

Psalm 23 – Verse Mapping

Psalm 23 New International Version (NIV)

A psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

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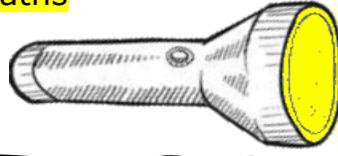
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, **APACHE**

he leads me beside quiet waters, **POINT RANCH**

3 he refreshes my soul. *Comfort • Peace • Rest*

He guides me along the right paths

for his name's sake.



Walk in faith, not fear; resist the enemy, and he will flee.

Don't Run From Pain. Move Toward It.

4 Even though I walk

through the darkest valley, ^[a]

I will fear no evil,

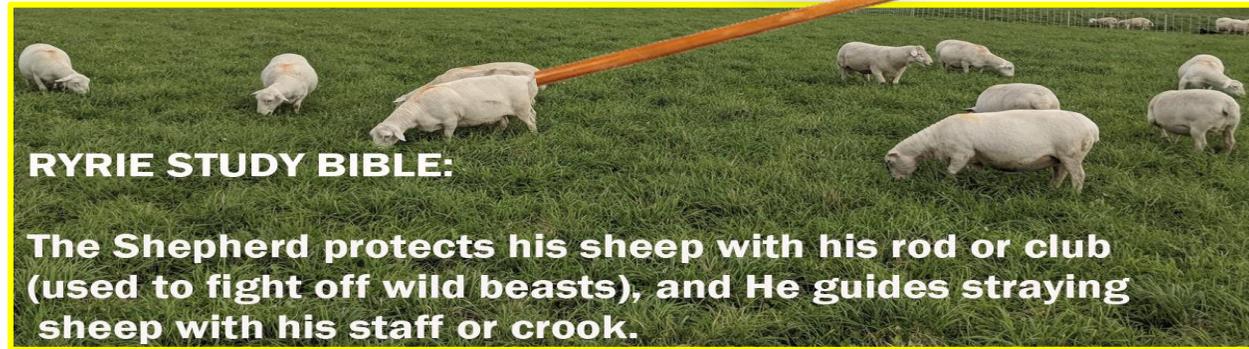
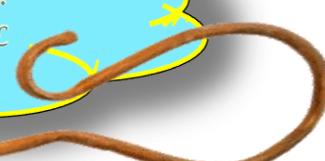
for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

(Valley of the Shadow of Death) Oppression, Fear, Grief, Sorrow

God IS guiding and disciplining me. I need to learn to trust Him in ALL matters of oppression.



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The Shepherd protects his sheep with his rod or club (used to fight off wild beasts), and He guides straying sheep with his staff or crook.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.



(Photo linked) Table is lovingly prepared for a leisurely, honored feast, not a rushed, anxious or burdensome occasion.

Anointing the hair and beards of guests

was a common practice at formal dinner parties. It was also used to demonstrate spiritual cleansing, receiving of the Holy Spirit, and Ordination into a position of authority. ::::: Overflowing cup means nothing lacking.

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

6 Your goodness and unfailing kindness shall be with me all of my life, and afterwards I will live with you forever in your home. The Living Bible version

Romans 8:38 - For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Lord God, Heavenly Father, I praise Your Holy Name for protecting me from contentious people and circumstances. Thank You so much for helping my brothers and Carol's family to realize the importance of taking controversial steps to maintain peace within our family. I praise Your Holy Name for protecting our health; especially for teaching me to resist the enemy in physical attacks. Please continue to heal my teeth and back so that I'm not in pain and help me to eat healthy. Thank You for helping me to continue with my life and not get consumed with Carol's death or the people who ARE consumed with it. I'm ready and willing to attend a public funeral and hold my head high for my response to Carol's diseased life, and the results thereof. I praise Your Holy Name for teaching me about boundaries and granting me the strength to set and stand behind them, so that I'm not burdened with unnecessary grief now. Please give me the strength to be gracious EVEN TO MY ENEMIES, Lord. In Jesus Name, Amen 5/23