

THE FALSE SHEPHERDS

(Ezekiel 34-35)

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. A brief overview of Israel and Ezekiel's current situation:
- B. A brief overview of what was covered in chapters 25-33:

II. ISRAEL'S FALSE SHEPHERDS AND GOD AS THE TRUE SHEPHERD: *(Ezekiel 34-35)*

- A. The failure of Human shepherds: *(34:1-10)*
 - 1. Self-serving leadership:
 - 2. The issue of neglect within the flock:
 - 3. God's verdict that he is against them:
- B. When God intervenes: *(34:11-24)*
 - 1. The personal rescue of God searching his scattered sheep:
 - 2. God promises a king and an ultimate shepherd:
- C. The promise of peace and security for his people: *(34:25-31)*
 - 1. The transformed environment:
 - 2. The promise of abundance and promise in their future:
 - 3. An ultimate relationship of intimacy with God:
- D. The devastation of the Edomites: *(35:1-15)*
 - 1. They took advantage of Israel during their destruction:
 - 2. They claimed the land as theirs and plundered it:
 - 3. God would judge them with great desolation:

III. APPLICATIONS:

- A. True biblical leadership is marked by sacrificial service, not self-privilege. God holds teachers, pastors, and leaders to a strict standard of accountability.
- B. Leave your battles in God's hands. Just as he handled Edom, He will perfectly execute justice against the spiritual forces and worldly powers aligned against you.