

I. THE LONGING FOR A SHEPHERD KING (JEREMIAH 23:1-6)

A. Woe to the Shepherds of Israel (Jeremiah 23:1-2)

1. Shepherds are the leaders and rulers tasked with caring for God's people according to God's word (**Jeremiah 5:30-31**)
2. The shepherds have scattered the sheep because they have allowed the people to break the covenant (**Jeremiah 11:9-13; 7:16-19; 8:8-10; 14:14-15; 22:13-17**)

B. Scattering and gathering of sheep refers to the Exile and return (Jeremiah 23:2-4; 2 Chronicles 36:15-17, 21-23)

C. A righteous shepherd king will be raised up (Jeremiah 23:5-6; Isaiah 9:6-7)

1. He will be a descendant of David who reigns in wisdom, justice, and righteousness (**Isaiah 11:1-5**)
2. His name will be called "The Lord is our righteousness"

II. IN ADVENT, WE CELEBRATE JESUS' COMING AS THE SHEPHERD KING WHO WAS LONGED FOR

A. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who gathers His sheep (John 10:14-18; 27-30)

1. He saves His sheep (**Jeremiah 23:6**)
2. He secures His sheep (**Jeremiah 23:6**)

B. Jesus is our righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21)

III. IN COMMUNION, WE REMEMBER THAT JESUS BRINGS US TO GOD (1 PETER 3:18)

SERMON REFLECTIONS

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

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

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

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD *(CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)*

Good

Wise

Wrathful

Merciful

Just

Jealous

Faithful

Perfect

Holy

Gracious

Patient

Love

Other:

KEY WORDS *(WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)*

Justice –

Exile –

Righteous –

NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD