

Sermon Reflections

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord.

² Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. ³ Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord.

⁵ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

1. Who were the shepherds of Israel? What was their responsibility?

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2. What were some of the ways the people of Israel broke covenant with God? What was the consequence for breaking covenant?

3. Why would anyone at the time of Jeremiah long for a righteous Shepherd King?

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4. How does Jesus fulfill the promise of the righteous Shepherd King?

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5. What does it mean that Jesus is our righteousness? How does Jesus being the righteous Shepherd King provide hope to believers?