

# Scripture

## Jeremiah 23:1-8 (NLT)

### The Righteous Descendant

- 1 “What sorrow awaits the leaders of my people—the shepherds of my sheep—for they have destroyed and scattered the very ones they were expected to care for,” says the Lord.
- 2 Therefore, this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to these shepherds: “Instead of caring for my flock and leading them to safety, you have deserted them and driven them to destruction. Now I will pour out judgment on you for the evil you have done to them.

- 3 But I will gather together the remnant of my flock from the countries where I have driven them. I will bring them back to their own sheepfold, and they will be fruitful and increase in number.
- 4 Then I will appoint responsible shepherds who will care for them, and they will never be afraid again. Not a single one will be lost or missing. I, the Lord, have spoken!

- 5 “For the time is coming,”  
says the Lord,  
“when I will raise up a righteous descendant  
from King David’s line.  
He will be a King who rules with wisdom.  
He will do what is just and right throughout  
the land.
- 6 And this will be his name:  
‘The Lord Is Our Righteousness.’  
In that day Judah will be saved,  
and Israel will live in safety.

- 7 “In that day,” says the Lord, “when people are taking an oath, they will no longer say, ‘As surely as the Lord lives, who rescued the people of Israel from the land of Egypt.’
- 8 Instead, they will say, ‘As surely as the Lord lives, who brought the people of Israel back to their own land from the land of the north and from all the countries to which he had exiled them.’ Then they will live in their own land.”