

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: March 4, 2020**  
**Jeremiah 23**

1. Who is God speaking to in 23:1?
  - a. Shepherds.
  - b. The leaders of Judah.
  - c. Well, since this text inserted into the section where Jeremiah has been speaking to the kings, he is likely talking to the kings who had been leading Judah astray. In fact, the word "The Lord Our Righteous Savior" is likely a play on the name Zedekiah, suggesting that the king who would come would do what Zedekiah has not.
  - d. Well, since 23:9-40 talks about the lying prophets, it might suggest that this was addressed to the prophets.
  
2. In what way, according to 23:16-17, are the prophets leading people astray?
  - a. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord.
  - b. They keep saying to those who despise God, "The Lord says: You will have peace."
  
3. So, does this give us an indication of one way that we might spot false prophets?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Does this mean that any time we go astray, we can blame the pastor? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Explain.  
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5. What, according to 23:2, have the "shepherds" done?
  - a. Nothing.
  - b. They have scattered His flock.
  - c. They have driven them away.
  - d. They have not bestowed care on them.
  
6. How, according to 23:2, what is God going to do in response to this? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What will he do, according to 23:3-4, to fix what has been broken?
  - a. He says "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock...."
  - b. He says that He "will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number."
  - c. He says that He "will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing...."
  
8. What does God say in 23:5-6?
  - a. He will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line.
  - b. This righteous Branch will do what is just and right in the land.
  - c. Judah will be saved.
  - d. He will be called "The Lord Our Righteous Savior."
  
9. Where else might we find words like this (See Jeremiah 33:15-16, Isaiah 11:1, Zechariah 3:8 & 6:12)?  
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10. In what ways does Christ fulfill this promise? \_\_\_\_\_
  
11. Are you one of the gathered flock or are you still following false prophets who scatter the flock? \_  
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