

Prophecies About A Savior

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Ezekiel 34

Genesis 48:15-16 ¹⁵Then he blessed Joseph and said, “May the God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked faithfully, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, ¹⁶the Angel who has delivered me from all harm—may he bless these boys.”

1. From the beginning Israel viewed God as their Shepherd.

Numbers 27:16-17 ¹⁶“May the Lord, the God who gives breath to all living things, appoint someone over this community ¹⁷to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the Lord’s people will not be like sheep without a shepherd.”

2. As time went on, leaders were regarded as shepherds of the nation.

2 Samuel 5:1-2 ¹All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “We are your own flesh and blood. ²In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the Lord said to you, ‘You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.’”

3. Even the most devoted earthly shepherd falters and fails.

Ezekiel 34:11b-12 ^{11b}“I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹²As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.”

4. God himself promised to come and be their Shepherd.

John 10:11 ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

5. Jesus is the Good Shepherd under whose care you can flourish.