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Today's Word: shepherd

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Lesson 43: "The Shepherds of Israel"

Are You:

- Heeding the Prophet's Counsel?
- Praying Daily with an Earnest Heart?

Today's Scriptures

Ezekiel 18

Ezekiel 34

Ezekiel 37

Next Week:

Lesson 44:

"Everything Shall Live

Whither the River

Cometh"

Ezekiel 43-44; 47

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Questions to Ponder

- Who are the shepherds of Israel?
- In what ways can each of us be considered a shepherd of Israel?
- How is the Savior like a shepherd to us?

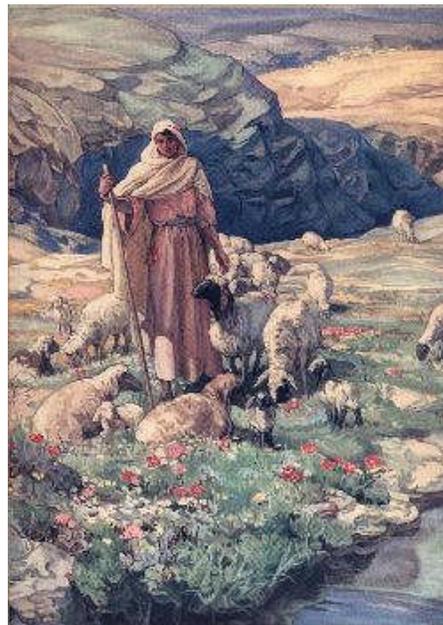
President Ezra Taft Benson said:

"We call on you to extend yourselves with renewed dedication. . . . We want you to watch, to feed, to tend, and to care for the flock, and in the event that some are temporarily lost, we challenge you to find them" (*Ensign*, May 1983, 45).



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Using the reality of the resurrection, the Lord shows Israel, whose members are scattered like the bones of a dismembered body, that he will reconstitute them into a living entity, just as he will reconstitute bones of dismembered bodies into living bodies. Thus . . . resurrection is both a metaphor and a reality. Ezekiel understood that the most important part of this work would be the gathering of Israel back to God himself. In no other way could the Lord become their God and they his people. His children must be gathered spiritually, or there would be no point in their being gathered physically. (Keith H. Meservy, "Ezekiel, Prophet of Hope," *Ensign*, Sept. 1990, 59).



Elder Theodore M. Burton:

"Remorse is not repentance. Remorse and sorrow continue because a person has *not* yet fully repented. Suffering, punishment, confession, remorse, and sorrow may sometimes accompany repentance but they are *not* repentance. What *then* is repentance? . . .

The meaning of repentance is not that people be punished, but rather that they change their lives so that God can help them escape eternal punishment and enter into his rest with joy and rejoicing. If we have this understanding, our anxiety and fears will be relieved. Repentance will become a welcome and treasured word in our religious vocabulary" ("The Meaning of Repentance," *Ensign*, Aug. 1988,, 7-8).