

A reading from book of Ezekiel

For thus says the Lord God:

Look! I myself will search for my sheep
and examine them.

As a shepherd examines his flock
while he himself is among his scattered sheep,
so will I examine my sheep.

I will deliver them from every place
where they were scattered
on the day of the dark clouds.

I will lead them out from among the peoples
and gather them from the lands;
I will bring them back to their own country
and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel,
in the ravines
and every inhabited place in the land.

In good pastures I will pasture them;
on the mountain heights of Israel
will be their grazing land.

There they will lie down on good grazing ground;
in rich pastures they will be pastured
on the mountains of Israel.

I myself will pasture my sheep;
I myself will give them rest –
oracle of the Lord God.

The lost I will search out,
the strays I will bring back,
the injured I will bind up,
and the sick I will heal;
but the sleek and the strong I will destroy.
I will shepherd them in judgement.

The Word of the Lord