**A RIGHTEOUS BRANCH**

Jeremiah 21-23

1. Read 21:1-10. Who was King Zedekiah and what did he ask Jeremiah? (1,2; 2Kings 24:18-25:7) What was the LORD’s answer? (3-7) What is the only way to live? (8-10)
2. Read 21:11-22:30. What was the LORD’s message to the house of the king of Judah? (21:11-22:9) What should the key roles of kings be? (21:12; 22:3; 23:5,6). To Shallum (Jehoahaz)? (22:10-17; 2Kings 23:31-34) Jehoiakim (Eliakim)? (18-23; 2Kings 23:35-24:7) And Coniah (Jehoiachin, Jechoniah)? (24-30; 2Kings 24:8-17)
3. Read 23:1-8. Who were the shepherd of Israel and how were they? (1,2; 2:8,26; 13:13) What will the LORD do for his sheep? (3-8) How did Jesus fulfill this prophecy?
4. Read 23:9-40. How evil were the prophets? (9-15) Why should the LORD’s sheep not listen to the false prophets? (16-40)
5. What kind of shepherds should we be?