

Section 4 Chapter 89 Book of Enoch

¹ And one of those four (angels from previous verse) went to that white bull (Noah) and instructed him in a secret, without his being terrified: he was born a bull and became a man, and built for himself a great vessel (the ark) and dwelt thereon; ² and three bulls (Shem, Ham, and Japheth) dwelt with him in that vessel and they were covered in. And again I raised mine eyes towards heaven and saw a lofty roof, with seven water torrents thereon, and those torrents ³ flowed with much water into an enclosure. And I saw again, and behold fountains were opened on the surface of

that great enclosure, and that water began to swell and rise upon the surface, ⁴ and I saw that enclosure till all its surface was covered with water **(the flood)**. And the water, the darkness, and mist increased upon it; and as I looked at the height of that water, that water had risen above the height of that enclosure, and was streaming over that enclosure, and it stood upon the earth. ⁵ And all the cattle of that enclosure **(people of the earth)** were gathered together until I saw how they sank and were ⁶ swallowed up and perished in that water. But that vessel floated on the water, while all the oxen and elephants and camels and asses **(nephilim**

per prior chapters) sank to the bottom with all the animals, so that I could no longer see them, and they were not able to escape, (but) perished and sank into the depths. And again I saw in the vision till those water torrents were removed from that high roof, and the chasms ⁸ of the earth were leveled up and other abysses were opened. Then the water began to run down into these, till the earth became visible; but that vessel settled on the earth, and the darkness ⁹ retired and light appeared. But that white bull which had become a man came out of that vessel, and the three bulls with him, and one of those three was white like

that bull (**Shem**), and one of them was red as blood (**Ham**), and one black (**Japheth**): and that white bull departed from them. ¹⁰ And they began to bring forth beasts of the field and birds, so that there arose different genera: lions, tigers, wolves, dogs, hyenas, wild boars, foxes, squirrels, swine, falcons, vultures, kites, eagles, and ravens; and among them was born a white bull (**Abraham**). And they began to bite one another; but that white bull which was born amongst them begat a wild ass (**Ishmael**) and a white bull (**Isaac**) with it, and the ¹² wild asses multiplied. But that bull which was born from him begat a black wild boar (**Esau**) and a

white ¹³ sheep (**Jacob**); and the former begat many boars, but that sheep begat twelve sheep (**12 sons of Jacob and origin of 12 tribes**). And when those twelve sheep had grown, they gave up one of them to the asses (**Joseph**), and those asses again gave up that sheep to the wolves, and that sheep grew up among the wolves (**Egyptians**). And the Lord brought the eleven sheep to live with it and to pasture with it among the wolves (**God brings the rest of future Israel to Egypt**): and they multiplied and became many flocks of sheep. And the wolves began to fear them, and they oppressed them (**enslavement of the Jews**) until

they destroyed their little ones, and they cast their young into a river of much water (**Nile river**): but those sheep began to ¹⁶ cry aloud on account of their little ones, and to complain unto their Lord. And a sheep (**Moses**) which had been saved from the wolves fled and escaped to the wild asses (**Midian**); and I saw the sheep how they lamented and cried, and besought their Lord with all their might, till that Lord of the sheep descended at the voice of the sheep from a lofty abode, and came to them and pastured them. And He called that sheep which had escaped the wolves, and spake with it concerning the wolves that it

should ¹⁸ admonish them not to touch the sheep (God calls Moses from burning bush). And the sheep went to the wolves according to the word of the Lord, and another sheep (Aaron) met it and went with it, and the two went and entered together into the assembly of those wolves, and spake with them and admonished them not to touch the ¹⁹ sheep from henceforth. And thereupon I saw the wolves, and how they oppressed the sheep ²⁰ exceedingly with all their power; and the sheep cried aloud. And the Lord came to the sheep and they began to smite those wolves (12 plagues): and the wolves began to make lamentation; but

the sheep became ²¹ quiet and forthwith ceased to cry out. And I saw the sheep till they departed from amongst the wolves (**Jews delivered from Egypt**); but the eyes of the wolves were blinded, and those wolves departed in pursuit of the sheep ²² with all their power. And the Lord of the sheep (**Preincarnate Christ as pillar of fire and cloud**) went with them, as their leader, and all His sheep ²³ followed Him: and his face was dazzling and glorious and terrible to behold. But the wolves ²⁴ began to pursue those sheep till they reached a sea of water. And that sea was divided (**dividing of the Red Sea**), and the water stood on this side and on

that before their face, and their Lord led them and placed Himself between ²⁵ them and the wolves. And as those wolves did not yet see the sheep, they proceeded into the midst of that sea, and the wolves followed the sheep, and [those wolves] ran after them into that sea. ²⁶ And when they saw the Lord of the sheep, they turned to flee before His face, but that sea gathered itself together, and became as it had been created, and the water swelled and rose till it covered ²⁷ those wolves. And I saw till all the wolves who pursued those sheep perished and were drowned (God drowns the Egyptian army). ²⁸ But the sheep

escaped from that water and went forth into a wilderness, where there was no water and no grass; and they began to open their eyes and to see; and I saw the Lord of the sheep **(Preincarnate Christ)**²⁹ pasturing them and giving them water and grass, and that sheep going and leading them. And that³⁰ sheep **(Moses)** ascended to the summit of that lofty rock, and the Lord of the sheep sent it to them. And after that I saw the Lord of the sheep who stood before them, and His appearance was great and³¹ terrible and majestic, and all those sheep **(the Jews)** saw Him and were afraid before His face. And they all feared and trembled because of Him, and they cried to

that sheep with them [which was amongst ³² them]: ' We are not able to stand before our Lord or to behold Him (Jews cannot bear it when God speaks to Moses).'
And that sheep which led them again ascended to the summit of that rock (Mount Sinai), but the sheep began to be blinded and to wander ³³ from the way which he had showed them (the golden calf), but that sheep wot not thereof. And the Lord of the sheep was wrathful exceedingly against them, and that sheep discovered it, and went down from the summit of the rock, and came to the sheep, and found the greatest part of them blinded and fallen ³⁴ away. And when they

saw it they feared and trembled at its presence, and desired to return to their ³⁵ folds. And that sheep took other sheep with it, and came to those sheep which had fallen away, and began to slay them; and the sheep feared its presence, and thus that sheep brought back those ³⁶ sheep that had fallen away, and they returned to their folds. And I saw in this vision till that sheep became a man and built a house for the Lord of the sheep (Tabernacle and Ark of the Covenant), and placed all the sheep in that house. ³⁷ And I saw till this sheep (Aaron) which had met that sheep which led them fell asleep: and I saw till all the

great sheep perished and little ones arose in their place (**forty years in the wilderness**), and they came to a pasture, and ³⁸ approached a stream of water (**Jordan River**). Then that sheep, their leader which had become a man, withdrew ³⁹ from them and fell asleep (**Moses dies**), and all the sheep sought it and cried over it with a great crying. And I saw till they left off crying for that sheep and crossed that stream of water, and there arose the two sheep (**Joshua and Eleazar**) as leaders in the place of those which had led them and fallen asleep (lit. ' had fallen asleep and led ⁴⁰ them '). And I saw till the sheep came to a goodly place,

and a pleasant and glorious land (the promised land), and I saw till those sheep were satisfied; and that house stood amongst them in the pleasant land. ⁴¹ And sometimes their eyes were opened, and sometimes blinded, till another sheep arose (Samuel) and led them and brought them all back, and their eyes were opened. ⁴² And the dogs and the foxes and the wild boars began to devour those sheep till the Lord of the sheep raised up [another sheep] a ram (King Saul) from their ⁴³ midst, which led them. And that ram began to butt on either side those dogs, foxes, and wild ⁴⁴ boars till he had destroyed them all. And that sheep whose

eyes were opened saw that ram, which was amongst the sheep, till it forsook its glory and began to butt those sheep, and trampled upon them, and behaved itself ⁴⁵ unseemly (**fall of Saul**). And the Lord of the sheep sent the lamb (**Samuel**) to another lamb (**King David**) and raised it to being a ram and leader of the sheep instead of that ⁴⁶ ram which had forsaken its glory. And it went to it and spake to it alone, and raised it to being a ram, and made it the prince and leader of the sheep; but during all these things those dogs ⁴⁷ oppressed the sheep. And the first ram (**Saul**) pursued that second ram (**David**), and that second ram arose and fled before

it; and I saw till those dogs pulled
⁴⁸ down the first ram (**Saul is
slain**). And that second ram arose
⁴⁹ and led the [little] sheep. And
those sheep grew and multiplied;
but all the dogs, and foxes, and
wild boars feared and fled before
it, and that ram butted and killed
the wild beasts, and those wild
beasts had no longer any power
among the ^{48b} sheep and robbed
them no more of ought. And that
ram begat many sheep and fell
asleep (**David dies**); and a little
sheep (**Solomon**) became ram in
its stead, and became prince and
leader of those sheep. ⁵⁰ And that
house became great and broad,
and it was built for those sheep:
(and) a tower lofty and great was

built on the house for the Lord of the sheep (**building of the first Temple**), and that house was low, but the tower was elevated and lofty, and the Lord of the sheep stood on that tower and they offered a full table before Him. ⁵¹

And again I saw those sheep that they again erred and went many ways, and forsook that their house, and the Lord of the sheep called some (**the prophets**) from amongst the sheep and sent them to the sheep, ⁵² but the sheep began to slay them (**Jews kill the prophets**). And one of them was saved and was not slain, and it sped away and cried aloud over the sheep; and they sought to slay it, but the Lord of the sheep saved

it from ⁵³ the sheep, and brought it up to me (**Elijah brought up to Heaven?**), and caused it to dwell there. And many other sheep He sent to those sheep to testify unto them and lament over them. And after that I saw that when they forsook the house of the Lord and His tower they fell away entirely (**Jews forsook the Temple**), and their eyes were blinded; and I saw the Lord of the sheep how He wrought much slaughter amongst them in their herds until ⁵⁵ those sheep invited that slaughter and betrayed His place. And He gave them over into the hands of the lions and tigers, and wolves and hyenas, and into the hand of the foxes, and to all the wild ⁵⁶beasts,

and those wild beasts began to tear in pieces those sheep. And I saw that He forsook that their house and their tower and gave them all into the hand of the lions, to tear and devour them, ⁵⁷ into the hand of all the wild beasts (multiple occupations and enslavement). And I began to cry aloud with all my power, and to appeal to the Lord of the sheep, and to represent to Him in regard to the sheep that they were devoured ⁵⁸ by all the wild beasts. But He remained unmoved, though He saw it, and rejoiced that they were devoured and swallowed and robbed, and left them to be devoured in the hand of all the beasts. ⁵⁹ And He called

seventy shepherds (**occupying nations**), and cast those sheep to them that they might pasture them, and He spake to the shepherds and their companions: ' Let each individual of you pasture the sheep ⁶⁰ henceforward, and everything that I shall command you that do ye. And I will deliver them over unto you duly numbered, and tell you which of them are to be destroyed-and them destroy ye.' And ⁶¹ He gave over unto them those sheep. And He called another and spake unto him: ' Observe and mark everything that the shepherds will do to those sheep; for they will destroy more of them than ⁶² I have

commanded them. And every excess and the destruction which will be wrought through the shepherds, record (namely) how many they destroy according to my command, and how many according to their own caprice: record against every individual shepherd all the destruction he ⁶³ effects (the occupying nations destroyed more than was allotted to them). And read out before me by number how many they destroy, and how many they deliver over for destruction, that I may have this as a testimony against them, and know every deed of the shepherds, that I may comprehend and see what they do, whether or not they abide by

my ⁶⁴ command which I have commanded them. But they shall not know it, and thou shalt not declare it to them, nor admonish them, but only record against each individual all the destruction which ⁶⁵ the shepherds effect each in his time and lay it all before me.' And I saw till those shepherds pastured in their season, and they began to slay and to destroy more than they were bidden, and they delivered ⁶⁶ those sheep into the hand of the lions. And the lions and tigers eat and devoured the greater part of those sheep, and the wild boars eat along with them; and they burnt that tower and demolished ⁶⁷ that house

(destruction of the Temple). And I became exceedingly sorrowful over that tower because that house of the sheep was demolished, and afterwards I was unable to see if those sheep entered that house. ⁶⁸And the shepherds and their associates delivered over those sheep to all the wild beasts, to devour them, and each one of them received in his time a definite number: it was written by the other ⁶⁹ in a book how many each one of them destroyed of them. And each one slew and destroyed many ⁷⁰ more than was prescribed; and I began to weep and lament on account of those sheep. And thus in the vision I saw that one who wrote,

how he wrote down every one that was destroyed by those shepherds, day by day, and carried up and laid down and showed actually the whole book to the Lord of the sheep-(even) everything that they had done, and all that each one of them had made ⁷¹ away with, and all that they had given over to destruction. And the book was read before the Lord of the sheep, and He took the book from his hand and read it and sealed it and laid it down. ⁷² And forthwith I saw how the shepherds pastured for twelve hours, and behold three of those sheep turned back and came and entered and began to build up all that had fallen

down of that ⁷³ house (King Cyrus allows rebuilding of the Temple); but the wild boars tried to hinder them, but they were not able. And they began again to build as before, and they reared up that tower, and it was named the high tower; and they began again to place a table before the tower, but all the bread on it was polluted and not pure. ⁷⁴ And as touching all this the eyes of those sheep were blinded so that they saw not, and (the eyes of) their shepherds likewise; and they delivered them in large numbers to their shepherds for ⁷⁵ destruction, and they trampled the sheep with their feet and devoured them. And the Lord of

the sheep remained unmoved till all the sheep were dispersed (Jews dispersed over the earth) over the field and mingled with them (i.e. the ⁷⁶ beasts), and they (i.e. the shepherds) did not save them out of the hand of the beasts. And this one who wrote the book carried it up, and showed it and read it before the Lord of the sheep, and implored Him on their account, and besought Him on their account as he showed Him all the doings ⁷⁷ of the shepherds, and gave testimony before Him against all the shepherds. And he took the actual book and laid it down beside Him and departed.