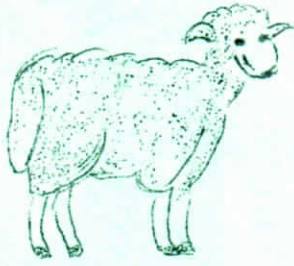


SHEEP — WHAT IS THE SHEEP LIKE?

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Sheep were the most important animal in the land of Jesus.

These sheep had brown coats. Sometimes they were patched black and white.

These sheep had very broad, long tails. This fat tail was very valuable. It might weigh 10 or 15 pounds. Sometimes the tail was used as a sacrifice. Sometimes it was made into a soup. The people thought this soup was especially delicious.

The male sheep is called a ram. The ram has horns. The horns are hollow. They twist out to the sides of the sheep. This is different from the goat. The goat's horns twist back.

The young sheep is called a lamb.

The female sheep is called a ewe.

The sheep can move quickly and easily. The sheep can bite off grass very close to the ground. After the oxen have eaten all they can in a pasture, the sheep can still find grass to eat. When the sheep is finished, there is little grass left alive.

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..Sheep eat different food than goats. Sheep eat grass. Goats eat leaves off little plants and bushes. Both the sheep and the goats do well where there is not too much green to eat. This is why they do well in Israel. Both of them could eat on the hills and dry parts of Israel.

Sheep are more valuable than goats. Sheep need more care than goats. Someone must protect the sheep from wild animals. Someone must help the lambs that get caught in the thornbush. Someone has to lead the sheep to good pasture and to quiet water where he can drink. The sheep depends on the shepherd. The sheep obeys the shepherd.