

The Seal of the Living God (Rev. 7:3)

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way (Isaiah 53:6a).

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand (John 10:27-28).

All mankind have purposefully and willfully sinned against the true God. Yet it was the good pleasure of God, out of His unfathomable free grace, mercy and love, to call out a people to serve Him in Spirit and truth. It is to these, and these only, who are given saving grace which guarantees them heirs of eternal life in the Kingdom of God.

In Revelation 7:3 we are told those sealed in their foreheads will not be 'hurt,' meaning 'perish.' For God Almighty is greater than all and will not fail to accomplish His purpose to be their God and they His people (Revelation 21:7).

This seal of protection from perishing was exemplified in Exodus 12:

For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you (verse 23).

Another significant Scripture passage exemplifying this truth is found in Ezekiel 9:

And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

⁵ And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:

⁶ Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house (verses 4-6).

These two examples used physical markings to distinguish those protected by God.

It is true visible markings may be used for identification purposes, such as ownership. Sheep are marked for easy identification by their owner, especially when mixed with others.

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Yet Christ, the Good Shepherd, does not need a visible mark or seal to identify His sheep.

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity (2 Timothy 2:19).

When did Christ know His sheep? From the beginning (John 15:27). From the beginning of what? From eternity, before the foundation of the world (Acts 15:18).

There was never a time Christ did not know the identities of His sheep, love His sheep and would die for His sheep:

I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

¹⁵ As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

¹⁶ And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd (John 10:14-16).

These are they given to Him by the Father (John 17:6). They will never be lost (John 6:39). They will be taught of God (John 6:45). They will be given a heart to know, love and obey the Lord God (Jeremiah 24:7; Ezekiel 36:26-27).

And that seal of the living God will never be broken.

NEXT: A false seal which purports to be of God, but is the mark of the Beast.