

“Bad Shepherds, Good Shepherd”
Ezekiel 34

Note: Up to this point, the messages to Ezekiel have been focused on divine _____, _____ of judgment, and _____ judgment [Jerusalem has fallen]. From this point onward, the focus is on future _____.

vv. 1-2a Q. Who is Ezekiel to prophesy against next?

A. The _____ (kings) of God's people.

Note: Rulers of the Near East were often designated _____ of their people. Cp. Is. 44:28; 63:11; Jer. 10:21.

vv. 2b-4 Q. What were the accusations?

A.

v. 2b	1. They were _____ and neglected the people.
v. 3	2. They _____ them for personal gain instead of caring for them for the Master.
v. 4	3. They have not _____ the weak.
	4. They have not _____ the sick.
	5. They have not _____ up the injured.
	6. They have not _____ the rebellious.
	7. They have not _____ for the lost.
	8. They have _____ over them harshly and brutally.

vv. 5-6 Q. What were the results?

A.

v. 5 1. They were _____.

 2. They were left _____ to attack/death.

v. 6 3. They had no _____.

 4. No one _____ they were missing.

vv. 7-9 Because you did these things....therefore...

Note: The rest of the chapter is a series of "_____ _____" conveying God's direct _____ and _____ of His people. [likened to Chapter 16]

v. 10a Q. What does God convey up front?

A.

Because of this....

v. 10b I will – _____; some form of judgment.

v. 10c I will – _____ them from tending the flock.

Purpose: To remove the selfish _____ they were receiving from them.

v. 10d I will – rescue my flock

Purpose: So that they will not be their _____ of sustenance.

v. 11 I, myself, will - _____ for my sheep.

I, myself, will - _____ them.

v. 12 I will – _____ my sheep.

I will – _____ them from where they were scattered.

v. 13a I will – _____ them out from the nations

v. 13b I will – _____ them from the countries.

v. 13c I will – _____ them into their _____.

v. 13d I will – _____ them on the _____, the _____, and the _____.

v. 14 I will – _____ them in good pastures and they will _____ on rich pasture.

v. 15 I, myself, will – _____ them and have them _____ down.

v. 16a I will – _____ for the lost and _____ the strays.

v. 16b I will – _____ the injured and _____ the weak.

v. 16c I will – _____ the sleek and the strong [those who were in league with the corrupt shepherds]

v. 16d I will – shepherd the flock with _____.

A Word to the Flock [People]

v. 17 I will – _____ between one sheep and another and between rams and goats.

vv. 18-19 Q. What was the Lord criticizing?

A. A lack of _____ for each other. Some are satisfied but then _____ it so that others cannot enjoy the _____ of God.

vv. 20-21 I, myself, will – _____ between the fat sheep and the lean.

v. 22a I will – _____ my flock [from those selfish ones; remnant] and they will no longer be plunder.

v. 22b I will – _____ between one sheep and another.

v. 23 I will – place over them _____ shepherd, my servant _____.

v. 24 I will – be their _____ and my servant, David will be their _____.

Note: The Jews were not expecting a _____ or reincarnated David to appear but a David-type, an _____. (Another). We will see this idea again in chapters 44-48.

v. 25 I will – make a covenant of peace with them,

I will _____ the land of predators so that people will feel _____.

v. 26a I will make my people and the places surrounding my designated place of worship, a _____.

v. 26b I will send down showers in _____, showers of _____.

v. 27a Q. What else will be blessed?

A. The _____, the _____, and the people [because of this] will be _____.

v. 27b Q. What is tied to the Recognition Formula?

A. When the LORD _____ them from their bondage.

v. 28 Q. What is God's covenant promise to them at that time?

A.

1. No one will take their _____.
2. No wild animal _____.
3. They will live in _____.
4. They won't be _____.

v. 29 I will – _____ for them in a land renown for its crops.

They will – no longer be _____ of famine.

They will – no longer be the _____ of other nations.

v. 30 Q. [Modified Recognition Formula] What will they know?

A.

1. They will know that God is _____ them.
2. They will know that the _____ are God's people.

v. 31 Q. What is the declaration?

A.

1. You are my _____ people.
2. I have taken _____ for you.
3. I am _____ God.

Application Questions:

Q. How would you use the following verses to prove to a sceptic that this Good Shepherd is Jesus?

Zechariah 11:1-17 with Matthew 26:31

Jeremiah 23:1, 5-6 and Zechariah 3:8

Matthew 25:31-33

John 10:1-16

Q. What warnings/exhortations does this chapter give to pastors/ministers?

A.

Warnings....

Exhortations....