

Advent: Jeremiah 23.1-6
The Righteous Branch of David

The Context of Jeremiah 23

1. Year: Approximately 590 BC
2. Babylon Ruled the Known World
3. Judah would Fall in 586 BC to King Nebuchadnezzar
4. God would Bring Judgment on Judah and Provide Mercy to a Remnant (Those Who Are His Faithful)

Why Redemption Is Necessary (Verses 1-2)

1. Jeremiah: Born 627 BC – Called of God as a Boy Served Under Five Kings – Josiah was the First and Only Good King Jeremiah Served
2. Shepherd = King
 - a. Shepherds Protect, Guide, Care For the Flock
 - b. These kings destroy, scatter, and drive away
3. God Warns the Kings of Judah (**Jeremiah 22.4-5**)
 - a. Shallum (Jehoahaz) (**Jeremiah 22.11-17**)
 - i. Son of Josiah
 - ii. Ruled 3 Months
 - iii. Deposed and Taken by Egypt
 - b. Jehoiakim (**Jeremiah 22.18-21**)
 - i. Son of Josiah
 - ii. Ruled 11 Years
 - iii. Killed in a Revolt
 - c. Coniah (Jehoiachin) (**Jeremiah 22.28-30**)
 - i. Son of Jehoichim
 - ii. Ruled for 3 Months
 - iii. See 2 Kings 24.8-9 – Would not Heed the Word of the Lord
 - iv. No Heir from Him Would Reign
 - d. Zedekiah
 - i. Uncle to Coniah
 - ii. Rules for 11 Years
 - iii. Exiled to Babylon in 586 BC
 - iv. Sons were Killed
 - v. Last King of Israel on Earth
4. Why We Need Redemption: The Failure of Man

How Redemption Is Obtained (Verses 3-4)

1. God will Be the Great Shepherd and Gather His People (the Remnant) from the Nations
2. Redemption and Deliverance is From God Alone
3. None of His Children will be Lost
4. The People of God will be Gathered to Pasture
 - a. Picture of Eden
 - b. Fruitful and Multiply
 - i. Creation Language (**Genesis 1.28**)
 - ii. Covenant Language (**Genesis 17.5-6**)
5. God will place Good Shepherds (Rulers) over His People (such as Ezra, Nehemiah, Zerubbabel) – Still Imperfect

Through Whom Is Redemption Found (Verses 5-6)

1. Behold – Take Heed, Listen, Focus
2. A Promise of Blessed Hope – A Branch from the Line of David
3. From the Line of Corrupt and Imperfect Kings, A King Will Come
4. This King will be Wise, Just, Righteous
5. His Name Will Be Yahweh Tsidkenu – Lord Our Righteousness
 - a. Yahweh God – Exact Image of Yahweh
 - b. He is Perfect In Righteousness – Given To Us
 - i. You and I Need This Righteousness (We are Sinners)
 - ii. Forgiveness is NOT All We Need
 - iii. We Need To Be Made Holy & Just Before God
 - iv. Jesus Died & Lived for Sinners
 - v. The Law-Giver Obeyed the Law
 - vi. To Believe = Your Sin is Given to Jesus/ His Righteousness to You
 - vii. **See 1 Corinthians 1:30**