

## Jeremiah 23

King James Version (KJV)

(False prophets and what God thinks of them)

**23** Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD. (These are the 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)

<sup>2</sup>Therefore 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 false 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)

<sup>3</sup>And 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. They carried the true Word down to the next generation. Paul wrote about them) see Romans-11

(In the last generation, they will be called the Elect. They will be called to testify against antichrist) see Mark-13, Matthew-24

<sup>4</sup>And 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. (This is the task of the remnant – to teach the Word of God to the people)

<sup>5</sup>Behold, 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. (The Branch is Jesus)

(Branch = <tsemakh – sounds like “zimach” in Hebrew> = a sprout, a branch; Zimach A <Al tsemakh in Arabic> is the brightest star in the constellation Virgo – the virgin)

(That's not a coincidence. God gives us signs and wonders in the heavens. That is astronomy) Acts-2:19, Luke-21:25, Genesis-1:14

NOTE: (Astrology is how the heathen people pervert God's Word at every chance that they get. It's nothing but nonsense; created for the ignorant)

<sup>6</sup>In 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" hear Him and follow Him)

(Those who are with Jesus in the Millennium will be safe and happy)

<sup>7</sup>Therefore, 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; (Because Israel will end, into the captivity of Babylon. The nation won't exist anymore. The Lord will live forever, but Israel won't)

<sup>8</sup>But, 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. (The people that made up Israel were spread all over the world. In the Third Age, we will be reunited together under Our Lord) see Revelation-21

<sup>9</sup>Mine 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 – Jeremiah is dismayed because God is so good to us. HE gave us His Word to learn and to live by)

(Instead, the preachers of that time <and today> were teaching traditions of men, and heathen idolatry in the temple itself. That breaks God's heart)

<sup>10</sup>For 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)

<sup>11</sup> For 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 in churches. They preach sermons written by men. The people never learn what God has to say. They are Biblically ignorant)

<sup>12</sup> Wherefore 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. (The traditions of men that they believe to be the right way will cause them to slip and fall. They were never taught what God says)

(They do it to themselves, so God will allow it to happen to them)

(When antichrist shows up, they will line up to be in his service, believing that he is Jesus. They won't have a leg to stand on when the real Jesus returns)

<sup>13</sup> And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. (Samaria refers to the 10 northern tribes of Israel. Centuries earlier, when King Jeroboam ruled over Samaria, he made 2 golden calves for them to worship. He kept the people from going to worship God in Jerusalem)

(That led to more and more idolatry and perversion down through the generations. They never recovered from their idolatry. God eventually divorced Israel. HE allowed the Assyrians to take them captive)

<sup>14</sup> I 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. (Years later, Judah became as perverted as Samaria. They brought false teaching, and even brought prostitutes <male and female> into the temple. The priests got rich on the offerings of the people, while they taught them nothing of God's Word)

NOTES: (Today, they continue to get rich by pressing for 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. God is against it, just as He was against Sodom and Gomorrah)

<sup>15</sup> 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. He will deceive the whole world into worshipping him. They will do it because they will believe that he is Jesus Christ)

(They are Biblically ignorant. They don't know that antichrist arrives at the 6<sup>th</sup> Trump; and Jesus doesn't return until the 7<sup>th</sup> trump) see 2Thessalonians-2:1-4

<sup>16</sup> 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 them. HE wants teachers to teach His Word, not their own stories)

(A true preacher of God teaches the Bible – chapter by chapter, verse by verse – properly translated. A false preacher recites sermons, written by men. That's how we can know the good preacher from the bad)

<sup>17</sup> 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. (The people of Judah were about to go into captivity to Babylon. And they were still in denial, because they were never taught the truth)

FUTURE: (Antichrist will come in peacefully and prosperously, and everyone will be in denial. They were taught that they will be "raptured" out of here. "No evil will come to them". It's all lies)

<sup>18</sup> 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; to understand it; and to live it. It also means to teach it to others who want to learn it)

<sup>19</sup> 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 preachers will pay for misleading people)

<sup>20</sup> 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 at the 7<sup>th</sup> Trump> – comes after the antichrist's tribulation <when the world is deceived by antichrist at the 6<sup>th</sup> Trump>)

(No one is getting "raptured" out of here. Everyone be here to see it for themselves. They will be so ashamed for having been deceived that they will pray for the mountains to fall on them) Revelation-6:16

<sup>21</sup> I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. (False prophets – these are modern day preachers who teach traditions of men. Very few actually teach the Word of God)

<sup>22</sup> 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 chose political correctness to increase their church memberships and tithes)

NOTES: (When Jesus was asked questions, He usually began His answers with – "It is written. Haven't you read it"?)

(HE was referring to the Old Testament. God told us what to expect and how we can get through it by staying in His Word. Most people have never read it, so they have no idea)

<sup>23</sup> Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? (God is with us always. HE is never far away)

<sup>24</sup> 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. All we have to do is ask Him and trust Him)

<sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. (These are false teachers. They make up new doctrine; and saying that it all came from God in a dream. It didn't)

<sup>26</sup> 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 then they run with those delusions as if it all came from God. It didn't)

<sup>27</sup> 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 preachers even try to tell us that Yahoveh and Allah is the same God. They are not)

<sup>28</sup> 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. They are worthless)

<sup>29</sup> 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 false preachers. Fire consumes chaff in an instant. It's gone up in a puff of smoke)

<sup>30</sup> Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour. (By teaching false doctrine, they deny the Word of God from ever reaching the people)

(They don't deny God's Word. They replace it with false doctrine, and the people are none the wiser)

<sup>31</sup> 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)

<sup>32</sup> 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 false prophets will not prosper either. They won't learn any truth from those fakes)

<sup>33</sup> 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. The world does that)

(Follow the ways of the world, and it will put those burdens on you. Follow God, and be blessed and happy in your life)

<sup>34</sup> 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. (Falsely accuse God for your burdens, and He will see to it that you have plenty of them)

<sup>35</sup> 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? (In their confusion, they will be asking – What does God say? Yet they will continue to listen to the false teachers who have no idea what God says)

<sup>36</sup> 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 the people to fall into idolatry and political correctness. Then all sorts of evils come upon them and they blame God for it) (They do it to themselves)

<sup>37</sup> 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. Then they would learn what the Lord says)

<sup>38</sup> 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;

<sup>39</sup> 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: (If God forgets you; the world will eat you up)

<sup>40</sup> And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten. (On a national level, Judah - Israel today – has been persecuted through the ages and still, they refuse to get right with God. They are still waiting for the arrival of the Messiah. They completely missed Jesus' ministry)

(Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me) John-14:6

(On a personal basis, any Christian who blames God for his problems will be shamed accordingly)