



**IDENTITY
THEFT**

Don't you **HATE** it when the guy next to you on the bus tries to sell you a phony Social Security card . . . and it's **YOUR** number!



Sadly, theft robs us of a **LOT** more than money because our identity is tied up in more than our net worth—it's who we **ARE**.

SOME of us get our identity from our life partners or our children.

Some of us get it from our **CAREERS**.

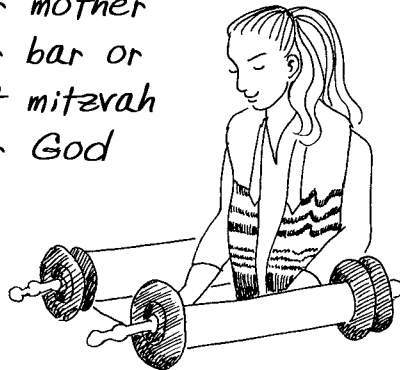
Others get it from the **LABELS** on our clothes.



Still others get it from our **SPIRITUAL TIES**.

And if we're **JEWISH**, we get our identity from:

- our mother
- our bar or bat mitzvah
- our God



But what happens when the marriage goes **SOUTH**, the **KIDS** leave home, you **LOSE** your job, your mother chooses your brother as her **FAVORITE** child, and you can't remember your bar mitzvah because the video got **TAPED OVER**?

What does that say about who you are? Losing our identity is a **TERRIBLE** thing. But there is **GOOD NEWS**:

GOD protects us from identity theft when we recognize our identity comes from **HIM**.

The one who created you and me, and even pink flamingoes, said:

"Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands" (Isaiah 49:15-16).

Or how about starting an online account at CityBank, only to find out that someone named "Pink Flamingo" has swiped your **PASSWORD** and is using it to book flights to **ST. THOMAS**.

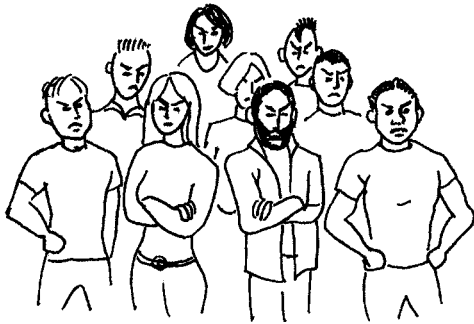


HORROR STORIES abound when it comes to the modern-day crime known as "**IDENTITY THEFT**."

You are important to God.
Just look at all he's given you.
He gave you your mother.



He gave you your family.



What? Don't you know
we are the WORLD?

He gave you the Bible.



And he gave you the Messiah—
his name is Y'shua (Jesus).

God identified with you
and me by dwelling among us
as a man, feeling our pain even
to death and then conquering
the grave so that our name
(identity) could be written in
God's book of life forever.

"But God demonstrates his own
love for us, in that while we
were still sinners, Messiah
died for us." (Romans 5:8)

Is your identity secure in God?
Want to know how to be sure?

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