

You have failed to bring back stray sheep
or look for lost sheep.

On the contrary, you have been cruel to the sheep
and treated them badly.

Therefore I will look after my flock myself.
I will rescue them from where they have been scattered.

I will look for the lost one, bring back the stray,
bandage the injured, and make the weak strong.

I will also judge the sheep themselves.

I will judge the fat sheep
which have bullied the weak sheep.

I will raise up a special shepherd
and put him in charge of all my sheep."

Lord, please help all leaders care for their people,
like Jesus the Good Shepherd

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Through Ezekiel, God kept calling on the people
to turn from their sins and remember their Creator.

God said he would bring back
Israel's exiles to their homeland.

He would give them a new start in life,
like a skeleton coming back to life.

God said the people would re-build the Temple in Jerusalem,
and religious practice would once again flourish.

The people would once again remember God.

The people would once again be blessed by the Lord.

Lord, please help nations which have forgotten you
to come back to you