

# Bible Studies

## Ezekiel 34

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### Complaint against the Shepherds

As you listen to this passage keep an ear open for the Lord's criticism of the Shepherds.

Read Ezekiel 34v1-6

What did the Shepherds do wrong?

### God Shepherds His sheep

What two things will God do to the shepherds?

Read Ezekiel 34v7-10

God will

### Complaint against the Shepherds

Watch out for how God acts as a shepherd.

Read Ezekiel 34v11-16

What did the good Shepherd do?

### Complaint against the Sheep

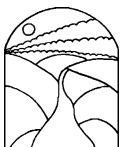
There is a problem among the flock what is it?

Read Ezekiel 34v17-22

What are the two complaints against the sheep?

How did the sleek strong sheep get sleek and strong?



## God's Solution

Look out for what God will do for the flock.

**Read Ezekiel 34v23-31**

**Who is going to be the Shepherd?**

**Was Ezekiel before or after King David?**

**What will he establish?** v25

**To understand this passage we must ask first what it meant to those who first heard it.**

The sheep are -

The shepherds are -

God's Shepherd is -

**What is the point Ezekiel is trying to make?**

**Now we must apply this to us today.**

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The shepherds are -

God's Shepherd is -

**What is the warning God wants us to hear?**

**Is the pastor alone responsible for tending the sheep?**

**What are the responsibilities of a pastor according to this passage?**

**What are the responsibilities of a sheep?**

## The sleek and the strong

This of course is not a problem for us!

*Matthew 18v6*

*Galatians 5v15*

*James 4v1*

The accusation was that the strong sheep destroyed the food for the weak.

**How do you think this applies to us?**

**Can you think of any examples of how we behave this way?**

**Jesus is:** *Hebrews 13:20*

*1 Peter 5:4*

**Read John 10v1-16**

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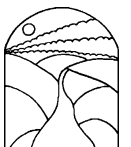
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*Did not strengthen the weak.*

*Bought back the strays.*

*Abandoned them.*

*Treated them harshly.*

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*Hold them accountable.*

*Remove them from their place.*

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*search for the sheep.*

*bring them back.*

*Feed them.*

*Give them Security (lie down).*

*Bind up and strengthen.*

*Destroy the sleek & Strong.*

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*The kings & leaders of Israel*

God's Shepherd is -

*The promised messiah*

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