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INTRODUCTION

Shepherd Motif Isa 40:11, Jer 31:10, John 10:11

 Good Words and Comfortable Words 1:13

Flock doomed for slaughter

Lebanon – White Mountain Range

The average elevation of the range is from 6000 to 8000 feet; but two peaks rise considerably higher. On the summits of both these peaks, the snow remains in patches during the whole summer. The rugged limestone banks are scantily clothed with the evergreen oak, and the sandstone with pines; (Smith’s Bible Dictionary)

Cedars

1Ki 5:6; Ezr 3:7; Psa 29:5; Isa 14:8

Cedars were used for the building of David’s palace (2 Sam 5:11; 1 Chr 17:1), Solomon’s Temple & Palace (2 Chron 3:8) and the 2nd Temple (Ezr 3:7) .

Bashan - Fruitful

It was noted for mountains (Psa 68:15), lions (Deu 33:22), oak trees (Isa 2:13, Eze 27:6, Zec 11:2), and especially cattle, both rams (Deu 32:14) and bullocks (Eze 39:18); the bulls and kine of Bashan are typical of cruelty and oppression (Psa 22:12, Amo 4:1).

(Hastings’ Dictionary of the Bible)

Jordan – the descender

The geology of the Jordan is unique. Rising high up among the foothills of Mt. Hermon, it flows almost due south in a straight line through the Galilee, following the bottom of a rapidly descending and most remarkable geological fissure, and finally emptying itself into the Dead Sea, which is 1292 feet below the level of the Mediterranean. In its short course of a little more than 100 miles it falls about 3000 feet, and for the greater portion of the journey runs below the level of the ocean.

Lion - Jud 14:5-6, 1Sam 17:34 & 36, 2Kin 17:25, Jer 49:19, Jer 50:44

SPOIL – destroy, ravage, utterly lay waste. Literal or Spiritual?

“He fed all, but the poor of the flock alone, those who were despised of men because they would not follow the pride of the high priests and scribes and Pharisees, believed on Him.” (Baron)

CONCLUSIONS

1. Judgment is severe, painful and eternal
2. Are U one of the sheep of the Good Shepherd?