

# Prophecy 101

## Feast of Tabernacles 2017

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Our theme for the Feast of Tabernacles this year is, "The Church in the Midst of the Millennium." We've chosen that theme to illustrate what it will be like for God's people – the Church – half way through the one thousand year rule of Jesus Christ from Jerusalem. Things will be so much different then, when we are only 500 years from the end of God's 7000 year Plan for mankind.

This year we have fast-forwarded from 2017 some 500 years ahead to where we find me teaching a class to "Young Millennials" – children born into New Israel – where everything is so different.

I'm the professor/teacher, my class consists of the Young Millennials, and the course is Prophecy 101, and we begin:

Greetings Young Millennials (those born half-way through the 1000 years)

This date today is Sabbath, Tishri 17<sup>th</sup> 500 ML (into the millennium). We are in the midst of the millennium – half-way through the 1000 years. That's 500 years down, and 500 years to go.

We are keeping the Feast of Tabernacles which pictures this very time in the Plan of God.

"You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles seven days... And you shall rejoice in your Feast ... Seven days you shall keep a sacred Feast to the Lord" (Deuteronomy 16:13-15).

In Exodus 23:16 it is called "the Feast of Ingathering" because it celebrates each year's autumn harvest. The Feast of Tabernacles celebrates the great **spiritual** harvest that will take place during the Millennium as multiple billions of converted **Church** people come to know God's truth and receive His gift of eternal life!

For some of you Young Millennials, it has been fifteen generations – give or take – since the second coming of Jesus Christ – when your families were gathered from the four corners of the world.

Ezekiel was written about 600 years before Jesus came the first time. That was some 3100 years ago, and yet it is most relevant yet today. God prophesied through Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 37:21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will **gather them** on every side, and bring them into their own land:

You Young Millennials – your families experienced this!

Ezekiel 37:22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

Ezekiel 37:23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be **my people**, and I will be their God.

That is beautiful! You Young Millennials are the **people of God** – God’s assembly.

Ezekiel 37:24 And David my servant shall be King over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

Jesus Christ rules overall – and King David **serves** Him.

Ezekiel 37:25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my **servant** David shall be their prince forever.

Ezekiel 37:26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in **the midst** of them for evermore.

Jesus’ sanctuary will be at Jerusalem, Israel which lies at the East end of the Mediterranean sea. “Mediterranean” means **the midst** of the earth. Jesus will rule from Jerusalem all throughout the millennium.

Ezekiel 37:27 My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Ezekiel 37:28 And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

Yesterday Young Millennials, your instructor, your shepherd, your professor spoke on “History.”

I’m Warren Zehrung, born almost a century before Jesus’ second coming, and today I’ll be speaking on “Biblical Prophecy.”

The purpose of this class is to help you see what has gone on **before**, what is being done **now**, and what lies yet ahead in the **future** – as we look forward to the fulfillment of the Last Great Day, The Great White Throne Judgment period yet to come some 500 years hence.

Now Young Millennials lets go back some 2500 years ago and look at some verses that will show us that God’s word is sure.

We come to the time when Jesus was about 30 years of age – and just beginning His public ministry. He is keeping the Sabbath holy as His custom was – and He reads from a scroll of Isaiah.

### **Jesus Begins His Ministry**

Luke 4:14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

Luke 4:15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

### **Jesus Rejected at Nazareth**

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

Luke 4:17 And there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when he had opened the book, He found the place where it was written,

Jesus believed and fulfilled prophecy.

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Luke 4:19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. [Stop.]

Luke 4:20 And he closed the book, and He gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on Him.

Luke 4:21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Fulfilled Prophecy!

Luke 4:22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

Jesus was quoting Isaiah who had written some 700 years earlier. Students that was 3200 years ago! God knows the end from the beginning – because it is He who brings it to pass.

### **The Year of the Lord's Favor**

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings [Gospel] unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

Isaiah 61:2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD. [Jesus **STOPPED** right there.]

Jesus did not quote the entire verse???

Young Millennials – you are seeing prophecy fulfilled because you know exactly what happened.

Jesus did **NOT** speak of the Day of Vengeance – because in Luke 4 He was announcing ONLY His **first** coming and not His second coming 2500 years ago. He left this part off:

Isaiah 61:2 ...and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

This TWO-FOLD prophecy had its second fulfillment [duality] only 500 years ago. Students that is when you forefathers re-settled this New Promised Land. Prophecy is often dual in nature as we find in this example. Prophecy often has more than one fulfillment.

During His public ministry 2500 years ago Young Millennial students, Jesus warned over and over that there would come many, many **false** teachers, ministers, shepherds. Jesus was warning my generation especially – to be **discerning** right before His second coming.

### **Class Hand-out**

Here is a class hand-out of a partial listing of **warnings** of **deceptive** and **false preachers**, false **prophets**, and false **ministers** who will deceive **many**:

Matthew 24:4-5 Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man **deceive** you. For **many** shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall **deceive** many.

Why do so few ask the question, “Who are these false teachers?”

Matthew 24:11 And many **false prophets** shall rise, and shall **deceive many**.

Matthew 24:24 For there shall arise **false christs**, and **false prophets**, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall **deceive** the very elect.

Matthew 7:15 Beware of **false prophets**, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Matthew 7:20-23 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not everyone that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. **Many** will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matthew 16:11 How is it that ye do not understand that I spoke it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the **leaven of the Pharisees** and of the Sadducees?

Mark 13:5 And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man **deceive** you:

Mark 13:22 For **false christs** and **false prophets** shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.

2Corinthians 11:13-15 For such are **false apostles**, **deceitful** workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Galatians 2:4 And that because of **false brethren** unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

Deuteronomy 18:20-22 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

2Peter 2:1-4 But there were **false prophets** also among the people, even as there shall be **false teachers** among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And **many** shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you:

1John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because **many false prophets** are gone out into the world.

2Corinthians 4:2 But have renounced the **hidden things of dishonesty**, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God **deceitfully**; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

Ezekiel 34:2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

All of Ezekiel 34 applies...

Malachi 3:5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against **false swearers**, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

Deuteronomy 13:1-3 If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God prove you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Romans 16:17-18 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches **deceive** the hearts of the simple.

2Thessalonians 2:8-12 And then shall that Wicked [a single Wicked person] be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all **deceivableness** of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned [judged] who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

Acts 20:29-31 For I know this, that after my departing shall **grievous wolves** enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

Jeremiah 23:1-3 Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD. Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD. And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. All Jeremiah 23.

Revelation 13:11, 14, 16 And I beheld another beast ["the son of perdition" or "the man of sin"] coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon. ... And **deceives** them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do... more... And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

Jeremiah 5:30-31 A terrible and horrible thing is committed in the land; The **prophets prophesy falsely**, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

Zechariah 13:2-3 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land. And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speak lies in the name of the LORD: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesies.

Luke 21:8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not **deceived**: for **many** shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draws near: go ye not therefore after them.

Galatians 1:6-7 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would **pervert the gospel** of Christ.

1Timothy 4:1-2 Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to **seducing spirits**, and **doctrines of devils**; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

Jeremiah 50:6 My people have been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting-place.

1John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that **antichrist** shall come, even now are there **many** antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

1John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denies the Father and the Son.

1John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because **many false prophets** are gone out into the world.

1John 4:6 We are of God: he that knows God hears us; he that is not of God hears not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the **spirit of error**.

1John 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in wickedness.

2John 1:7 For **many** deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a **deceiver** and an antichrist.

2John 1:10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

Jude :3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Jude :4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

End List of False Ministers

As a class assignment, go back and research the various ways those many people who assumed they were in God's True Church just before Jesus' second coming were duped and deceived into believing a substitute Gospel while looking to men who followed a spirit of error.

Young Millennials, turn with me to the Prophet Daniel – who by the way has been a guest lecturer here at the Academy many times – and we will look at how he was inspired thirty-one hundred years ago to prophesy about how God’s true Church would be dispersed from being a large cohesive group and torn apart in the last years preceding Jesus second coming.

Daniel 12:7 ...It shall be for a time, times, and an half [Three and one-half years]; and when he shall have accomplished to **scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.**

### **The Mountain of the Lord**

Micah prophesied about 700 years before Jesus first coming.

Beginning with the remnant of Israel at the end of the Tribulation, God took a very direct and visible role in ruling the nations through Jesus Christ and His resurrected saints. Now all the nations of the world flow to Jerusalem to learn God’s ways.

Their pilgrimage to Jerusalem is a token of their faith in that they want to learn from Jesus and His saints how to become like God.

You Young Millennials are at ground zero learning God’s perfect way, and to become His perfect image just as those of us who went before you learned it. And in the same way that we of the ages before the millennium – who were recipients of God’s Holy Spirit were judged according to what we knew, you too are being judged now because God’s Holy Spirit has been poured out on all of you.

Micah 4:1 But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the **top of the mountains**, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

Yes, Jesus Christ is ruling from Jerusalem – world center of operations.

Micah 4:2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Yes, Jesus the Messiah, David and the shepherds, all teaching you Young Millennials – saying “This is the way walk ye in it.”

Micah 4:3 And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Micah 4:4 But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.

You Young Millennials are witnesses to how much clean-up and restoration has been accomplished so far. And though the face of the earth is indeed being renewed – this entire earth does not yet resemble the Garden of Eden. But in another 500 years – it will!

A great deal of work remains to be done.

Young Millennials you need to understand this principle: You must know the **past** in order to be prepared for the **future**. Never forget this, YOU WILL BE TRIED AND TESTED – SEVERLY TESTED at the end. History has shown you how many think they were prepared – when they were not. Satan has no influence until the end of the 1000 year millennium.

Please do not underestimate the power of Satan. He is not here now – but he will return with a fury. John wrote about 100 AD:

Revelation 20:7 When the **thousand years** are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison.

Young Millennials, the purpose of this Prophecy Class is to warn you of coming deception – powerful deception. Five hundred years ago a man named Herbert W. Armstrong said this about you Young Millennials – and I wrote it in the margin of my Bible. “They will not know Satan. They will not have any memory of Satan – he’s never been around in their lifetime. They will be easily misled. They must follow Jesus Christ – even as we do... unfortunately they will allow themselves to be deceived.”

Is there security in numbers?

\*\*When Jesus walked this earth in the flesh – just as you are doing now – He encountered a company of men who had EVERYTHING going for them. There was never a more established group of men anywhere on earth. They had everything they wanted going their way.

They had the Law and the Prophets

They had the synagogues and the Feast sites

They had the Ten Commandments and the teachers to teach them

They had the Sabbath

They made long prayers

They had the Holy Days

They fasted often

They were in close association with the Priests of the Temple

They had the sacred calendar

They never ate anything unclean

They tithed on every little thing – even salt and pepper

They were in charge of who attended Sabbath services and who could not

They believed on Jesus!

They were the establishment

Let’s read about this select group of men in Jesus day.

John 8:29 And He that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

John 8:30 As He spoke these words, **many believed** on Him.

### **Then Truth Will Set You Free**

John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which **believed on Him**, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:33 They answered him, We are Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?



John 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever commits sin is the servant of sin.

John 8:35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abides ever.

John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

John 8:37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

John 8:38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

### **You Are of Your Father the Devil**

John 8:39 They answered and said unto Him, Abraham is our father. Jesus said unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

Abraham believed correctly – and righteousness was attributed to him.

John 8:40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

John 8:41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

John 8:42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

John 8:43 Why do ye not understand my speech? Even because ye cannot hear my word.

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

John 8:45 And because I tell you the truth, **ye believe me not.**

They thought that they did everything perfectly – Sabbath, Holy Days, etc... They look good to themselves – and a lot of other people as well. But they came short – didn't they?

John 8:46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

John 8:47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

Please understand Young Millennials... I know that you are saying within yourselves, "We would never succumb to Satan's whiles... We've got Satan's number – he will not fool us."

Let me tell you another story before we conclude today's Prophecy Class.

There was another group of men – equally empowered as were the Pharisees of Jesus' day.

They too have the Law and the Prophets; They have the meeting places for services and the Feast sites; They have the Ten Commandments and the teachers to teach them; They have the Sabbath; They make public prayers; They have the Holy Days; They fast; They have the sacred calendar; They never eat anything unclean; They tithe; They are in charge of who attended Sabbath services and who does not; They look for the

Messiah! Like the Pharisees, they are the empowered, entrenched establishment of the day – the recognized religious leaders of the day in Pasadena, Cincinnati, Texas, North Carolina etc. They were the recognized leaders and **Pastors**.

They too exercise the power to: Disfellowship; Mark; Put-out those of the flock.

Jesus warned them too – but they reasoned around Jesus' words.

Jeremiah 23:1 Woe be unto the **pastors** that destroy and **scatter** the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.

In the apostasy of 1994-1995 even the evangelists and pastors did not try to maintain the integrity of the flock – but took as many members with them as they could – in every direction.

Jeremiah 23:2 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit [not a good thing] upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 23:3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be **fruitful and increase**.

Young Millennials – look at how you and your families have expanded and multiplied into millions and millions of family members!

Jeremiah 23:4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be **lacking**, saith the LORD.

God is continuously supplying your every need! Young Millennials, you know that has come to pass. You have seen prophecy fulfilled time and again.

We, the flock, are all seriously warned – not only the Pastors and leaders.

Ezekiel 34:1 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Ezekiel 34:2 Son of man, **prophecy** against the shepherds [church leaders] of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

Ezekiel 34:3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you [three piece suits and big cars] with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock.

Ezekiel 34:4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye **brought again that which was driven away**, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

Ezekiel 34:5 And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat [eaten alive by false ministers] to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

Ezekiel 34:6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

Ezekiel 34:7 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;

Ezekiel 34:8 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd [who cared], neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;

Ezekiel 34:9 Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;

Ezekiel 34:10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am **against the shepherds**; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves anymore; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

### **The Lord God Will Seek Them Out**

Ezekiel 34:11 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and **seek them out**.

God kept track of all of His people and your forefathers Young Millennials – and many He raised from the dead to be your teachers today.

Ezekiel 34:12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver [Jesus' name] them out of **all places** where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

From the four corners of the earth! Young Millennials this is where your people originated – this is where you and your forefathers came from.

Ezekiel 34:13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them **from the countries**, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

Ezekiel 34:14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

Ezekiel 34:15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 34:16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

Ezekiel 34:17 And as for you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats.

Ezekiel 34:18 Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must **foul the residue** with your feet?

Some of the people only wanted to be fed – and they did not care whether or not the others received the Gospel. They did not provide for others to learn what they had freely learned. They were takers and not givers.

Ezekiel 34:19 And as for my flock, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet; and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.

Ezekiel 34:20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD unto them; Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle.

The fat cattle partook of the unadulterated truth of God that was available to them through preaching and publication – but they did not make sure that the same truth was available for the lean cattle to be spiritually fed. The fat cattle forgot that they were supposed to be their brother’s keeper.

Ezekiel 34:21 Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder, and pushed all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad;

Ezekiel 34:22 Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle.

Ezekiel 34:23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

Ezekiel 34:24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it.

### **The Lord's Covenant of Peace**

Ezekiel 34:25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.

Ezekiel 34:26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.

Ezekiel 34:27 And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.

Ezekiel 34:28 And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.

Ezekiel 34:29 And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more.

Ezekiel 34:30 Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, even the **house of Israel**, are **my people**, saith the Lord GOD.

**They are even my people**, my church, my assembly, my called out ones, and my flock saith the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 34:31 And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, **are men**, and I am your God, says the Lord GOD.

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