

## Entering and Reigning In The Kingdom-Our Only Focus Part 15

### The "Lost" ??

**Exodus 22:** <sup>9</sup> In all cases of illegal possession of an ox, a donkey, a sheep, a garment, or any other lost property about which somebody says, '**This is mine,**' both parties are to bring their cases before the judges. The one whom the judges declare guilty must pay back double to his neighbor.

**Matthew 15:** <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent **ONLY** to the *lost* sheep of Israel." *Now "lost" here is the Greek transliterated word **apollumi** means to perish, to be lost, ruined.*

This is not talking about being dead, it's talking about being out of control.

**Matthew 8:** <sup>25</sup>And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. - *apollumi*

**Ezekiel 34:** <sup>30</sup> Then they will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them and that they, **the house of Israel**, are my people, declares the Sovereign LORD. <sup>31</sup> **You my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are PEOPLE** and I am your God, declares the Sovereign LORD.'

<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock?

<sup>3</sup> You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. <sup>4</sup> You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. <sup>5</sup> So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals.

<sup>6</sup> My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them.

<sup>17</sup> " 'As for you, my flock, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will judge between one sheep and another, and between rams and goats.

<sup>22</sup> I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another.

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*Stray Sheep. – Sometimes a sheep or goat gets venture-some and wild, and runs away to the woods or the caves. The shepherd does not get angry at the sheep because it did not hear his voice when he called it back, nor will he let it perish. He leaves his flock in the hands of an assistant, or to the care of his dog, and himself goes after the stray lamb or sheep, through the woods and the rocky mountains, in the heat of summer or the cold of winter, to bring that stray lamb back to the fold. Why does he take this trouble ?*

*Even if he were the owner, its value is not much; the loss would not be great, hardly worth exposing himself to the fatigue and danger, or worth leaving the rest of his flock; but the shepherd's reputation is at stake. These shepherds, gathered together, mention what has happened during the day. For days, months, and years afterward it would be mentioned as a disgrace to any shepherd who permitted a stray lamb or sheep to perish without going in search of it. Or, if he has exposed himself to great danger to save the lamb, that will be mentioned to his great credit. Others will praise him as a brave shepherd. They would say Ibrihim went after his sheep and saved it from the mouth of a lion or a bear. If he had not done this he would be branded as a coward. Other sheep of his flock would lose confidence in him, even though he were their leader. This explains the parable of our Lord: "If any man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and go unto the mountains, and seek that which goeth astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth over it more than over the ninety and nine which have not gone astray."*

**John 10:** <sup>1</sup>"I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd **of his sheep**.

<sup>3</sup>The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

The shepherds in the east had a name for every sheep he had in his flock.

<sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all **his own**, he goes on ahead of them, and **his sheep** follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them. <sup>7</sup>Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.

<sup>9</sup>I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy—(*apollumi-perish*) I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

<sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand is not the shepherd **who owns** the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup>The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>"I am the good shepherd; I know **MY sheep** and **MY sheep** know me— <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father." <sup>19</sup>At these words the Jews were again divided. <sup>20</sup>Many of them said, "He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?"

<sup>26</sup>**but you** (*referring to those of the House of Israel*) **do not believe** (*present active-does not mean they never did it*) **because you are not MY sheep.** <sup>27</sup>**My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.** <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life (*age-lasting life*), **and they shall never perish- (*apollumi*)** ; no one can snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

**Jeremiah 50:** <sup>6</sup> "My people have been lost sheep; their shepherds **have led them astray and caused them to roam** on the mountains. **They wandered** over mountain and hill **and forgot** (*indicates they had it in their minds at one time*) their own resting place.

**Luke 15:** <sup>3</sup>Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Suppose one of you **HAS A** (*so they are His-they are redeemed*) hundred sheep **and loses (*apollumi*) one of them.** Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the **lost (*apollumi*)** sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders

<sup>6</sup>and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found **MY lost - (*apollumi*) sheep.**' <sup>7</sup>I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

<sup>8</sup>"Or suppose a woman **HAS** ten silver coins and **loses (*apollumi*)** one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my **lost (*apollumi*)** coin.' <sup>10</sup>In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."