

EZEKIEL 34 CHOOSING SHEPHERDS

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LYRICS

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Album: Amazing Portion 'n' Prophets

GOD SPEAKING thru Ezekiel. Chapter 34: 22-25. "I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep & sheep. I **will establish ONE shepherd over them**, and he shall feed them... I, the LORD, have spoken. "I will make a covenant of peace with them, & cause wild beasts to cease from the land; & they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods..."

"You are My flock, the flock of My pasture; you are men, & I AM your God," says the Lord GOD.

1

You are your own shepherd, if you so choose. Your free will you have is God's gift to you! If you don't choose Jesus to be your good shepherd, you'll still need to manage things done by a shepherd.

2

All sheep need to eat, be safe from the wolves. If you refuse Jesus, these are up to you!!! So desperately seek money to buy what you need. Watch out day and night for Life's enemies.

3

A sheep's wool gets nasty, filled with parasites. Sheep cannot clean themselves – try as they might. And YOU will get dirty with SIN that condemns. Without Shepherd Jesus, you'll die from these sins.

4

A sheep will not lie down, though he gets so tired. He wanders, he panics. Alone, sheep will die! If you are your own shepherd, you won't have wisdom to rest when you need it, OR protect your life.

5

Without God as shepherd, you'll sure take a path that leads you to danger with NO ONE TO SAVE! For without a shepherd Who knows the Way, you're bound to choose wrongly, AND die when you stray.

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READING 1

(Before Verse 6):

In **EZEKIEL 34**, **GOD ACCUSES** the congregation's leaders, the shepherds:
Selected Verses starting at 11:

11 *'For thus says 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.*

15 *I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD.*
16 *"I will seek what was lost ... 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 the Lord GOD: "Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats.*

INTERLUDE:

Which shepherd will you choose? Which shepherd will you choose?
WHICH SHEPHERD WILL YOU CHOOSE?

6

The LORD's a good Shepherd. If you'd just follow, you'd find what you're missing that has left you hollow! Psalm 23 words' comfort from our LORD Shepherd, Who says, "Let me lead you. Then you SHALL have Life!"

INTERLUDE:

Which shepherd will you choose? Which shepherd will you choose?
WHICH SHEPHERD WILL YOU CHOOSE?

READING 2

(After Verse 6 and the echo):

In **EZEKIEL 34**, **GOD** also prophesied that **He shall send a GOOD Shepherd from the line of David. 600 years later**, God sent His Son Jesus-, who said this in John 10:11 and 14:
"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD... The Good Shepherd gives his life for the sheep." [end of reading]

** Isaiah 42:8, Exodus 3:14-15.... God says His Names is YHWH, the I AM.

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SONG STORY. Written as a Christmas song of sorts: Right after I found how much Ezekiel 34 shows that God-Named-YHWH is our Good Shepherd: And Jesus said HE is our Good Shepherd.... A supporting scripture for Trinity that explains better why Jesus was SO furious at the Pharisees who were supposed to take CARE of God's sheep! The song is our reminder: We must choose a Master/ Shepherd. But wolves are waiting.....

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The FULL STORY:

In EZEKIEL 34, GOD ACCUSES the congregation leaders:

1 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says 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 the LORD: 8 “As I live,” says 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 the LORD! 10 Thus says 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.”

God, the True Shepherd

11 ‘For thus says 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 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 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.”

GOD PROMISES A *GOOD* SHEPHERD THAT HE WILL SEND TO HELP HIS SHEEP, THE PEOPLE:

20 ‘Therefore thus says 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, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, 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 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, the LORD their God, am with them, and they, the house of Israel, are My people,” says the Lord GOD.’”

31 **“You are My flock, the flock of My pasture; you are men, and I am your God,”** says the Lord GOD.