “other sheep” or Gentiles are not a subset or afterthought for Jesus the Good Shepherd

Paul succinctly addressed this concept in Galatians 3:26-29

There is one flock and Jesus’ desire is that there be unity in this flock (John 17:20-23)

B) There will be ONE Shepherd (John 10:16e)

> There is One Shepherd and this is His Church

> This Shepherd is unique and uniquely qualified

He is loved by His Father (John 10:17a)

He lays His life down (John 10:17b)

He is able to take His life back (John 10:17c)

No one has the power or authority to take His life from Him (John 19:10-11)

Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection were determined by the eternal council of God before the foundation of the world (1 Peter 1:18-21)