

### *Prophecy against the Shepherds of Israel*

34:1 **T**HEN the word of the LORD came to me saying, 2 “Son of man, prophesy against the <sup>a</sup>shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to <sup>1</sup>those shepherds, ‘Thus says the Lord <sup>2</sup>GOD, “Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been <sup>3</sup><sup>b</sup>feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds <sup>3</sup><sup>c</sup>feed the flock? 3 “You <sup>a</sup>eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool, you <sup>b</sup>slaughter the fat *sheep* without <sup>1</sup>feeding the flock. 4 “Those who are sickly you have not strengthened, the <sup>1</sup>diseased you have not healed, <sup>a</sup>the broken you have not bound up, the scattered you have not brought back, nor have you <sup>b</sup>sought for the lost; but with force and with severity you have dominated them. 5 “And they were <sup>a</sup>scattered for lack of a shepherd, and they became <sup>b</sup>food for every beast of the field and were scattered. 6 “My flock <sup>a</sup>wandered through all the mountains and on every high hill, and <sup>b</sup>My flock was scattered over all the surface of the earth; and there was <sup>c</sup>no one to search or seek *for* them.””

**7** Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: 8 “As I live,” declares the Lord GOD, “surely because My flock has become a <sup>a</sup>prey, My flock has even become food for all the beasts of the field for lack of a shepherd, and My shepherds did not search for My flock, but *rather* the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock; 9 therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: 10 ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I am <sup>a</sup>against the shepherds, and I shall demand My <sup>1</sup>sheep <sup>2</sup>from them and make them <sup>b</sup>cease from feeding <sup>1</sup>sheep. So the shepherds will not <sup>3</sup>feed themselves anymore, but I shall <sup>c</sup>deliver My flock from their mouth, that they may not be food for them.””

### *The Restoration of Israel*

**11** For thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I Myself will <sup>a</sup>search for My sheep and seek them out. 12 “<sup>a</sup>As a shepherd <sup>1</sup>cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered <sup>2</sup>sheep, so I will <sup>1</sup><sup>b</sup>care for My <sup>2</sup>sheep and will deliver them from all the places to which they were scattered on a <sup>c</sup>cloudy and gloomy day. 13 “And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land; and I will <sup>a</sup>feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the <sup>b</sup>streams, and in all the inhabited places of the land. 14 “I will feed them in a <sup>a</sup>good pasture, and their grazing ground will be on the mountain heights of Israel. There they will lie down in good grazing ground, and they will feed in <sup>1</sup><sup>b</sup>rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 “I will <sup>a</sup>feed My flock and I will <sup>1</sup>lead them to rest,” declares the Lord GOD. 16 “I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken, and strengthen the sick; but the <sup>a</sup>fat and the strong I will destroy. I will <sup>b</sup>feed them with judgment.

**17** “And as for you, My flock, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, I will <sup>a</sup>judge between one <sup>1</sup>sheep and another, between the rams and the male goats. 18 ‘Is it too <sup>a</sup>slight a thing for you that you should feed in the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pastures? Or that you should drink of the clear waters, that you must <sup>1</sup>foul the rest with your feet? 19 ‘And as for My flock, they must eat what you tread down with your feet, and they must drink what you <sup>1</sup>foul with your feet!”

**20** Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them, “Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 “Because you push with side and with shoulder, and <sup>a</sup>thrust at all the <sup>1</sup>weak with your horns, until you have scattered them <sup>2</sup>abroad, 22

therefore, I will <sup>a</sup>deliver My flock, and they will no longer be a prey; and I will judge between one sheep and another. 23 “Then I will <sup>a</sup>set over them one <sup>b</sup>shepherd, My servant <sup>c</sup>David, and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd. 24 “And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant <sup>a</sup>David will be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

25 “And I will make a <sup>a</sup>covenant of peace with them and <sup>b</sup>eliminate harmful beasts from the land, so that they may <sup>c</sup>live securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. 26 “And I will make them and the places around My hill a <sup>a</sup>blessing. And I will cause <sup>b</sup>showers to come down in their season; they will be showers of <sup>c</sup>blessing. 27 “Also the tree of the field will yield its fruit, and the earth will yield its increase, and they will be <sup>a</sup>secure on their land. Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I have <sup>b</sup>broken the bars of their yoke and have delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them. 28 “And they will no longer be a prey to the nations, and the beasts of the earth will not devour them; but they will <sup>a</sup>live securely, and no one will make *them* afraid. 29 “And I will establish for them a <sup>a</sup>renowned planting place, and they will <sup>b</sup>not again be <sup>1</sup>victims of famine in the land, and they will not <sup>c</sup>endure the insults of the nations anymore. 30 “Then they will know that <sup>a</sup>I, the LORD their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are My people,” declares the Lord GOD. 31 “As for you, My <sup>a</sup>sheep, the <sup>b</sup>sheep of My pasture, you are men, and I am your God,” declares the Lord GOD.

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<sup>a</sup> Jer. 2:8; 3:15; 10:21; 12:10

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *them, the shepherds*

<sup>2</sup> Heb., *YHWH*, usually rendered *LĪĪÐ*, and so throughout the ch.

<sup>3</sup> Lit., *pasturing, pasture*

<sup>b</sup> Jer. 23:1; Ezek. 22:25; 34:8-10; Mic. 3:1-3, 11

<sup>3</sup> Lit., *pasturing, pasture*

<sup>c</sup> Ps. 78:71, 72; Is. 40:11; Ezek. 34:14, 15; John 10:11; 21:15-17

<sup>a</sup> Zech. 11:16

<sup>b</sup> Ezek. 22:25,27

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *pasturing*

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *sick*

<sup>a</sup> Zech. 11:16

<sup>b</sup> Matt. 9:36; 10:6; 18:12, 13; Luke 15:4

<sup>a</sup> Num. 27:17; 2 Chr. 18:16; Jer. 10:21; 23:2; 50:6, 7; Matt. 9:36; Mark 6:34

<sup>b</sup> Ezek. 34:8, 28

<sup>a</sup> Jer. 40:11, 12; Ezek. 7:16; 1 Pet. 2:25

<sup>b</sup> John 10:16

<sup>c</sup> Ps. 142:4

<sup>a</sup> Acts 20:29

<sup>a</sup> Jer. 21:13; Ezek. 5:8; 13:8; 34:2; Zech. 10:3

<sup>1</sup> Or, (a) *flock*

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *from their hand*

<sup>b</sup> 1 Sam. 2:29, 30; Jer. 52:24-27

<sup>1</sup> Or, (a) *flock*

<sup>3</sup> Lit., *pasture*, and so throughout the ch.

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<sup>c</sup> Ps. 72:12-14; Ezek. 13:23  
<sup>a</sup> Ezek. 11:17; 20:41  
<sup>a</sup> Jer. 31:10  
<sup>1</sup> Or, *seek(s) out*  
<sup>2</sup> Or, *flock*  
<sup>1</sup> Or, *seek(s) out*  
<sup>b</sup> Is. 40:11; 56:8; Jer. 23:3; 31:8; Luke 19:10; John 10:16  
<sup>2</sup> Or, *flock*  
<sup>c</sup> Jer. 13:16; Ezek. 30:3; Joel 2:2  
<sup>a</sup> Ezek. 34:23; 36:29, 30; Mic. 7:14  
<sup>b</sup> Is. 30:25  
<sup>a</sup> Ps. 23:2; Jer. 31:12-14, 25; John 10:9  
<sup>1</sup> Lit., *fat*  
<sup>b</sup> Ezek. 28:25, 26; 36:29, 30  
<sup>a</sup> Ps. 23:1, 2; Ezek. 34:23  
<sup>1</sup> Lit., *cause them to lie down*  
<sup>a</sup> Is. 10:16  
<sup>b</sup> Is. 49:26  
<sup>a</sup> Ezek. 20:38; 34:20-22; Mal. 4:1; Matt. 25:32  
<sup>1</sup> Or, *lamb*  
<sup>a</sup> Num. 16:9, 13; 2 Sam. 7:19; Is. 7:13  
<sup>1</sup> Lit., *foul by trampling*  
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<sup>a</sup> Deut. 33:17; Dan. 8:4; Luke 13:14-16  
<sup>1</sup> Or, *sick*  
<sup>2</sup> Lit., *to the outside*  
<sup>a</sup> Ps. 72:12-14; Jer. 23:3; Ezek. 34:10  
<sup>a</sup> Rev. 7:17  
<sup>b</sup> Is. 40:11; John 10:11  
<sup>c</sup> Jer. 30:9; Ezek. 37:24  
<sup>a</sup> Is. 55:3; Jer. 30:9; Ezek. 37:24, 25; Hos. 3:5  
<sup>a</sup> Ezek. 16:60; 20:37; 37:26  
<sup>b</sup> Job 5:22, 23; Is. 11:6-9  
<sup>c</sup> Jer. 33:16; Ezek. 28:26; 34:27, 28  
<sup>a</sup> Gen. 12:2; Ezek. 34:14  
<sup>b</sup> Deut. 11:13-15; 28:12  
<sup>c</sup> Lev. 25:21; Is. 44:3  
<sup>a</sup> Ezek. 38:8, 11  
<sup>b</sup> Lev. 26:13; Is. 52:2, 3; Jer. 30:8  
<sup>a</sup> Jer. 30:10; Ezek. 39:26  
<sup>a</sup> Is. 4:2; 60:21; 61:3  
<sup>b</sup> Ezek. 34:26, 27; 36:29  
<sup>1</sup> Lit., *those gathered*  
<sup>c</sup> Ezek. 36:6, 15  
<sup>a</sup> Ps. 46:7, 11; Ezek. 14:11; 36:28

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<sup>a</sup> Ps. 78:52; 80:1; Ezek. 36:38

<sup>b</sup> Ps. 100:3; Jer. 23:1

<sup>i</sup> *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.