

Ezekiel 34:1-31 **Wicked Shepherds Punished – Yahweh the Good Shepherd** **David shall feed them – Judge between Sheep & Goats**

Irresponsible Shepherds

1 And the word of Yahweh (the Lord) came to me, saying,

2 "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God) to the shepherds:

"Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

3 You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings, but you do not feed the flock.

4 The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them.

5 So they were scattered because there was no shepherd; and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered.

6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill; yes, My flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth, and no one was seeking or searching for them."

7 "Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of Yahweh (the Lord):

8 "As I live," says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God), "surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became food for every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock" —

9 therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of Yahweh (the Lord)!

10 Thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God): "Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand; I will cause them to cease feeding the sheep, and the shepherds shall feed themselves no more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouths, that they may no longer be food for them."

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11 "For thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God): "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.

12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day.

13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country.

14 I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

15 I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God).

16 "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment."

17 'And as for you, O My flock, thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God): "Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats.

18 Is it too little for you to have eaten up the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet

the residue of your pasture — and to have drunk of the clear waters, that you must foul the residue with your feet?

19 And as for My flock, they eat what you have trampled with your feet, and they drink what you have fouled with your feet."

20 "Therefore thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God) to them: "Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep.

21 Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad,

22 therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them — My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd.

24 And I, Yahweh (the Lord), will be their Elohiym (God), and My servant David a prince among them; I, Yahweh (the Lord), have spoken.

25 "I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.

26 I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing.

27 Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am Yahweh (the Lord), when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

28 And they shall no longer be a prey for the nations, nor shall beasts of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make them afraid.

29 I will raise up for them a garden of renown, and they shall no longer be consumed with hunger in the land, nor bear the shame of the Gentiles anymore.

30 Thus they shall know that I, Yahweh Eloheyhem (the Lord their God), am with them, and they, the house of Israel, are My people," says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God)."

31 "You are My flock, the flock of My pasture; you are men, and I am Eloheykem (your God)," says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God).

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Facts Revealed:

Irresponsible Shepherds [Ezekiel 31:1-10]

- ✧ The civil and religious leaders of a nation are the shepherds.
- ✧ The sheep and goats are the people.
 - ◇ This reads remarkably like the educational and political leaders of the USA today.
 - ◇ Instead of serving the people for the good of the nation, the leaders make the people serve them for their own aggrandizement viewing themselves as super delegates and above the law. They focus their energy fully on their own benefits and interests.
 - ◇ As a nation moves from godly righteousness to self seeking pleasure addicts they grow in wickedness setting themselves up for the wrath and judgment from Almighty God.
 - ◇ The farther they remove the knowledge of Yahweh from the people, the greater the increase of violence of every sort in the land.

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- ✧ Yahweh is more concerned about the welfare of the people, providing for their needs and making His righteousness and Salvation available for all.
- ✧ Yahweh does not desire the death of any one, but for all to come to repentance so they may be saved and enjoy eternal life in His presence. [\[Ezekiel 18:32, 33:11, Matthew 9:13, Mark 2:17, Luke 5:32, Acts 3:19, 2 Peter 3:9\]](#)
- ✧ Yahweh will judge the people in righteousness according to what they have done.
- ✧ Yahweh will seek those who are straying and cleanse all unrighteousness from those who turn to Him.
- ✧ Yahweh's goal is to bring many people into His Kingdom to enjoy the fruit of true righteousness, which is universal peace and abundance for all, free of sickness and death.
- ✧ Yahweh's ways are love, joy, peace, security, health, and abundant eternal blessings.
- ✧ David will be a shepherd prince among the people of Yahweh.
- ✧ Yahweh wants all to know that we are His people and He is our God.