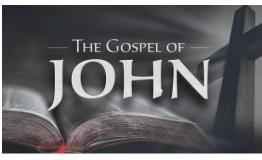
The Door & The Good Shepherd





Chapter 10

- "I AM the Door of the Sheep"
- Jesus is the Good Shepherd
- Election Theology of Salvation

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John 10: The Good Shepherd Context

- The same day as the scene in Chapter 9. The main characters in chapter 9, the
 Pharisees are portrayed as the False Shepherds (or pastor) thieves & robbers with
 no authority or ownership to the sheep they are trying to destroy. Zech. 11:15
 (Antichrist)
- This passage is not a parable, but a word picture v.6 "illustration"
- Story is familiar to the people of Israel since they lived in a land where shepherding was common, and also because the Old Testament presented God a shepherd.
- Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and David were shepherds
- Ezekiel 34:2, 11, 23 Prophesy Fulfilled by Jesus! 1 Peter 2:25
- The picture is of a Sheep Fold (or pen) where the shepherds would bring their sheep to at night to keep them safe. The shepherd would let each sheep in the pen one-by-one after examining them for wounds or other issues. Sheep Pen is a picture of Israel v.16 is a picture of the Gentiles.
- Shepherds knew each of their sheep, and at night, they would hire someone to guard the sheep (v.12-13 "hireling...does not know the sheep...or care about them...")
- Robbers could not enter through the door (the door represents the one with authority over the sheep), but would climb over the wall (v.1)

<u>John 10</u>

Mixing of Metaphors in John

1. John 10

- a) Jesus as DOOR of the Sheepfold 10:7
- b) Jesus as the SHEPHERD 10:11, 14

2. John 6

- a) Jesus as **BREAD** 6:35
- b) Jesus as Giver of BREAD 6:51

3. John 14

- a) Jesus as TRUTH 14:6
- b) Jesus as Speaker of the TRUTH 8:45-46

4. John 14

- a) Jesus as the **WAY** 14:6
- b) Jesus as Showing the Way 14:6

5. Hebrews

- a) Jesus as the SACRIFICE for Sin 7:27
- b) Jesus as the HIGH PRIEST who offers the Sacrifice 4:14-16

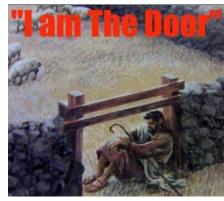
This is amazing, think about these metaphors deeply...

i.e. Jesus is both the Shepherd & the Door to the sheepfold. This is divine. This is God!

Order of the Chapter

- 1. Door of the Sheepfold (Israel, Church, Kingdom)
- 2. Good Shepperd (the owner of the Sheep Jesus)
- 3. Thieves & Robbers (False Prophets & Teachers)
 - The ultimate future False Prophet is the
 ANITICHRIST Zech. 11:15 "For behold, I am going
 to raise up a shepherd in the land who will not
 care for the perishing...Woe to the worthless
 shepherd who leaves the flock! "

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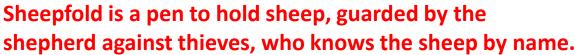


3.



Sheepfold









"THE DOOR"

Salvation or Eternal Life

John 10

- ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.
- 7 ... I say to you, I Am the door of the sheep.
- 9 Am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

Matthew 7:8

Salvation

 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Revelation 3:20

• 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.





The Door to What?

The Door

out of the Kingdom of Satan

& Into the Kingdom of God

SALVATION — ETERNAL LIFE

John 10:1 & Occult Meaning of Room 101

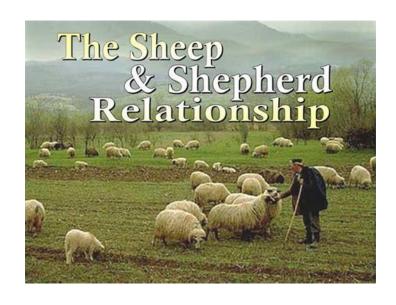
(The True Shepperd vs. The "Thieves"/False Shepperd)

- Deceptive Use of this Allusion in Society: "Room/Lodge 101" This is the thief's door, a play on John 10:1. BEWARE and DO NOT BE DECEIVED.
 - George Orwell's novel <u>Nineteen Eighty-Four</u>. The torture chamber is in Room 101 and is called the "Ministry of Love" in which a prisoner is subjected to his or her own worst nightmare, fear or phobia.
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLFIxt2cK 0
 - Room 101 appears in the Matrix movies: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQ1 IbFFbzA
 - 101 also represents the customary Masonic lodge number,
 - 101 can also be seen as a <u>binary number</u>, the 0s and 1s used by computers to store information.
 - Good summary video of links between John 10:1 and occult deception of Room 101
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPhBrFQ-TOg

"THE GOOD SHEPHERD"

John 10

- ² But he who enters by **the door** is the **shepherd of the sheep**.
- 3 ... the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
- ⁴ And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."





John 10:11

"I AM the good shepherd."

- In contrast to the bad shepherd (Pharisees and false teachers)
- "Good" means in Greek, morally good, but this is claiming to be the "best" of the good.
- In Chapter 5 Jesus claimed to be greater than Moses, in Chapter 8 He claimed to be greater than Abraham, and here is claiming to be greater than David, who was always considered by the Jews as the great shepherd.
- He was claiming that He was God, because they knew Psalm 23, "the Lord is my shepherd."

"THE GOOD SHEPHERD"

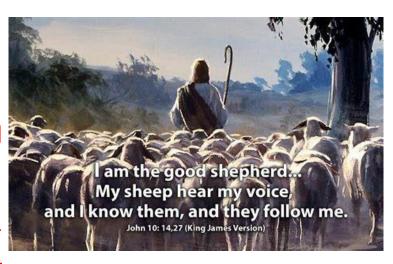
John 10:10-11, 14-15, 17-18

- 10 I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

 (Not material abundance, but spiritual blessings of eternal life)
- 11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."
- ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. ¹⁵ As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and <u>I lay down My life for the</u> <u>sheep</u>. (Jesus came to die – Mark 10:45 – to be the Ransom)
- 17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because lay down My life that I may take it again.

 (The Father's love is shown in Jesus giving up His life John 3:16)
- ¹⁸ No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.





John 10: 11-18

"I AM the good shepherd."

This good shepherd does 3 things for His sheep:

- **1.He dies for them**; v.11; v.15, v.17-18 **Foreshadow of the Cross**, but the word "life" here includes the soul too. This is the **substitutionary, vicarious atonement** (Mark 10:45).
- 2.He loves (knows) them the word "know" means LOVE intimately
- 3.He unites them v.16 the "fold" in v.1 is Israel, so the <u>Jew first</u>, <u>but then He unites the Gentiles.</u> This is why we have the <u>Great Commission!</u> This is the mystery of Eph. 2&3 The Church

"THE GOOD SHEPHERD"

John 10:26-30

- ²⁶ But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.
- ²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. ³⁰ I and My Father are one."



Assurance of Salvation

- Be encouraged. Once you go through the Door, you cannot be snatched back by Satan. This is a strong verse on Assurance of Salvation.
- Perseverance of the Saints Those who are His sheep will hold out and persevere until death if necessary.

Romans 8:35:39

- 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written:
- "For Your sake we are killed all day long; \
 We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."
- ³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that **neither death nor life**, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Preservation & Perseverance of the Saints

Quote from John Bunyan:

"To be saved is to be preserved in the faith to the end. 'He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.' (Mt. 24:13) Not that perseverance is an accident in Christianity, or a thing performed by human industry; they that are saved 'are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.' (1 Pet. 1: 3-6) But perseverance is absolutely necessary to the complete saving of the soul....He that goeth to sea with a purpose to arrive at Spain, cannot arrive there if he be drowned by the way; wherefore perseverance is absolutely necessary to the saving of the soul."

 God promises to hold every true believer securely until He delivers him to heaven, no matter what temptations or trials he encounters. Though the believer sins, he will not finally fail, but will be kept by God's power through the gift of persevering faith. Like Jesus, first the Suffering, then the Glory.

Shepherd Imagery in the Old Testament

- Psalm 23 "the Lord is my Shepherd..."
- Psalm 77:20 "You will lead Your people like a flock"
- Psalm 79:13 "We Your people and the sheep of Your pastures will give thanks to You."
- Psalm 80:1 "Give ear O Shepherd of Israel,"
- Psalm 95:7 "He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand."

Prophesy of the Good Shepherd - Ezekiel 34

- Leaders of Israel are the Irresponsible Shepherds
- 34 ... "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, ... "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?
- 8... but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock"—... I will cause them to cease feeding the sheep, and the shepherds shall feed themselves no more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouths, that they may no longer be food for them."
- Jesus, the True Shepherd
- 11 'For thus says the Lord God: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. ... 15 I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord God. 16 "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, ..."
- 22 therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd.
- 25 "I will make a covenant of peace with them, ... They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them. 28 And they shall no longer be a prey for the nations, ... 30 Thus they shall know that I, the LORD their God, am with them, and they, the house of Israel, are My people," says the Lord God.
- 31 "You are My flock, the flock of My pasture; you are men, and I am your God," says the Lord God.

Shepherd Imagery in the New Testament

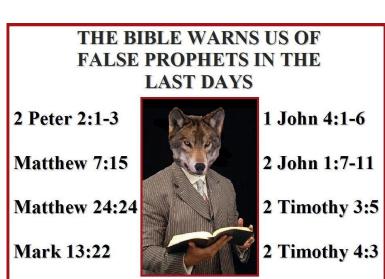
- The Greek word for shepherd occurs 18 times in the NT.
- Matthew 9:36; 18:12-14; 25:32; 26:31; Mark 6:34; 14:27; Luke 2:8, 15, 18, 20; John 10:2, 11, 12, 14, 16; Eph 4:11; Heb 13:20; and 1 Pet 2:25.
- 1 Peter 2:25
- ²⁵ For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.
- Hebrews 13:20
- ²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

"THIEVES & ROBBERS"

John 10

- 10:1 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber."
- 10:8-10 "All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them...¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. (Also John 8:44 "your father the devil...he was a murderer from the beginning...")
- Primary Message The Lord is My Shepherd (Ps.
 23) and the Shepherd is the Door to the Kingdom
- Warning Message The thief comes to kill the sheep. The thief would slit the throat of the sheep and throw him over the fence. He is a liar, a FALSE PROPHET/TEACHER who seeks to kill your soul.





John 10: 11-18 The Bad Shepherd

- "wolf" (v.12) The wolf is anything that attacks the sheep, anything. Anything satanic, including wolves dressed like sheep, such as false pastors, false teachers and false religions.
- Matthew 7:15
 - ""Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves."
- If you are a true follower of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, then like a sheep, you will not listen to or follow a Bad Shepherd. This is a good test of genuine salvation.

John 10: 11-18 The Bad Shepherd

- FALSE PROPHETS & FALSE TEACHERS This is about thoughts, ideologies, ideas, teachings. These create "STRONGHOLDS" or incorrect thinking.
- False teachings can take many forms, most are subtle, they promote
 thought processes of thinking about yourself, life, happiness, fulfilment,
 purpose, etc. that sound appealing to the intellect, but are opposed to
 the teachings of God & the Bible.
- Any teaching that opposes any Biblical Principal is from a "Bad Shepherd"
- The mixing of truth and lies is more dangerous than outright lies, since even Biblically ignorant Christians can be deceived.

End Times Sign #1 - Deception

- Mark 13:5-6, 21-22
- ⁵ And Jesus, answering them, began to say: "Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁶ For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am *He*,' and will deceive many... ²¹ "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here *is* the Christ!' or, 'Look, *He is* there!' do not believe it. ²² For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect."
- Matthew 7:15-20
- 15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. ... 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
- 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
- ¹³ For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

Sign 1 – Deception – Only One Gospel

Galatians 1:6-9

⁶I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a **different gospel**, ⁷ which is not another; but **there are some who** trouble you and **want to pervert the gospel of Christ**.

⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

⁹ As we have said before, **so now I say again**, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

Sign 1 - False Christs Deny the Gospel

1 Corinthians 15 ¹...I declare to you **the gospel** ...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

John 3:16 ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Mark 16:16 ¹⁶ He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Acts 4:12 ¹² Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

John 14:6 ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.<u>"</u>

John 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

John 8:24; 42-44 I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins... "If God were your Father, you would love Me ...because you are not able to listen to My word. 44 You are of your father the devil

Matthew 10:8 8 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Does Your Spiritual Teacher Believe these Gospel Truths and Teach Them? That there is only one God and One way to receive eternal life in Heaven. If Not, they are a False Teacher, a Deceiver & a Thief/Wolve!

Signs of False Church Teachings

- 1. No Teaching on Sin & Repentance "don't worry about sin or beating yourself up with the need for repentance, it's all covered by the grace of God". You are already forgiven for all past & future sins, so no need to worry about daily repentance.
- 2. New Age Spirituality in the church i.e. contemplative prayer, mindless meditation, yoga, different vocabulary, God is only love and no justice, morals and truth are relative, etc. Lack of teaching or denial of the "wrath of God", sin, judgement or Hell ("that doesn't make me feel good"...."God is only love and would never do that")
- 3. Social Work & Social Justice taking the priority over sharing the Gospel
- 4. Lack of Prophesy teaching on the Return of Christ & Liberal Views of Bible Interpretation
- 5. No Teaching on the Cost of Discipleship but instead it's a prosperity gospel of Your Best Life Now theology self-worship, focus is on the here and now, not eternity, feel good, motivational teachings, non-Bible focused.
 - 2 Tim. 4:3-4 "For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths."

New Age Teachings

- A collection of beliefs (Buddhism, Hinduism, Occult, Yoga, Spiritual Psychology law of attraction) aimed at raising one's consciousness to a level of self-divinity.
- It teaches that you don't become divine, you already are divine, but you just need to realize it we are all one with each other and the universe. "Oneness" We are god!
- Universal Consciousness goal at a global level is to initiate world peace by uniting the religions of the world under an impersonal, universal god. They do not believe in a Personal God. They believe that all is god and god is all – there is no heaven or hell or judgement, but an afterlife generally based on reincarnation.
- New Agers believe it must be experienced through meditation, drugs, yoga, martial arts, or cosmic experiences, the goal is to become one with the universe.
- In the New Age movement morals are subjective There is no moral truth.
- New Agers believe that there is an army of spirit guides, extraterrestrials, and entities who are seeking to communicate to humans through mediums or channelers.
- They have no common doctrine, rules or faith, just a loose, generally agreed on set of beliefs. (As Pilot asked Jesus "what is Truth?" Jesus explains truth in John 14:6)
- They believe every perspective of spiritual thinking is truth for each individual, and want unity at any cost, except when it comes to Christianity – they reject it completely.
- They don't believe people are sinners, but are basically all good and morality is personal.

New Age vs. Christianity

- New Age Teachings are opposed to the teachings of the Bible and what the Bible would classify as being from Satan.
- We are made in God's image and our purpose is to glorify Him; we are not even close to being God, the Creator, but are eternally separated from Him as sinners apart from Faith in Jesus.
- The first lie of humanity that Satan told Eve Genesis 3: 4-5 "You will not surely die (reincarnation)... and you will be like God." Rom 1:25 "exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature (serpent) rather than the <u>Creator</u>...".
- Imagine how you would feel if your 10 year old child told you that they are as powerful as you, that you had nothing to do with their creation, and that they don't have to obey or respect anything you say (the Bible), and that they have no thankfulness of the greatest sacrifices you made for their survival, but instead they start obeying the teachings and beliefs of your enemy who has completely opposite beliefs and worshipping another father (Satan). That's what people do to God who reject his offer of forgiveness and salvation through His Son.

John 10:16

Summary Verse to Explain Passage

- 1. "I have other sheep" He has them before He calls them. v.3 & v.4 "His own" hear His voice.
 - John 17:6; 6:37 Father chose sheep for Himself and gives them to Jesus. This is about ELECTION – Eph 1:4
- 2. "them also I must bring" No question they will be brought. How might He bring them? By His word v.3 the sheep hear His voice (Life, Water, Bread...) and they come in faith because they know His voice. These are the Gentiles.
 - How do we hear His Voice? John 20:21; 17:20 BY PREACHING of the WORD The Great Commission!! When Jesus told Peter to "Feed My Sheep" this is the
 Christian duty.
- 3. "...they will listen to My voice;"
 - v.4; v.27 "My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow Me."
 - This is how you know you are a sheep YOU HEAR HIS VOICE THROUGH THE BIBLE & PRAYER & FOLLOW HIM!!!
 - V.26 If you do not believe, you are not His sheep. **Profound ELECTION** believing doesn't make you part of His flock. Being part of His flock enables you to

John 10: The Good Shepherd Theology of Salvation

- The good Shepherd has <u>already chosen His sheep</u> (Divine sovereignty, calling & grace).
- He's already named them. He knows who they are (name is written in the Lambs Book of Life)
- He possesses full authority to find His sheep.
- They recognize His voice (V.2). He leads. They follow Him. OBEDIENCE IS A
 KEY SIGN OF A SHEEP. Luke 6:46
- They will not follow a stranger. If someone trusts a false teacher, they are not a sheep of the true Shepherd
- This is profound, not just a simple story. It fulfills the promise of the OT that God will gather a flock from the world and bring it into a kingdom.
- Think about this: Jesus knows you by name and you should be able to recognize His voice. You should also recognize a false shepherd. Psalm 23; 2 Tim. 4:3-4 & 1 John 4:5-6

Remember John 6?

- ³⁷ All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.
- ³⁹ This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.
- ⁴⁰ And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 10:16

"I have other Sheep"

4. "there will be one flock and one shepherd."

Summary - Theology of Salvation

- V.27-30 Assurance of Heaven! Rom 8:30-31 is imbedded here.
- Those who the Father chose for Himself, He also gave to the Son
- Those who belong to the Son, He also laid down His life
- Those He laid down His life, He also called, or brought to Himself,
- Those who He called, heard His voice and followed Him,
- Those who followed Him, He gave eternal life,
- Those who He gave eternal life, cannot be taken out of His hand,
- Therefore, there will be forever ONE FLOCK & ONE SHEPHERD

John 10:30-31

"I and the Father are one."

- Other claims to deity: John 1:1; 1:14; 1:34; 5:17; 5:23
- Any identification of Jesus by anyone that makes Jesus less than God is blasphemy.
- 1 John 2:22 "Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ?" This is the anti-Christ."
- V.31 the leaders want to stone Him (again).
 - The pattern is familiar.
 - They confront Him. They propose a question. He answers the question, reiterates His claim to be the Son of God, to be the Messiah. They react with unbelief & anger, seek to grab Him, kill Him on the spot, and He escapes. In chapter 10, for the fourth time.
 - This is the pattern of history of people refusing to accept Jesus as God.

John 10: 17-42

Summary of Chapter 10:17-42

- V.17 -18 Prediction of the Cross John 3:16
- V.20-21 They call Him a demon unpardonable sin
- V.22 Feast of Dedication Hanukah 8 day feast Dec.
- V.24 Jews challenge Jesus to tell them plainly is He is the Christ sarcastic
- V.25-28 Jesus answers them Yes but He says you (Religious leaders) are not His Sheep.
- V. 28-29 Assurance of Salvation no one can separate us from God.
 - John 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.
- V.30 Jesus claims to be equal to the Father and they took up stones
- V.34 Psalm 82:6 "gods" you are Angelic creatures Rabbinical logic
- V.38 Believe in the "works" Parable of Sower many don't believe
- V.39 Miraculous escape from attempted seizure (again)