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| **1The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.**  | **Shepherd:** * **Ra’ah** is pastor in Hebrew:

Tend a flock; to graze literally or figuratively; to rule; to guard; to care for; to feed* Standard word for one who leads, protects and feeds a flock;
* means “**ruler or teacher”**
* metaphor for the task of spiritual leadership
* WHO ARE OUR PASTORS?
* Jer. 3:15 *“And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.”*

**Image of a shepherd:*** Continual direction guidance and care for his people
* The shepherd saves those who are lost or scattered
* Will give his life for the sheep
* Sheep hear only their shepherd’s voice and follow only their own shepherd
* Protects from enemies and diseases
* Selfless love: early dawn to late at night
* Supplies everything the sheep need
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| **2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.** |  |
| **3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.** | **Restoreth** is Hebrew is *shuwb*:-turn back-Return-Turn back to God-to restore; refresh; repair**Soul** is *nephesh* in Hebrew:* Soul; self; that which breathes
* Inner being of man
* Individual
* Activity of the mind

**Righteousness** is *tsedeq* in Hebrew:* Straightness; rectitude; what is right and just
* Right thinking and right acting
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| **4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.****Rod out of the stem of Jesse (David)****Rod of Moses (aaron’s rod in the ark of covenant)****Man-child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron (a writing pen)****The Apocalyptic woman’s man child has the mission of ruling or shepherding all mankind with the iron pen: “And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.”****The Greek word “rule” is *poimaino* and means “to tend as a shepherd.” The man child’s purpose in consummating this shepherding mission is prophesied at the end of “The Apocalypse.” There we find the spiritual translation of the Twenty-Third Psalm, a psalm that prophesies the ultimate mission of the man child to be humanity’s shepherd:****“[DIVINE LOVE ] is my shepherd; I shall not want. [LOVE ] maketh me to lie down in green pastures: [LOVE ] leadeth me beside the still waters. [LOVE ] restoreth my soul [spiritual sense]: [LOVE ] leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for [LOVE ] is with me; [LOVE’S ] rod and [LOVE’S ] staff****they comfort me. [LOVE ] prepareth a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: [LOVE ] anointeth my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house [the consciousness]****of [LOVE ] for ever.”** | **Valley of the shadow of death:*** *Tsalmaweth*: gloom, deep darkness, terror,
* Deep ravines where wild beasts often hid

**Rod**: *shebet* masculine* Club, sceptre, staff; mark of authority
* Used for fighting, weapon to drive away enemies
* Protection
* Stick for writing; it is what writes the little book in Rev. 10
* Rod: rhabdos = scepter
* Man-child is to rule all nations with a rod of iron: His rod is a shepherd’s staff – comforting and consoling. Destined to govern nations according to the laws of heavenly harmony.
* Judah’s hnd holds the scepter. “The scepter is in the hand of Judah’s lion, Christ Jesus”

**Staff**: *mish’enah* feminine* Support; staff
* Walking stick; sustenance
* Symbolize guidance: they touch the backs of the sheep in guiding them in the right direction

**Comfort**: is *nacham** comforter
* Have compassion
* To be comforted
* To repent of
* To sigh and breath strongly; pant; groan
* To lament to grieve
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| 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. |  |
| 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. | **Surely**= *ak** A tiny word that intensifies the meaning
* It can mean the only

Follow: means to run after, to follow eagerly, to pursue**Dwell** is *yashab* in Hebrew:* Abide; dwe;’ re,aom
* Stay, inhabit

**House** is *bayith* in Hebrew:* Dwelling; habitation; shelter
* Home; house containing a family
* Inward
* temple
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