

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes
Chapter 10 PT. 1: Introduction

Introduction:

Note: As we begin **Chapter 10 of The Gospel of John**, Holy Spirit spoke to me and said, “Do not assume they know me as ‘Shepherd’ because many still do not!” Then He spoke to my spirit and said, “Bring them Revelation first”.

Understanding:

What Is A Shepherd? (Etymological)

Middle English-shep-herd- "man (mankind) who leads, tends, and guards sheep in a pasture," from Old English *sceaphierde* from *sceap* "sheep" and *hierde* "herder".

What Is A Shepherd? (Biblical)

Signifies a leader (male or female) and caregiver who guides, protects, and nurtures the flock. The term is used metaphorically for G-d's relationship with His people and **Jesus' role as the "Good Shepherd,"** who is seen as a sacrificial leader who loves, guides, and cares for His followers.

Woman Shepherdess in The Bible - Best Example: Rachel



Jacob Meets Rachel

Genesis 29:9-11 (NASB) – ⁹ While he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess. ¹⁰ When Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of his mother's brother Laban, and the sheep of his mother's brother Laban, Jacob went up and rolled the stone from the mouth of the well, and watered the flock of his mother's brother Laban. ¹¹ Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and raised his voice and wept.

- This is the only time in scripture the word shepherdess is used.
- **Other examples:** The daughters of Reuel (or Jethro), a priest of Midian, also shepherded their father's flock, and Moses married one of them, Zipporah (Exodus 2:21). They too were in the role shepherdess, though not explicitly called so in scripture.

Let Us Visit A Man After G-d's Own Heart

In a conversation with King Saul, the prophet Samuel tells him that because of his disobedience G-d would choose another, but not just anyone!



1 Samuel 13:14 (NASB) – ¹⁴ But now your kingdom shall not endure. The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.”

- The Apostle Paul references this earlier statement when speaking about David. He recounts how G-d testified that David was "a man after My own heart, who will do all My will".



Acts 13:22 (NASB) - ²² After He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, ‘I have found David, the son of Jesse, a man after My heart, who will do all My will.’

Key: Only G-d could have chosen someone who had a heart after Him, to bring the greatest Revelation of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, to His followers: someone that himself was a shepherd! **Remember: David was “a” shepherd and Jesus is “The” Shepherd!**

Psalm 23

Psalm 23:1 (KJV) – ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Revelation: David states boldly that he follows none but the LORD, and He is his Shepherd. He states emphatically that he has no lack or want because of the Shepherd!

Psalm 23:2 (KJV) - ² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.



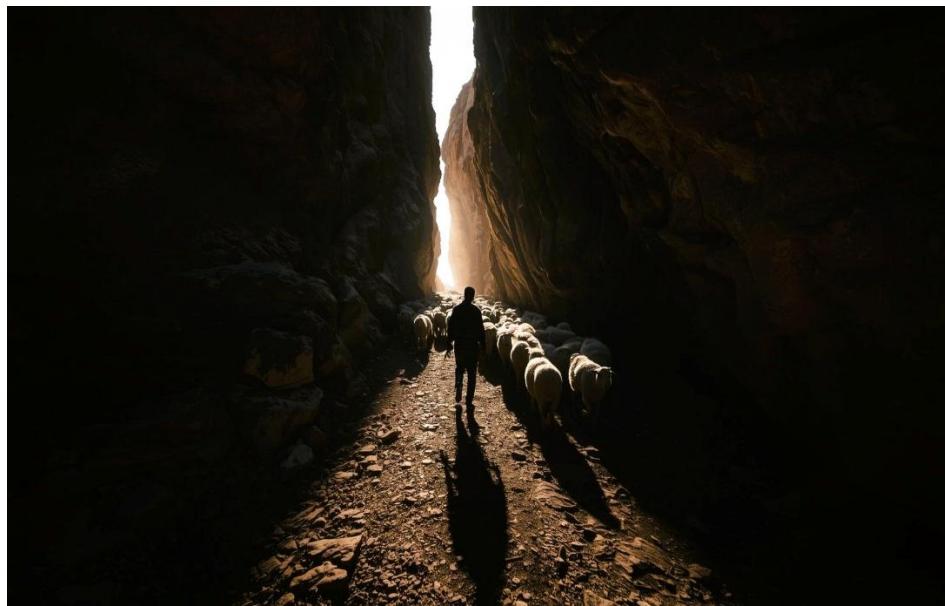
Revelation: It is the Chief Shepherd's responsibility to meet the needs of the flock!

Revelation: While He leads, He provides rest from stress and worry. (Ex. Still Waters)!

Psalm 23:3 (KJV) - ³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Revelation: He alone brings refreshment to your life, not for you earning it, but for sake of His name's sake. It's all about **HIM**!

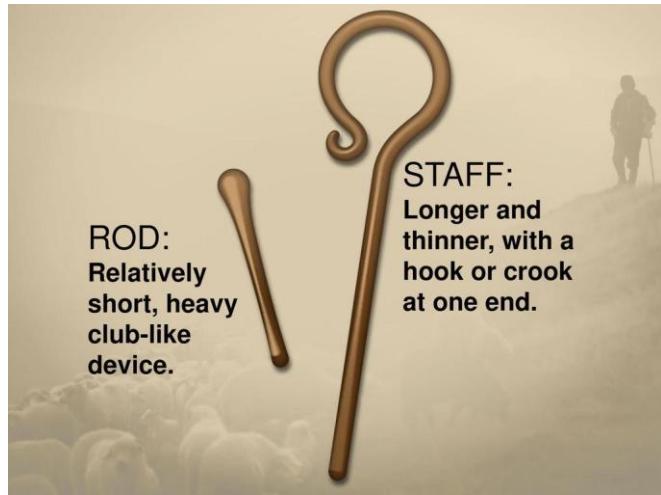
Psalm 23:4 (KJV) - ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.



Revelation: When you walk through the valley with the **Chief Shepherd**, He gets out in front of you so you can focus on Him and not the shadows!

Revelation: To free us from fear and dread because of being ever aware of His presence with us (Psalm 23:4).

Revelation: Use **His authority (the Rod)** and **His Word (the Staff)** in your life to protect and guide my life. Knowing this brings comfort.



Rod-(Hebrew)-shebet-to branch off (**G-d's delegated Authority**).

- **Luke 10:19 (NASB)** - ¹⁹“Behold, I have given you authority...”

Staff-(Hebrew)-mishenah-support, sustenance, guide (**G-d's Word**).

- **Psalms 119:105 (NASB)** - ¹⁰⁵ "Your word is a lamp to my feet, a light to my path"

Psalm 23:5 (KJV) - ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Revelation: No need to run from your enemies; the Shepherd will bless you right in front of them!

Revelation: Because the anointing is upon me, no evil can latch hold of me. Oil keeps the flies away!



High Fly Season/Flystrike Season: This period can vary by region and is influenced by temperature, humidity, and rainfall, which create ideal conditions for flies to lay eggs on sheep.

Note: Jesus is using a Parable in John 10 to explain Himself as the Good Shepherd to people that have called him Beelzebub (**Mark 3:22**)!

Baal-zebub: In the Bible, "Beelzebul" (and its variant "Beelzebub") primarily refers to **Satan, the prince of demons**. The name is a corruption of the **Philistine god Baal-zebub (meaning "Lord of the Flies")** into "lord of dung" or "lord of the house" to show contempt.

Revelation: Because of the Lord's blessings in the face of evil and His anointing upon my life, joy overflows from me like a cup running over!

Psalm 23:6 (KJV) - ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Revelation: "Surely"! There is simply no other option! If the Lord is Your Shepherd, goodness and mercy shall follow you, all the days of your life!

YOUR RESPONSE: There can only be one response to such a Shepherd; **DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER!**

REMEMBER THESE WORDS: "ONLY IF"

Key: **"Only If"** the LORD is your Shepherd can you receive the fullness of this great truth!

Chapter 10 - The Parable of the Good Shepherd

Note: John 10 is going to show us at even greater depths how Jesus operates in each of our lives as the Good Shepherd.

When He is your Shepherd, IT'S HIS RESPONSIBILITY!

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