

## Sheep and Goat Nations

*ESV Matthew 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.*

*32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.*

*33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.*

*34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.*

*41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.*

*46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*

Why does The Bible compare the righteous with sheep and the unrighteous with goats?

Wild goats usually lived at high elevations (Ps. 104:18; cf. Job 39:1, "mountain goat").

Unlike sheep, goats can subsist on scant vegetation, this why goats don't need The Word of God to survive like sheep—they can live off almost anything.

Their eating habits can be ruinous to trees and shrubs, the leaves of which they can reach by standing nearly erect on their hind legs.

**Goats can ruin a land by their eating habits!**

Goats are always associated with sin and unforgiveness in the bible.

The **scapegoat** carries the sins of the people into the wilderness and lives with them forever.

**Goats** are pushy, prideful and seek the highest positions even in nature we see goats live in high places and seek power by pushing one another down to the lowest position in order to dominate the pack and control the high places.

*KJV Isaiah 13:19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.*

*20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.*

*21 But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.*

What the KJ calls *satyrs* (say-ters) are half goat half man creatures of Greek mythology but were really the result of genetic manipulation.

Goats held a prominent role in the ceremonies of the Day of Atonement.

On the 10th day of the seventh month, the high priest would cleanse himself, dress in special clothing, and offer a bull as a sin offering for himself and his family.

He would then cast lots over two goats—one to be used as a sin offering and the other to be kept alive.

Blood from the goat sacrificed as a sin offering was sprinkled in the holy of holies. The high priest confessed the sins of the nation over the live goat “**Azazel**” (commonly called the scapegoat) and then released it into the wilderness.

According to the New Testament the blood of Jesus Christ has replaced the blood of goats as the atoning sacrifice, now offered once for all (Heb. 9:12–13, 19; 10:4).

**Azazel** the scapegoat became the not just a name but also a place.

**Azazel** means “rugged cliff”! It is a combination of two words *ez* (goat) and *ozel* (to go away or disappear).

Some have determined that Azazel is a satyr! As Azazel was sent into the wilderness (the abode of demons) it is so believed that Azazel is in fact a demon himself.

In the Book **1 Enoch 8:1-2** *And Azâzêl taught men to make swords, and knives, and shields, and breastplates, and made known to them **the metals** 〈of the earth〉 and the art of working them, and bracelets, and ornaments, and the use of antimony, and the beautifying of the eyelids, and all kinds of costly stones, and all colouring tinctures.*

<sup>2</sup> *And there arose much godlessness, and they committed fornication, and they were led astray, and became corrupt in all their ways.*

**1 Enoch 9:6** *Thou seest what Azâzêl hath done, who hath taught all unrighteousness on earth and revealed the eternal secrets which were (preserved) in heaven, which men were striving to **learn**:*

**1 Enoch 10:4-6** *And again the Lord said to Raphael: ‘Bind Azâzêl hand and foot, and cast him into the darkness: and make an opening in the desert, which is in Dûdâêl, and cast him therein.*

<sup>5</sup> *And place upon him rough and jagged rocks, and cover him with darkness, and let him abide there for ever, and cover his face that he may not see light.*

<sup>6</sup> *And on the day of the great judgement he shall be cast into the fire.*

**Baphomet is another name for Azazel!**

Baphomet is a goat-headed figure found in the history of occultism; From the Knights Templar of the Middle-Ages and the Freemasons of the 19th century to modern occultism.

Goats push and shove one another around as they please with no rules or order, except “do as thou wilt” and the strongest survive!

*Matthew 10:16* *Look, I am sending you out like sheep among wolves; so be cunning as snakes and yet innocent as doves.*

**Jesus said we are like sheep in a world of wolves so be as intelligent and cunning as serpents yet as innocent (not weak or stupid) as doves.**

Sheep are the first animal mentioned by name in the Bible.

Sheep are easier to herd and lead than goats, they are easy to domesticated.

They graze on grass alone, whereas goats also graze on other plants.

Sheep are gentle and docile, thus largely defenseless and in need of a shepherd.

**Psalm 23!** Sheep are led to eternal life while goats to eternal fire!