

VERSES ON GOD AS SHEPHERD

Psalm 23:1-3 1 Yahweh is my **shepherd** (רעה). I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalm 28:8-9 8 Yahweh is the strength of his people. He is the saving stronghold (מְעוֹז) of his anointed (מְשִׁיחַ). 9 Oh, save your people and bless your inheritance! Be their **shepherd** (רעה) and carry them forever.

Psalm 78:52-53 52 [Yahweh] led out his people like **sheep** and guided them in the wilderness like a **flock**. 53 He led them in safety, so that they were not afraid, but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

Psalm 79:13 13 We your people, the **sheep** of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever. From generation to generation we will recount your praise.

Psalm 80:1 1 Give ear, **Shepherd** of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Psalm 95:6-7 6 Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before Yahweh, our Maker! 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the **sheep** of his hand.

Psalm 100:3 3 Know that Yahweh, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his. We are his people and the **sheep** of his pasture.

Psalm 119:176 176 I have gone astray like a lost **sheep**. Seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

Isaiah 40:11 11 [Lord Yahweh] will tend his **flock** like a **shepherd**. He will gather the **lambs** in his arms. He will carry them in his bosom and gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 53:6 6 All we like **sheep** have gone astray. We have turned, every one, to his own way. And [Yahweh] has laid on [his Servant] the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 63:14 14 Like **cattle** that go down into the valley, the Spirit of Yahweh gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

Ezekiel 34:11-31 11 Thus says Lord Yahweh: Behold, I, I myself will search for my **sheep** and will seek them out. 12 As a **shepherd** seeks out his **flock** when he is among his **sheep** that have been scattered, so will I seek out my **sheep**, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land,

and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the **shepherd** of my **sheep**, and I myself will make them lie down, declares Lord Yahweh. 16 I will seek the lost, I will bring back the strayed, I will bind up the injured, I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. 17 As for you, my **flock**, thus says Lord Yahweh: Behold, I judge between **sheep** and **sheep**, between **rams** and **male goats**. 18 Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture, and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? 19 And must my **sheep** eat what you have trodden with your feet and drink what you have muddied with your feet? 20 Therefore, thus says Lord Yahweh to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat **sheep** and the lean **sheep**. 21 Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, 22 I will rescue my **flock**. They shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between **sheep** and **sheep**. 23 And I will set up over them one **shepherd**, my servant David, and he shall feed them. He shall feed them and be their **shepherd**. ...30 They shall know that I am Yahweh their God with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares Lord Yahweh. 31 And you are my **sheep**, human **sheep** of my pasture, and I am your God, declares Lord Yahweh.

Micah 5:4-5 4 [The Ruler] shall stand and **shepherd** his **flock** in the strength of Yahweh, in the majesty of the name of Yahweh his God. And [Israel] shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. 5 And he shall be their peace.

Matthew 9:36-38 36 When [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like **sheep** without a **shepherd**. 37 Then he said to his disciples, The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Mark 6:34 34 [Jesus] went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like **sheep** without a **shepherd**. And he began to teach them many things.

John 10:1-27 1 Truly, truly, I [Jesus] say to you, he who does not enter the **sheepfold** by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the **shepherd** of the **sheep**. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The **sheep** hear his voice, and he calls his own **sheep** by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the **sheep** follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers. ...7 Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the **sheep**. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the **sheep** did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. 11 I am the **good shepherd**. The **good shepherd** lays down his life for the **sheep**. 12 He who is a hired hand and not a **shepherd**, who does not own the **sheep**, sees the wolf coming and leaves the **sheep** and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the **sheep**. 14 I am the **good shepherd**. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the **sheep**. 16 And I have other **sheep** that are not of this **fold**. I must bring

them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one **flock**, one **shepherd**. ...The works that I do in my Father's name testify about me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not among my **sheep**. 27 My **sheep** hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

John 21:15-17 15 Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these? He said to him, Yes, Lord. You know that I love you. He said to him, Feed my **lambs**. 16 He said to him a second time, Simon, son of John, do you love me? He said to him, Yes, Lord. You know that I love you. He said to him, Tend my **sheep**. 17 He said to him the third time, Simon, son of John, do you love me? Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, Do you love me? and he said to him, Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you. Jesus said to him, Feed my **sheep**.

Hebrews 13:20-21 20 May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the **great shepherd** of the **sheep**, by the blood of the eternal covenant, 21 equip you with everything good that you may do his desire, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Messiah, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:1-4 1 I [Peter] exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Messiah, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: 2 **shepherd** the **flock** of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you, not for shameful gain, but eagerly, 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the **flock**. 4 And when the **chief shepherd** appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Revelation 7:17 17 The **Lamb** in the midst of the throne will be [the believers'] **shepherd**, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.