**Jeremiah 23:1-8**

***“There Is One Coming”***

Introduction

1. *Where is the promise of His coming?* There is One coming...Jesus Christ Is Coming Again!!

2. Jeremiah 23:1-8 We are reminded: Jesus is coming again!

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**I. THE DIVISIVE SHEPHERD 23:1,2**

Jeremiah must begin with *Woe* to the *pastors (shepherds)*the political and spiritual leaders

 of Judah.

1. ***Their Action 1, 2a***

 *Destroyed…Scattered…Have not visited (attended)…to care for* is a play on words meaning, to take care of. *“I’ll take care of you” or “I’ll take care of that piece of cake.”*

1. The leaders were guilty of gross dereliction of duty. They were not leading and feeding, but they led the people into idolatry.
2. They destroyed and divided the people. The same indictment could be said of the political and spiritual leader of America.

 \***Politicians** are destroying America with accusations, litigations, and bringing to court.

 \*They spend, spend, spend. We are now $21 trillion in debt.

 \*We cannot keep illegal immigrants out of America. Lies, lies, and half truths with not substance.

 \***Preachers…**Many want to be politically correct, but not biblically accurate. Many do not believe in the virgin birth, resurrection or miracles. The Bible is not the Word of God. Salvation is not through Jesus Christ. Many preachers are not born again.

 \*The sheep are *taken care of…destroyed and scattered.*

 ***B. Their Accusation 2b***

**1.** *The shepherds had not bestowed care…***so, God would take care of them!**

 **2.** God’s judgment will fall on the political and spiritual leaders of America. I

 believe that we as a nation are under the judgment of God!

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**II. THE DRAWING SHEPHERD 23:3,4**

*“I will gather”*

***A. His Feature*** *“I will gather the remnant of my flock”*

**1. Its Exclusivity** Not all Israel is being considered, but the remnant…believers.

 *My flock…*this speaks of something greater than the return from Babylon.

 **2. Its Extent** *“Out of all countries to which I have driven them”*

 *\**The scattering was literal, so is the regathering.

 \*It is God Himself who does the work of the true Shepherd. Here a worldwide

 regathering is in view and not just Assyria and Babylon. Did this happen in

 1948 after Israel ceased to exist in 70 A.D. or is there yet a future gathering?

1. **Its Eventuality** *“I will bring them again to their fold”*

 **\***That little piece of property at the end of the Mediterranean Sea is essential.

 **\*God is going to do something there!**

 ***B. His Fruitfulness***

 *“They shall be fruitful and increase...”*

1. Is this when the desert shall bloom like a rose?
2. Is this when the lion will lie down with the lamb?

***C. His Fulfillment 4***

**1.** Some want to say this is under Zerubbabel, Ezra, Nehemiah, but these do not

 exhaust the worldwide dispersion.

 **2**. The fulfillment awaits that Millennial reign when peace will be theirs! *Feed*

 *them…shall fear no more or be dismayed…neither shall they be lacking…*this

 was not true under any leader.

 **3.** We wait for that day…**but not yet! Only when the Prince of Peace comes**

 **will this be true!**

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**III. THE DIVINE SHEPHERD 23:5-8**

The reference to *good shepherds* leads to the prediction of the Messiah,

 *The King of David.*

 ***A. His Credentials 5a***

*A Davidic King…Righteous Branch…King*

1. *David* the one who sits on the throne must be from the line of David.

 *\**Matthew gives the genealogy of Jesus.

 *\**Since the Temple was destroyed in 70 A.D., Jesus was the last to be able to prove

 His kingly line.

 **2.** *Righteous Branch…*

 *\*The King Messiah…* “*seed of a woman…son of David…the Servant of the Lord*”

 *\*Branch* is symbolic of Messiah…*rules in righteousness…He is*

 *Righteous…Pure With No Sin…*He is: *The Lord of Righteousness!*

 ***B. His Characteristics 5b***

**1.** *Reign…*He will sit on the throne in Jerusalem.

 **2.** *Prosper…*there will be no more war. Swords will be beaten into plow shears.

 **3.** *Shall execute righteousness and justice in the earth…*

 ***C. His Climate 6a*** Judah and Israel will be restored.

**1. Salvation** *In His day, Judah shall be saved. Yasa* denotes spiritual not physical

 deliverance. *All Israel shall be saved…*This will be true at the beginning of the

 Millennial Kingdom.

 **2. Safety** *Israel shall dwell safely.*

 ***D. His Character 6b*** *His name…Name* speaks of His character.

 **1.** This is not His physical name.

 **2.** *The Lord of Righteousness* Although this is true has righteousness is now

 imputed. The Messiah is the *Righteous King.* This speaks of deity and as the

 ability to redeem His people…making them righteous.

 ***E. His Claim 7,8***

**1. The Deliverance 7** *The Lord liveth!*

\*This was the greatest day in the history of Israel!

 \*The exodus will pale in comparison.

 **2. The Draw 8** The Ingathering

 **\***The future ingathering from all over the world is in view when Israel is brought

 back home.

 \*Again it is emphasized: *from all the countries.*

 *\*They shall dwell in their own land…*Did this occur in 1947? Are we on the final

 countdown to Armageddon and the return of Jesus Christ? **It could very well be!**

 *“When you see these things begin to culminate, look up because your redemption draws nigh”*

***JESUS IS COMING AGAIN...ARE YOU READY?***