

<sup>17</sup> ‘And *as for* you, O My flock, thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats. <sup>18</sup> *Is it* too little for you to have eaten up the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the <sup>le</sup>residue of your pasture—and to have drunk of the clear waters, that you must foul the residue with your feet? <sup>19</sup> **And *as for* My flock, they eat what you have trampled with your feet, and they drink what you have fouled with your feet.**”

<sup>20</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord GOD to them: “Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> **Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad,** <sup>22</sup> **therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.** <sup>23</sup> **I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—** My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

<sup>25</sup> “I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. <sup>26</sup> I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing. <sup>27</sup> Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them. <sup>28</sup> And they shall no longer be a prey for the nations, nor shall beasts of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make *them* afraid. <sup>29</sup> I will raise up for them a garden<sup>ld</sup> of renown, and they shall no longer be consumed with hunger in the land, nor bear the shame of the Gentiles anymore. <sup>30</sup> Thus they shall know that I, the LORD their God, *am* with them, and they, the house of Israel, *are* My people,” says the Lord GOD.’

<sup>31</sup> “You are My flock, the sheep of My pasture; you are My people and I am your God,” I the Sovereign Lord have spoken. (NLT)

**Footnotes:**

Ezekiel 34:4 *harshness or rigor*

Ezekiel 34:13 *Or by the streams*

Ezekiel 34:18 *remainder*

Ezekiel 34:29 *Lit. planting place*