# Animals or People? By T. Brett





#### "For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Isaiah 2:3)."

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Another old and very obscure viewpoint involves another interpretation of Scripture. In our "politically-correct" societies, today, the mention of anything you are about to read may be greeted with hostility and closed ears. However, the view of history, written by those from our history, did not think the same way as we do, now.

As we mentioned, the King James translators tried to translate the Bible to the best of their abilities and preconceived notions. When we see references to "birds" and "beasts", naturally, we often assume the obvious. We have evidence, however, from these ancient texts, even the Bible, that these references may be more than just animals. Lets look at some examples.

These writings often referred to other people as "animals" of whom they distasted. Not to single out anybody in any way, the ancient Jews, for one example, wrote this way. In consequence, the King James translators, not knowing these were actually human beings, tried to translate these words as members of the animal kingdom. As we will see, there may be a lot more to it.

This practice is still done today, only in a diluted version. Have you ever looked at someone in a distasteful way and said, "*you're an animal*"? Men sometimes brag about being a "*dog*"; a woman may call a man a "*beast*". There are examples of this in the Bible: "*Wherefore are we counted as beasts, and reputed vile in your sight*?" (Job 18:3). The word for beasts, here is *bahemah*. This seems to be one of the words the King James translators thought was an animal. They may have overlooked this word as actually meaning people. Again, we are not to point fingers, we just want to see some examples:

"There are many kinds among Israel that are called **cattle** and **beasts**. One is from the side of the serpent and another from the side of idolatrous nations, who are like animals and wild beasts." The Zohar 2 Bereshith a29

Often, the members of ancient societies who were "wild" or idolatrous were looked upon in this way. Even though the English translators tried to portray them as animals, we see that it is clear the *Bahemah*, and others, were actually people:

Zechariah 8:10 "For before those days there was no hire for man, nor hire for beast (bahemah)..."

#### - what kind of animal gets hired, or paid?

Jonah 3:8 "But let man and beast (bahemah) be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: let them turn every one from his evil way."

- what animal knows he's evil, and cries to God?

Exodus 19:13 "There shall not an **hand** touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast (bahemah) or man..."

- what animal has hands?

Exodus 29:11 "No foot of man shall pass through it, nor **foot** of beast (bahemah) shall pass through it..."

- also, what animal has feet?

Exodus 20:10 "But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD they God; in it thou shalt not do any **work**, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle (bahemah), nor thy stranger that is within thy gates."

- this verse refers to only people, and their work.

Jonah 3:7 "... Let neither **man nor beast** (bahemah), herd nor flock, taste any thing...

- the humans and animals are grouped together, separately, if you notice.

There is something going on, here. Could the "beasts" or "bahemah" which were created around the time of Adam be human beings, as well? Would that mean that Adam was not the father of everyone on earth, and could there be other groups of people in the world also, at that time? As we see in <u>Untold Adam and Eve</u> there may have been more than just Adam and Eve working in the garden.

We know there were references to the "*beasts of the field*" and "*fowl of the air*" at the time of Adam. Could these also be the names of groups of people, which appear this way as animals in the King James Translation of the Bible?

The proper Hebrew words, translated as beasts and fowl, are **chay** and **owph**, respectively. I personally believe, based on ancient written evidence, that there were four or five groups, or classifications, of people at the time of Adam (in their original Hebrew titles). These were the "**Chay** (or beasts) of the Field", the "**Owph (fowl) of the Air**", the "**Remes (or creeping thing) that Creepeth**", the "**Adam**" (the group that Adam belongs to), as well as the "**Bahemah**". These titles seem to come up, again and again, in scripture. If these groups were indeed people, then the world of Genesis would take on a whole new meaning, as well as the perception of these old stories of the Bible. Lets take a look:

Isaiah 43:20 *"The beasts (Chay) of the field shall honour me..."* what kind of animal knows how to h**onour**?

Clearly, there is something beyond animals, here. The following verses concern how, at least in the Old Testament, the Israelites needed to be separate from their neighbouring groups of people, or nations. This was necessary, at least then, to fulfil the prophecy of a true and unadulterated "seed" of Adam and Eve to pass on to the mother of Jesus, thus fulfilling the prophecy of Genesis 3:15 (see <u>Untold Adam and Eve</u>):

Leviticus 20:22 "Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, spue you out not. 20:23 And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out ...20:24 But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it... I am the LORD your God, which separated you from other people. 20:25 Ye shall therefore put difference between clean beasts (bahemah) and unclean, between unclean fowls (Owph) and clean: and ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast (bahemah), or by fowl (Owph), or by any manner of thing that creepeth (probably the Remes) on the ground (earth), which I have separated from you as unclean. 20:26 And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people..."

Since this prophecy has been fulfilled, and Jesus' sacrifice was indeed carried out (to "crush the serpent's head"), the need to separate these groups is not an issue as before. What is important is that they existed. What if these groups, however, did somehow survive the flood, and continued to play an important part in the affairs of mankind?

God mentions these same groups before the flood, and shortly after, in <u>Other Flood Survivors</u>. Could many more people have been around in the days of Noah and beyond, to made their mark on the world to come? There is much more about this in my upcoming book.



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