Questions on Jeremiah Chapter 23

1. What were God's people (the Jews) compared to in verses 1-4?

   a. What had the bad shepherds done to the sheep? (vs 1-2)

   b. What would God do for the "remnant" of His scattered flock? (3)

   c. Jesus also called His disciples "sheep" in the parable of the sheepfold in John 10:1-18. How did He describe those sheep in John 10:27?

   d. Who are the sheep in Acts 20:28-30? And who are the shepherds in that passage and in 1 Peter 5:2?

   e. Who is the *chief Shepherd?* (1 Peter 5:4)

2. Jeremiah 23:5-6 (like 33:15-16) prophesied of a "Branch" by Whom Israel could be saved. Who was this Branch? (see Isaiah 11:1 & Rom. 11:26 for help)

3. As we saw in Jeremiah 16:14-15, what change of an old expression was to be made according to verses 7 and 8 of this chapter?

4. Verses 9-40 deal with false prophets. Verses 9 and 10 are Jeremiah's words. How did he react to their ungodly teaching and practices?

5. Who else was ungodly in addition to the prophets (v. 11)

6. Verses 13 through 15 compare and contrast the false teachers of Samaria (Israel) with those of Jerusalem. How were those of Jerusalem even worse?

7. What did the words of the false prophets fill people with? (16)

   a. What examples of this kind of teaching are cited in verse 17?

   b. What modern examples of this type of false teaching can you think of?

   c. What was the source of these prophets' information? (16, 17, 25, 26)

   d. What was NOT the source of their information? (18, 21-22)

8. What did the false prophets claim to have had according to verse 25?

9. Where did the false prophets get their words according to verse 30?

10. Like so many false teachers today, the false prophets of Jeremiah's day spoke of "the burden of the word of the Lord" (vs. 33-38). *Who* was the real "burden" according to verse 33?

    a. *What* was the real "burden" according to verse 36?

    b. What would happen to them if they kept citing "the burden of the Lord" after God told them to quit saying that? (38-40)

    c. Rather than listening to fabrications (v. 36), what should the people have been asking? (v. 35)