

#20 - Shepherds and Prophets (Jeremiah 23)

I. The Branch of David (23:1-8)

- God condemns the _____ of the people for destroying and scattering the flock of His people. (1-2)
- Instead, God will gather the flock _____ and provide good _____ to take care of the sheep. (3-4)
- In particular, a _____ will grow from David's line, reign as a wise and _____ king—in Him God's people will be saved and secure. (5-6)
- This _____ deliverance will bring God more glory than the Exodus. (7-8)

II. As for the Prophets (23:9-22)

- The message turns to the false _____ whose sinful influence breaks the heart of Jeremiah—and secures their own destruction. (9-12)
- False prophets led Samaria (_____) astray, but the prophets of Judah didn't learn and have helped turn Jerusalem into _____. (13-14)
- Differences between false prophet and true prophet in 16-22:

False:

True:

III. Dreams and Oracles (23:23-40)

- If these prophets think they can _____ from God, they're wrong. (23-24)
- They like to use " _____ " as a cover for speaking the ideas of their own (_____) hearts. (25-27, see 17:9-10)
- You can tell dreams, but the truth is God's word has _____ and _____ to pulverize anything that stands against it. (28-29)
- Three things God is against in 30-32:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- When asked what God's oracle (_____) is, Jeremiah is to say that the people are the burden and God is casting them off. (33)
- They've falsely used the phrase "oracle of the Lord" so much that it has _____ its meaning and God doesn't want them to use it. (34-38)