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Jacob's Sheep Home Again

"I will pass through all thy flock to-day, removing from thence every speckled and spotted one, and every dark one among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and of such shall be my hire" (Genesis 30:32, The Israel Bible).



Jacob breed ewe in full fleece (CC BY 2.0, by John, via Wikimedia)

According to many reports in the Israeli press, 119 Jacob's sheep landed in Israel last November. These heritage sheep, after years of high-level negotiations between Israel and Canada, can have their lineage traced back 5,000 years to the Middle East, the first time since Biblical times. According to Jenna Lewinsky, The first sheep arrived on the Jewish calendar the day that Noah came out of the ark, the 28th of Heshvan. As one source said it is as if the sheep came on their own baa-liyah.

The journey for the sheep began in ancient Syria (also the biblical home of Laban) and passed through North Africa. Moorish invaders brought the breed to Spain, and then to England, where the animal was something of a trophy sheep. It has been reported that

the path of the breed mirrors the path of Jacob to Canaan and then Egypt. While the Jews were in Egypt, the sheep were incorporated into the North African flocks. Somewhere along the way, although the Jews returned to Israel, the uniquely speckled sheep did not return with them.

Another interesting fact reported was that the first sheep arrived during the week leading up to the reading of the Torah portion, the first time that the uniquely speckled Jacob's sheep are mentioned in the Torah in Genesis. Just as the sheep have returned, along with the people making Aliyah from the nations, the land being restored to its original beauty, so we must pray for the restoration of all things which are the signs we are looking for, before the return of the Lord, and the setting up of the future Kingdom in Jerusalem. The Bible is full of scriptures telling the nations and all peoples, to praise the Lord. Thank God he is in the business of restoration and fulfilling His Promises to Jacob (and to all who call upon His Name).



Jacob ewe nursing her lamb (CC BY 2.0, by Brooke, via Wikimedia)



Let us Enter The Throne Room Together Wherever We Are

- **Pray that the sheep will suffer no violence, nor be stolen, from their new resting places. “You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing” (Psalm 145:15, NIV).**
- **Beseech the Lord that in the case of probable war in the near future, that the animals which God has brought home Himself, will be protected and cared for by God’s Protective Hand now that they are back on the hills of their original birthplace. May the sheep not be scared, panicked, or spooked. Thank God for a righteous family (Lewinskys) caring for them. “A righteous man has regard for the life of his animal...” (Proverbs 12:10, NASB).**
- **Fervently ask for the restoration of the people as well. “For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an outcast, saying, this is Zion, whom no man seeketh after” (Jeremiah 30:17, KJV).** Many wounds are still open from the Holocaust, and continual anti-Semitism coming from the nations is difficult to live with. The challenges of overcoming anti-Semitic hatred is often overwhelming to a nation trying so hard to reach out to all nations. May each soul be restored to God. **(Psalm 23:3).**
- **Proclaim the prophetic Word of complete restoration to Israel as God has promised. “And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you” (Joel 2:25-26, ASV).**
- **Watch and Pray for more items stolen from Israel when Jerusalem was sacked, to be returned, for more archeology of the past to uncover Jerusalem’s true appearance as she was in Bible times, and for the people to be restored fully to God, in order to become a “light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:6).**
- **Thank God that as with the Jewish people, the flora, the language, the shekel, the animals, and much more, much has “come home”, never to be uprooted again. “But after I uproot them, I will again have compassion and will bring each of them back to their own inheritance and their own country” (Jeremiah 12:15, NIV).**
- **Read together (if in a group) the promise of completion, and restoration, of all things in Israel. “Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as He promised long ago through His holy prophets” (Acts 3:21).** The Hebrew Press is continually reporting new discoveries, revelations and disclosures, of the Biblical past being restored to Israel. Let us thank God and rejoice with Israel. **“Again, it says, “Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people” (Romans 15:10, NIV).**

Living in Israel, each day makes one feel special to be able to live here. Living in the midst of a miracle, a resurrected people and land, and the restoration of so much brings a heart of gratitude to the throne to be able to see everything with our own eyes. Thank you for your prayers for everyone working and living in Israel.

Until He Comes,

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