

Jeremiah 23

King James Version (KJV)

23 Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD. (False prophets and preachers that teach their own messages instead of teaching the true Word of God; they write sermons from their own imaginations, instead of teaching the Bible chapter by chapter, verse by verse)

²Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD. (God holds fake preachers accountable for the souls that they destroy)

(Their church services are rituals, filled with traditions of men, passed down through denominations. They spend little to no time reading the Word of God so the people learn nothing)

³And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. (Through the generations, there has always been a remnant of the people that remained faithful to God and carried the true Word to the next generation. In the last generation, they will be called the Elect, and will be called to testify against antichrist. Paul wrote about them in Romans-11)

⁴And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.

⁵Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. (This is Jesus) (Branch - <Zimach in Hebrew> means a sprout; Zimach A <Al Zimach in Arabic> is also the brightest star in the constellation Virgo)

⁶In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. (Jesus brought salvation to "Who so-ever will") (Those who are with Jesus in the Millennium will be saved and happy)

⁷Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; (Israel will end, into captivity)

⁸But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land. (This will happen in the millennium) see Revelation-21

⁹Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the LORD, and because of the words of his holiness. (Bad translation – he's dismayed because God is good to us and gave us His Word to learn and to live by; but the preachers of this time <and today> were teaching traditions of men, and heathen idolatry, in the temple itself. That breaks God's heart)

¹⁰For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right. (Adulterers - also idolaters; God sees idolatry the same as adultery) Leviticus-26, Deuteronomy-28, also this book-17:5 (Cursed be the man that trusts in man)

¹¹For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD. (They don't teach God's Word chapter by chapter, verse by verse)

¹²Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, saith the LORD. (They do it to themselves; God will allow it to happen to them. When antichrist shows up, they will line up in his service. They won't have a leg to stand on when Jesus returns)

¹³And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. (Jeroboam made 2 golden calves for them to worship. That led to more and more idolatry and perversion)

¹⁴I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness; they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

(They brought false teaching and even prostitutes into the temple. They got rich on the offerings of the people. Others get rich by pressing tithes, through guilt trips, from people who can barely afford it) (Some churches today have gay preachers and gay bishops. Politically correct is not morally correct)

¹⁵ Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land. (wormwood= bitterness see Revelation-8:11) (gall - a mixture of cheap wine and opium) (antichrist will set up his headquarters in Jerusalem and deceive the whole world)

¹⁶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD. (They make up "sermons" from their own imaginations; God didn't send the. HE wants teachers to teach His Word, not their own stories)

¹⁷ They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you. (They were about to go into captivity to Babylon, and were in denial) (FUTURE- antichrist comes in peacefully and prosperously, and everyone is in denial. They teach that they will be "raptured" out of here)

¹⁸ For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it? (To mark God's Word is to learn it, understand it and live it and teach it to others)

¹⁹ Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. (The lawless will pay for misleading people)

²⁰ The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. (The Lord's tribulation <when the truth is revealed by Jesus> - comes after the antichrist's tribulation <when the world is deceived by antichrist>. They will see it for themselves)

²¹ I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. (False prophets - most modern day

preachers who teach traditions of men; very few actually teach the Word of God)

²² But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. (If they had taught God's Word, unchanged, then all would have been good with them. They didn't. They choose political correctness to increase their church memberships and tithes)

(When Jesus was questioned, HE usually began His answers with – "Haven't you read it")

²³ Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? (God is with us always)

²⁴ Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD. (God is always nearby; HE is everywhere and anywhere that we need Him to be)

²⁵ I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. (Making up new doctrine; and saying that it all came from God)

²⁶ How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; (They become legends in their own minds and run with their delusions)

²⁷ Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal. (Today, there is a will to remove God from our Christian society. Some even try to tell us that Yahoveh and Allah is the same God. They are not)

²⁸ The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD. (Let the fakes jabber on. It all means nothing; they are like the chaff of a wheat seed)

²⁹ Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? (God will deal with the fake preachers)

³⁰ Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.

³¹ Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith. (They claim that their message is from God; it isn't)

³² Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD. (The people who follow the fake prophets will not prosper either. They won't learn any truth from these fakes)

³³ And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of the LORD? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even forsake you, saith the LORD. (They disobey God, and then blame Him for their troubles. God doesn't put burdens on people)

³⁴ And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even punish that man and his house.

³⁵ Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD answered? and, What hath the LORD spoken?

³⁶ And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God. (They change God's Word and teach lies that cause them to fall into idolatry and political correctness. Then all sorts of evils come upon them and they blame God for it)

³⁷ Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the LORD answered thee? and, What hath the LORD spoken? (They should be studying the books of the real prophets – unchanged)

³⁸ But since ye say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus saith the LORD; Because ye say this word, The burden of the LORD, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the LORD;

³⁹ Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and cast you out of my presence:

⁴⁰ And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten. (On a national level, Judah – the Jews of today – have been persecuted through the ages and still, they refuse to be right with God) (On a personal basis, any Christian that blames God for his problems will be shamed accordingly)