

# True and False Prophets

## 23: 1-40

597 BC during the eleven-year reign of Zedekiah

**Jeremiah** summarized the unrighteous kings as being like **shepherds** who were **destroying and scattering God's sheep**. The branch of David through Jehoiachin had been cut off. However, **YHVH** promised to raise up to David another **King** who would be a **righteous Branch**, **ADONAI Tzidkenu**, or, the **LORD our righteousness** (23:1-8).

On the other hand, **the false prophets** who had **not** understood **ADONAI** correctly had, therefore, misled the people (**Deuteronomy 13** and **18**). Among these words of judgment are also claims that **God** intends to redeem **His scattered people** and to raise up a **Shepherd** in whose days **Judah** and **Isra'el** will find security (23:9-40).