

STUDY NOTES FROM KAREN HOERDEL'S “HEBREW NAMES OF GOD” TEACHING SERIES

JEHOVAH-ROHI (RO'EH) GOD MY SHEPHERD

“RO-EH” = to feed or lead to pasture, as a shepherd does his flock: further translated “companion” or “friend,” expressing the intimacy of sharing life, food, etc.

Psalm 23- written in the later years of Israel’s great Shepherd, King David, the forerunner and type of the Great Shepherd of the sheep - Jesus (Y’Shua).

God uses the example of a shepherd often throughout the Bible such as David, Joseph (Genesis 37:2), and Moses. A great leader has the qualities of a shepherd. We are all shepherds in some aspect.

The Good Shepherd Jesus knows every one of His sheep by name.

He knows the particular need of each one of us.

He knows our weaknesses.

Do we know His voice as we should?

Do we trust and follow Him as we should?

Can we distinguish His voice from the voice of the wolf in sheep’s clothing?

When we are in difficult trials He will lead us on gently.

When we are weary and wounded, He will anoint our heads and heal our wounds and refresh us with tender care.

And the Lord Jesus, our Jehovah-Rohi, will lead us into the final fold and rest before the throne of God.

Scripture References:

Psalm 23

Psalm 77:20 - God is our Shepherd

Psalm 78:52-54, 70-72

Psalm 79:13 - we are the sheep

Psalm 100:3 - we are the sheep

Psalm 80:1 - Shepherd of Israel

Isaiah 40:9-11 - feed, carry, lead

Isaiah 56:10-12 -wicked shepherds

Jeremiah 3:15 - Pastor = a shepherd; one who tends herds or flocks (not merely one who feeds them). A pastor guides with tender care and watchful supervision.

Jeremiah 23:1-4 - faithless pastors

Jeremiah 50:6,17 - astray and scattered

Ezekiel 34:1-6, 11-16, 23, 31

Matthew 9:35-36 - lost sheep

Matthew 10:16 - apostles

Matthew 18:11-14

Matthew 25:32-33 - sheep and goats

John 10:1-16 - The Good Shepherd
John 21:17 - to Peter, three times
Acts 20:28-30 - to ministers
Hebrews 13:20 - the Great Shepherd
I Peter 2:25 - Shepherd of your soul
I Peter 5:1-4 - Chief Shepherd
Isaiah 53:6-7 - Jesus became a lamb
Revelation 7:15-17 - The Lamb is the Shepherd