The Attackers: Divine Provision for the Advance for Those Who Love God, Rom 8:28; the Divine Decree Defined; the System for the Advance: Omniscience Perceived & Decreed All Choices; Foreknowledge Designed a Predetermined Plan for the Elect Who Are Justified & Glorified, Rom 8:29–32; to Serve Christ, the Believer Must Execute the Royal Law, Rom 14:18; Shepherd Leaders: Moses

- 32. God has provided a system for believer-sheep. It is true that the faithrest drill is a basic problem-solving device, but lack of recall of divine protection and logistics indicates loss of true happiness and disorientation to grace.
- 33. The faith-rest drill is designed to restore order to the soul. Once order is restored, then the doctrinal rationales of the sophisticated spiritual life enable the believer to concentrate on advanced problem-solving devices.

**Romans 8:28** - We know, in fact, that to those who love God all things work together for the purpose of good to those who are the elected ones according to the predetermined plan.

- v. 29 We know that whom He foreknew, He also predestined us as conformed ones to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many in the royal family of God.
- **v. 30** And whom He predestined, these same ones he also elected, and whom He elected, these same ones he also justified, and whom He justified, these same ones He also glorified.
- **v. 31** Therefore, face-to-face with these things, to what conclusion are we forced? If God is for us, and He is, then who is against us?
- v. 32 God, who did not even spare His own Son, but on behalf of all of us delivered Him over to judgment, how shall He not also with Him in grace, give us all things. (EXT)
- 34. There is a dangerous and hard road ahead for citizens of client nation America. We are going to need all the doctrine we can muster to survive what is in store. God is not caught by surprise.
- 35. We may or may not be destined as sheep for the slaughter, but either way we have the supreme victory through our God who loves us!
- 36. We must stand fast and continue to produce divine good in our thinking, decision-making, and actions. Sheep produce wool, but that wool is sheered and belongs to the Shepherd.
- 37. When we orient to the Word of God and apply its doctrines, then we produce divine good. We are blessed, but it is God that is glorified. He gets the credit. He is the Source.

Romans 14:18 - For he who <u>serves Christ</u> [execution of the royal family honor code], is <u>pleasing to God</u> [the function of the royal priesthood], and <u>respected by men</u> [function of royal ambassadorship]. (EXT)

- 38. As a sheep advances to the level of ram, spiritual growth enables him to distinguish between priesthood function and ambassadorship function.
- 39. Blessings and rewards to the believer are based on spiritual growth by means of priesthood function inside the bubble.
- 40. Blessings are not forthcoming based on a believer's production from ambassadorship.



41. Ambassadorship activities cannot function properly without doctrinal guidance from the Holy Spirit. It is the cause that is blessed not the effect.

## II. **Shepherd Leaders:**

- Moses lived 120 years and his life was divided into three forty-year 1. periods: (1) Life in Egypt (1520–1480 B.C.), (2) Life in Midian (1480–1440 B.C.), and (3) Leader of Israel (1440–1400 B.C.).
- 2. When he arrived in Midian he became associated with Jethro Reuel \roo'-el\ who employed him as shepherd of his flocks.
- 3. This duty of managing sheep on a daily basis prepared Moses to become the leader of the Israelites, truly a nation of sheep whose arrogance and fear made it impossible for the first generation to enter Canaan.
- 4. Moses had a major breakdown after so many years of dealing with such rebellious people that he hit the rock twice at Meribah after which he was forbidden to enter into the land. (Numbers 20:2-13 cf. 27:12-14)