

I. The Shepherd of Israel

- A. God is Israel's shepherd
 - i. Genesis 48:15; Isaiah 63:11; Psalm 80:1; 95:6-7
 - ii. Psalm 77:20; 78:52 shepherding and redemption
 - iii. Isaiah 40:11
- B. What it means for the Lord to be our shepherd: Psalm 23

II. Shepherds and the Good Shepherd

- A. Moses and his staff Exodus 3:1ff.; 17:5-6,9-11
- B. David Psalm 78:72; 1 Samuel 17:33-36;
- C. All rulers of Israel 2 Samuel 7:7
- D. Bad shepherds Jeremiah 23:1-2; Ezekiel 34
 - i. Jeremiah: "shepherds who destroy ... scatter" vs. "a righteous Branch"
 - ii. Ezekiel: the wicked shepherds of Israel, God's solution, and God's covenant
- E. The Good Shepherd (John 10:1-18 esp. 7ff.)

III. Under-shepherds and their tasks

- A. In his triumph the Good Shepherd has appointed "under-shepherds" through whom to care for his flock (Ephesians 4:11; 1 Peter 5:1-4)
- B. Know the sheep cf. Acts 20:31
- C. Feed the sheep cf. John 21:15-17
- D. Lead the sheep
- E. Protect the sheep
- F. This is the job description