At the time of the death of King Saul who had been disloyal to God, the tribes of Israel were like lost sheep without a shepherd, until God appointed David as a good shepherd over His people. The above illustration aptly represents the present condition of the nations of the world. In Luke 21:25, 26 we read the prophetic words of our Master, «Upon the Earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the Earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.» How long? Until the great antitypical David inaugurates His glorious Kingdom upon Earth and begins to bless and restore all the families of the earth. Then there shall be «Times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, when He shall send Jesus Christ». (Acts 3:19-21; Psalm 67; Isaiah 2:24; Galatians 3:8.) — Truly, Jehovah is a Good Shepherd! No good thing promised will He withhold from the world He loves. He will cause the nations to lie down in green pastures, He will lead them in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

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