

**Chapter 23**

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- (1) Woe to the pastors who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture! says the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (2) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says against the pastors who feed My people; You have scattered My flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: Indeed, I will visit upon you the evil of your deeds, says the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (3) And I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they will be fruitful and increase.
- (4) And I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them: and they will be afraid no more, nor be dismayed, neither will they be in want, says the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (5) Look, the days are coming, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, and a King will reign and prosper, and will execute judgment and justice in the earth.
- (6) In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live safely: and this *is* His Name by which He will be called, THE LORD {Jehovah} OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.
- (7) Therefore, indeed, the days are coming, says the LORD, that they will no more say, The LORD {Jehovah} lives, Who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;
- (8) But, The LORD {Jehovah} lives, Who brought up and Who led the descendants of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries where I had driven them; and they will live in their own land.
- (9) My 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 has overcome, because of the LORD {Jehovah}, and because of the words of His holiness.

(10) Because the land is full of adulterers; because of swearing the land mourns; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right.

(11) Because both prophet and priest are profane; yes, in My house {temple} I have found their wickedness, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(12) Therefore their way will be to them as slippery *ways* in the darkness: they will be driven on, and fall there: because I will bring evil upon them, *even* the year of their visitation, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

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(13) And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused My people Israel to err.