

119 Sheep Descended From Genesis 30 Return to Promised Land

One hundred nineteen sheep reportedly descended from Jacob's flock have returned to their biblical homeland.

"The first sheep arrived on the Jewish calendar the day that Noah came out of the ark, the 28th of Heshvan," shepherd Jenna Lewinsky said.

This is the first time the sheep have been in Israel since biblical times.

The name stems from Genesis 30:31b-33: "And Jacob said, "You may not give me anything, but if you will do this one thing for me, I will continue to feed and keep your flock. I will pass through all your flock today, removing from it all the speckled and spotted sheep, and every brown sheep from among the lambs, and the spotted and speckled among the goats. These shall be my wages. So my integrity will answer for me in time to come. When you come to examine my wages, every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep that are with me will be considered stolen."

The return of the sheep has been hailed as a prophetic precursor for the third temple. {eoa}