

# HIS GREAT NAME

Understanding the Character of God  
Through His Names

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# JEHOVAH ROHI

## OUR SHEPHERD

### LESSON TWELVE

#### **Meditation**

*The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul. - Psalm 23:1-2*

#### **Main Theme**

Jehovah Rohi means “God, the Shepherd.” In Psalm 23, David said, “The LORD is my Shepherd.” He is our Shepherd, too, and we will begin to meet Him beside the still waters where we as the sheep of His pasture need Him to lead us, to feed us, and to care for us. The primary meaning of the word *rohi* is “to feed.” A second meaning of the word *rohi* refers to the relationship between a leader and his people. Sheep do not know how to protect themselves, are directionless, and have little sense of danger. They depend on their shepherd to protect them, feed them, and to care for them. Isaiah said, “We all, like sheep, have gone astray.” (Isaiah 53:6) How easily we do go astray from the Lord! We end our study together with the revelation of God as Jehovah Rohi, our Shepherd. Not only has He been revealing Himself to us through His names, but He has also been tenderly leading us beside still waters.

#### **Lesson Focus**

Read Psalm 23

## I. **Jehovah Rohi Leads Us**

- Key Passage: Isaiah 49:10

Psalm 23 actually reveals many of His great names that we have studied together: We see Jehovah, our Righteousness (v.3), El Shaddai, Our Sufficiency (v.2), and Jehovah Jireh, Our Provider (v.5). In this section we will meet Jehovah Rohi who leads us to green pastures and restores our soul.

Having read the Key Box, note your insights.

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Read the Scriptures below. Their contents will help you in answering the questions in this section. As you are reading reflect on the theme of *Jehovah Rohi Leads Us*.

**Psalm 23, Isaiah 49:10, Matthew 9:35-36, John 10:1-5, II Corinthians 2:14, Revelation 7:17**

How are you able to discern where the green pastures and quiet waters are for you? (Psalm 23)

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What is the key to Jehovah Rohi's motivation to lead His sheep to springs of water? (Isaiah 49:10)

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Compare Isaiah 49:10 with Revelation 7:17.

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How do we see the compassion of Jehovah Rohi, our Shepherd, in Matthew 9:35-36?

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How do the sheep know who to follow and where to go? (John 10:1-5)

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How do you recognize the voice of Jehovah Rohi, your Shepherd?

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How does God lead us in a triumphal procession as our Shepherd, and what is the result? (II Corinthians 2:14)

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## II. **Jehovah Rohi Feeds Us**

- Key Passage: John 6:48

Jehovah Rohi feeds us with His Word. The promises in the Word of God feed our souls and instruct us in the way we should go. Jesus Christ said that He was the “living bread come down from heaven.” (John 6:41) Throughout the Scriptures, we see God’s provision to feed His people with both physical and spiritual bread. For example, the Israelites had manna in the wilderness (physical) and Jesus Christ came as living bread, proclaiming that if we eat of this bread, we will live forever (spiritual). Have you allowed Jehovah Rohi to be the bread of life for you?

Having read the Key Box, note your insights.

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Read the Scriptures below. Their contents will help you in answering the questions in this section. As you are reading reflect on the theme of *Jehovah Rohi Feeds Us*.

**I Kings 19:1-9, Matthew 6:26, John 6:43-60, John 21:15-19, Jude, verse 12**

What did the angel of the Lord provide for Elijah after he fled from Ahab and Jezebel? (I Kings 19:1-9)

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Describe a time when things appeared hopeless that Jehovah Rohi provided you with spiritual food.

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When the journey of life is too much for you, how does the Word of God provide food for your soul?

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In what way is Jesus Christ your “living bread”? (John 6:43-60)

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Why do you think that the disciples thought this was a hard teaching? (John 6:60)

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What did Jesus tell Peter to do with His lambs? (John 21:15-19)

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What did He tell Peter would be his motivation to feed and care for His sheep?

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Why does Jesus tell His disciples not to worry about what they will eat or drink? (Matthew 6:26)

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As shepherds of the faith, how can we keep from falling into the trap that Jude describes of shepherds who feed only themselves and do not teach, lead, and care for others? (Jude, verse 12)

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### III. Jehovah Rohi Cares for Us

- Key Passage: John 6:48-51

Jehovah Rohi, our Shepherd, searches for His lost sheep, those who don't know Him. He also binds up the wounded. The prophet Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would come to "bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives." (Isaiah 61:1-2) Jesus Christ came as the fulfillment of that prophecy. He was the One who was sent to care for us as our Great Shepherd. (Luke 4:18) He tells us to cast all of our anxieties on Him because He cares for us. (I Peter 5:7)

Sheep follow the shepherd and are confident that he will care for them and lead them to green pastures. As we begin to know and trust the Lord to care for us, our lives will be filled with peace and confidence.

Having read the Key Box, note your insights.

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Read the Scriptures below. Their contents will help you in answering the questions in this section. As you are reading reflect on the theme of *Jehovah Rohi Cares for Us*.

**Isaiah 40:10-11, Isaiah 53:6, Ezekiel 34:1-6, John 10:1-17, Hebrew 13:20, I Peter 2:23-25, I Peter 5:1-4**

Describe in your own words how a true shepherd cares for his sheep. (Isaiah 40:10-11)

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Contrast Jehovah Rohi, Jesus Christ, as the Good Shepherd (John 10:1-17) with the false shepherds. (Ezekiel 34:1-6)

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What does the passage in Isaiah 53:6 tell us that Jesus would do for his “sheep (who) have gone astray?”

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To whom does Peter say that those who had “gone astray” would return? (I Peter 2:23-25)

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Where have you gone astray in your walk with Christ, and will you allow Jehovah Rohi to lead you back to the right path?

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How does Peter exhort believers to be good shepherds of God’s flock? (I Peter 5:1-4)

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Who will equip us to care for God's flock? (Hebrews 13:20-21)

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How are you being called to care for God's people?

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*Jehovah Rohi, our Shepherd leads us to still and quiet places to know and love Him. He feeds us on His Word and cares for us as a gentle shepherd cares for his sheep. Let us allow Him to restore our souls as we learn to recognize His voice and as we recognize His character through the names that He has revealed to us.*

*The Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend. As we conclude this study, my prayer is that we would be like Moses and draw near to God, becoming His friend.*

## Life Application

- Pray that the Lord will “open the eyes of your heart” to see Jehovah Rohi each day.
- Feed on His Word.
- Allow Him to lead you beside still waters.

## Prayer

*Heavenly Father, I have gone astray, seeking to be in control of my life. I have not always allowed you to lead me, to care for me, and to teach me. Forgive my willfulness and help me to return to the Shepherd of my soul.*

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