

Yeshua is the Good Shepherd



I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. **He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.** After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice. Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn't understand what he meant, so he explained it to them: **I tell you the truth; I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them.** Yes, **I am the gate.** Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. **The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.** I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep. **"I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father.** So I sacrifice my life for the sheep. **I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.** The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again. No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded. (John 10:1-17) NLT

The LORD is my Shepherd

The LORD is my Shepherd and I have ALL that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; He leads me besides peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to His Name. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever. (Psalm 23) NLT
Halleluia!!!

Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong *hand*, and His arm shall rule for Him: behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. **He shall feed His flock like a shepherd;** He shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry *them* in his bosom, **and shall gently lead those that are with young.** (Isaiah 40:10-11) KJV

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Prophecy Concerning Shiftless and Idle Shepherds/Pastors

First of all, the Holy Scriptures witness that we are like sheep gone astray (Isaiah 53:6). Naturally speaking, sheep have no sense of direction as to what is a safe pathway, but have a tendency to wander. Without a shepherd, sheep would wander into unfruitful grounds, danger, and other mishaps. A shepherd's job is to care of the sheep, by day and night, which at times is arduous, but a true shepherd watches over the sheep and provides for their needs. Conversely, a so-called shepherd or "hireling" is only interested in the job for gain alone, **and extending over much care is not a part of their selfish job description.** As for Jeremiah & Ezekiel [located in the "Prophets" of the Hebrew Scriptures] Prophets of the One True and Living God, warned according to the Word of the LORD **"for the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered (Jeremiah 10:21)."**

"Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD. Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD. And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD (Jeremiah 23:1-4) KJV Ezekiel, another Prophet of the LORD God, stated: **"Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! The sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.**



Ezekiel 34 Fulfilled through Yeshua ha Mashiach

Homework
Read the entire chapter of
Ezekiel 34

Outline
Shepherds of Israel
Verses 1-10

The Good Shepherd
Verses 11-24

The LORD 's
Covenant of Peace
Verses 25-31

The duties of a shepherd in an unenclosed country like Palestine were very onerous. "In early morning he led forth the flock from the fold, marching at its head to the spot where they were to be pastured. Here he watched them all day, taking care that none of the sheep strayed, and if any for a time eluded his watch and wandered away from the rest, seeking diligently till he found and brought it back. In those lands sheep require to be supplied regularly with water, and the shepherd for this purpose has to guide them either to some running stream or to wells dug in the wilderness and furnished with troughs. At night he brought the flock home to the fold, counting them as they passed under the rod at the door to assure himself that none were missing. Nor did his labours always end with sunset. Often he had to guard the fold through the dark hours from the attack of wild beasts, or the wily attempts of the prowling thief (see [1 Sam. 17:34](#)).

Yeshua ha Mashiach fulfilled Ezekiel's prophetic message according to His Father's will written within Ezekiel 34. Open your heart to Yeshua today! The Holy Scriptures witness that Yeshua is the Mashiach/Messiah. Trust in the LORD with ALL your heart and lean not to your understanding, in ALL thy ways acknowledge Him, and He SHALL DIRECT thy PATH (Proverbs 3:5-6) KJV