

# Jehovah Rohi

*The Lord My Shepherd*  
*The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm*

## Jehovah Names

- Jehovah – Jireh (Provider) Genesis 22:14
- Jehovah – Rophe (Healer) Exodus 15:26
- Jehovah – Nissi (Banner) Exodus 17:15
- Jehovah – Shammah (Present) Ezekiel 48:35
- Jehovah – Rohi (Shepherd) Psalm 23:1
- Jehovah – Shalom (Peace) Judges 6:24
- Jehovah – Tsidkenu (Righteousness) Jeremiah 23:6
- Jehovah – Tsur (Rock) Psalm 144:1
- Jehovah – Tsebaoth (Host) I Samuel 17:45
- Jehovah – M'Kaddesh – Leviticus 20:8
- Jehovah – Heleyon: God most High. Psalm 7:17.
- Jehovah – Elohay: God my God. Zechariah 14:5.

Psalm 18:2

Jehovah is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my rock, in whom I will trust; my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower. I will call upon Jehovah, who is to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

Psalm 23 is one of the most well beloved and well known scriptures in the whole Bible. It is in this Psalm that we meet **Jehovah-Rohi, the Lord my shepherd**. Let's say it together.

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters.  
He restores my soul;  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name sake;  
  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; For you are with me;  
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

# The Shepherd and His Sheep

(ie) David and his sheep

## The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

- ✂ ✂ Genesis 22:8 – The Lord will Provide a Lamb
- ✂ ✂ Psalm 23 – The Lord is My Shepherd
- ✂ ✂ Isaiah 53 – As a Sheep Before Her Shears
- ✂ ✂ John 10:14-18 – Good Shepherd lays life down
- ✂ ✂ Hebrews 9:28 – He Bore the Sins of Many
- ✂ ✂ Hebrews 13:20-21 – Great Shepherd of Sheep
- ✂ ✂ Revelation 7:17 – The Lamb shall feed them

*Revelation 5:12* Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. [Jehovah-Rohi]  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures; [Jehovah-Jireh]  
He leads me beside the still waters. [Jehovah-Shalom]  
He restores my soul; [Jehovah-Rophe]  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness; [Jehovah-Tsidkenu]

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, [Jehovah-Tsuri]  
I will fear no evil; For you are with me; [Jehovah-Shammah]  
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. [Jehovah-Shalom]  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; [Jehovah-Nissi]  
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. [Jehovah-M'Kaddesh]

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And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

# I. Stupid Sheep

## (ie) 2 Books Recommended

- A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23, Phillip Keller
- All Creatures Great and Small: Books by James Herriot.
- AB “Banjo Paterson, Australian, Snowy River, Waltzing Matilda, (merino sheep)

(ie) Merino Sheep – Half-Breed Sheep: Fear, Directionally Challenged, knats, Top Heavy, Overeaters

(ie) Stupid is as stupid does – see #4 Stupid article “All we like sheep have gone astray.”

## The Merino Sheep - AB ‘Banjo’ Paterson

*“Man from Snowy River” and “Waltzing Matilda”*

PEOPLE have got the impression that the merino is a gentle, bleating animal that gets its living without trouble to anybody, and comes up every year to be shorn with a pleased smile upon its amiable face. It is my purpose here to exhibit the merino sheep in its true light.

The truth is that he is a dangerous monomaniac, and his one idea is to ruin the man who owns him. With this object in view he will display a talent for getting into trouble and a genius for dying that are almost incredible.

If a mob of sheep see a **bush fire** closing round them, do they run away out of danger? Not at all, they rush round and round in a ring till the fire burns them up. If they are in a **river-bed, with a howling flood** coming down, they will stubbornly refuse to cross three inches of water to save themselves. Dogs may bark and men may shriek, but the sheep won’t move. They will wait there till the flood comes and drowns them all, and then their corpses go down the river on their backs with their feet in the air.

**A mob will crawl along a road slowly enough to exasperate a snail**, but let a lamb get away in a bit of rough country, and a racehorse can’t head him back again. *If sheep are put into a **big pen with water in three corners of it**, they will resolutely crowd into the fourth, and die of thirst.*

**When being counted out at a gate**, *if a scrap of bark be left on the ground in the gateway, they will refuse to step over it until dogs and men have sweated and toiled and sworn and “heeled ’em up”, and “spoke to ’em”, and fairly jammed them at it. At last one will gather courage, rush at the fancied obstacle, spring over it about six feet in the air, and dart away. The next does exactly the same, but jumps a bit higher. Then comes a rush of them following one another in wild bounds like antelopes, until one overjumps himself and alights on his head. This frightens those still in the yard, and they stop running out.*

There is a **well-authenticated story of a ship-load of sheep** that was lost because an old ram jumped overboard, and all the rest followed him. No doubt they did, and were proud to do it.

A sheep won't go through an open gate on his own responsibility, but he would gladly and proudly "follow the leader" through the red-hot portals of Hades: and it makes no difference whether the lead goes voluntarily, or is hauled struggling and kicking and fighting every inch of the way.

**A ewe never knows her own lamb by sight**, and apparently has no sense of color. She can recognize its voice half a mile off among a thousand other voices apparently exactly similar; but when she gets within five yards of it she starts to smell all the other lambs within reach, including the black ones—though her own may be white.

### **The Cross-Bred**

There is another kind of sheep in Australia, as great a curse in his own way as the merino—namely, the cross-bred, or half-merino-half-Leicester animal. The cross-bred will get through, under, or over any fence you like to put in front of him. He is never satisfied with his owner's run, but always thinks other people's runs must be better, so he sets off to explore. He will strike a course, say, south-east, and so long as the fit takes him he will keep going south-east through all obstacles—rivers, fences, growing crops, anything.

Once there was a man who was induced in a weak moment to buy **twenty cross-bred rams**. From that hour the hand of Fate was upon him. They got into all the pens they shouldn't have been in. They scattered themselves over the run promiscuously.

At length, when they happened accidentally to be at home on their owner's run, there **came a big flood**. His sheep, mostly merinos, had plenty of time to get on to high ground and save their lives; but, of course, they didn't, and were almost all drowned. The owner sat on a rise above the waste of waters and watched the dead animals go by. He was a ruined man. But he said, "Thank God, those cross-bred rams are drowned, anyhow."

Just as he spoke there was a splashing in the water, and the twenty rams solemnly swam ashore and ranged themselves in front of him. They were the only survivors of his **twenty thousand sheep**. He broke down, and was taken to an asylum for insane paupers. The cross-breds had fulfilled their destiny.

*The cross-bred drives his owner out of his mind, but the merino ruins his man with greater celerity. Nothing on earth will kill cross-breds; nothing will keep merinos alive. If they are put on dry salt-bush country they die of drought. If they are put on damp, well-watered country they die of worms, fluke, and foot-rot. They die in the wet seasons and they die in the dry ones.*

## Are They Stupid? (Stupid is as stupid does)

Are sheep stupid? Well, I would not nominate them for the Einstein Award. Let's just say that they need a routine, and do not think for themselves very much.

I am sure that every lamb is **born with a brain**....however, they seem fearful that using it before the age of two will cause it to wear out prematurely. Before the age of two, it seems like most sheep have the I.Q. of a rock, after the age of two they do seem to get a little smarter, like maybe an intellectual head of cabbage.

As long as sheep have a leader, they are absolved of thinking for themselves, they can just merrily follow along with the flock. Most of the time, the leader will be an older ewe, unless there is a ram in the flock, and then he is almost always the leader.

On the day that we **remove the ram from the flock**, it is real funny watching a group of sheep, who have been traveling the same path out to pasture every day, suddenly look at each other in utter confusion, knowing that they are supposed to go out to pasture but not knowing how.

Open the door of a **stock trailer** and try to get a bunch of yearlings to load, and they act as if a three mile deep crevasse opens between them and the front of the trailer. Throw one of them in, and it will run back out before you can get the next one in. Add a three year old ewe to the mix and watch her eagerly jump into the trailer, and the youngsters, after a moment of awe, follow quickly.

**Stupid?** Well....sometimes you look at one of the sheep and you think "Are you stupid, or are you just pretending to be stupid". We have a Lincoln-Corriedale ram names "**Early**" that is a real whiz at untying almost any knot that he can get his lips on, and he does it for recreation.

Did you know that if you put a **container of baking soda** out for your sheep, that they are smart enough to go and eat it when they need it for a sour stomach? If you put out three or **four different formulations of mineral salts** for them, and keep it available to them year-round, they are smart enough to eat the one that contains what ever particular mineral that they need at that time of the year.

One year, Jean had a problem with the **baby lambs eating dirt** and getting all sorts of digestive upsets, and she solved the problem by putting the mineral salt containers lower so that the little babies could eat the salt just like the adults do. Turns out the lambs were not being stupid by eating dirt, they were being smart by trying to get the lacking minerals from the soil, but were getting sick from ingesting the dirt.

Every day now, Jean watches the **2 1/2 month old lambs pile up in the corner of their pen** as they rush to go get out to the grass in their pasture. Watch a 50 pound lamb lower it's head, close it's eyes and try repeatedly to jump through the 6 inch squares of the fence, you get the general idea that 'there are no lights on in there and, definitely, no one home' "You stupid little lambs" she says, "Why don't you just use the open gate?" "I swear they are so dumb, I have to show them how to get out out of the barn and get to the feeder".

**Stupid?** I guess it is all a matter of view point. Jean says that all baby lambs are born with a death wish. But most of them survive in spite of themselves, and actually do quite well.

[http://www.woollydesigns.com/s\\_tales/04\\_stupid.htm](http://www.woollydesigns.com/s_tales/04_stupid.htm)

All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord as laid on him the iniquity of us all. – Isaiah 53

## II. Strong (Steadfast) Shepherd

### Nine Verbs or actions of the Shepherd

Sheep are completely dependant on the Shepherd.

1. He makes me lie down
2. He leads me by waters
3. He restores me
4. He leads (guides) me in paths
5. He stays with me
6. He comforts me
7. He prepares a table
8. He anoints me
9. He fills me (my cup)

## The 23rd Psalm---Explained

The Lord is my Shepherd - That's Relationship!  
I shall not want - That's Supply!  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures - That's Rest!  
He leadeth me beside the still waters - That's Refreshment!  
He restoreth my soul - That's Healing!  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness - That's Guidance!  
For His name sake - That's Purpose!  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death - That's Testing!  
I will fear no evil - That's Protection!  
For Thou art with me - That's Faithfulness!  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me - That's Discipline!  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies - That's Hope!  
Thou annointest my head with oil - That's Consecration!  
My cup runneth over - That's Abundance!  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life - That's Blessing!  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord - That's Security!  
Forever - That's Eternity!

*Submitted by Gloria from Mira Loma*

The Good Shepherd lays his life down for the sheep.

*He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? – Romans 8:32*

## **Jehovah-Rohi** **The Lord Is My Shepherd**

**Stop following the lead ram and  
look to the Shepherd. He cares for you.**

### Doxology

May the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. – Hebrews 13:20-21

# Shepherd of Love

Shepherd of Love, You knew I had lost my way;  
Shepherd of Love, You cared that I'd gone astray.

You sought and found me, placed around me  
Strong arms that carried me home;  
No foe can harm me or alarm me, never again will I roam!

Shepherd of Love, my Savior and Lord and Guide;  
Shepherd of Love, forever I'll stay by Your side.

You sought and found me, placed around me  
Strong arms that carried me home;  
No foe can harm me, or alarm me, never again will I roam!

Shepherd of Love, my Savior and Lord and Guide,  
Shepherd of Love, forever I'll stay by Your side.

Music and words by John Peterson

Shepherd Became the Lamb – Genesis 22:8

Lamb of God - Isaiah 53

Bearer of Sin - Hebrews 9:28 (scapegoat) I Peter 2:24

1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Hebrews 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Isaiah 53:12 Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.