

Class Handout for Ezekiel -- Lesson Nineteen
Chapters 34 - 35

1. **Condemnation and Fate of Corrupt and Delinquent Shepherds. 34:1-10.**
 - +1. Any examination of the history of the Northern Kingdom begins with Jereboam. 1 Kings 12:25-33.
 - +2. Ezekiel has already announced that Judah failed to learn from her older harlotrous sister (23:1-49).
 3. A prophetic preview of the monarchy's effects on the life of the nation found in 1 Samuel 8:11-18 is a sobering prediction of these events.
 - +4. The indictment against Judah's leaders is three-fold:
 - +5. For their irresponsible and selfish lack of leadership the Lord counted them guilty of violating his trust and announced their removal; the Lord himself would come to the aid of his flock and rescue them out of the mouths of their corrupt leaders (cf. Matt. 20:25-28). 34:7-10.
2. **The Action of a New Shepherd. 34:11-16.**
 - +1. Ezekiel contrasted the exploitation of the corrupt shepherds with the diligent care God would exercise on behalf of his flock.
3. **The Flock and Its Future. 34:17-31.**
 - +1. The Judgment of the Sheep. 34:17-22.
 - +2. The Future and Full Restoration of God's People. 34:23-31.
4. **The Desolation of Mount Seir. 35:1-15.**
 - +1. The judgment of Edom in 35:1-15 was the basis for the salvation of the "mountains" of Judah in 36:1-15.
 2. The message begins with an instruction to Ezekiel to set his face against Mount Seir. 35:1-2.
 - +3. Two factors suggest the appropriateness and validity of this message of judgment.
 - +4. The message against Edom has two parts.
 - +5. As is so often the case in the O.T., the description of evil in the ancient world seems to mirror accurately the modern world.