

What does it feel like to live in exile? Lamentations 1:1-3

Babylon: The new global Super Power. **Judah:** Last days of dynasty (**Zedekiah**).
Lamentation 4:15-16

If you are not careful to do all the words of this law that are written in this book the Lord will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other
(Deut 28:58-64).

God's Verdict (Jeremiah 23:1-2)

God's Promise (Jeremiah 23:3-4)

Woe to the shepherds

I will gather the remnant of my flock

I will bring them back to their fold

They shall be fruitful and multiply.

I will set shepherds over them

They shall fear no more; none missing.

Creation purpose **'fruitful and multiply'**

*Our first parents are exiled from Eden.
Outside Eden alienated and separated.*

God promises a **Shepherd**

a righteous Branch shall reign as king
'The LORD our righteousness.' (Jer 23:5-6)

'After the exile to Babylon...Mary was the mother of Jesus who Messiah.'

Matthew 1:12; 16

i. Jesus Gathers (Matt 3:12);
Lost sheep' (Luke 15:3-7; 10:16).

ii Jesus Scatters (Luke 1:51)
The proud and impenitent.

"When I am lifted up from the earth I will draw (gather) all men" (John 12:32)

Not all people without exception, but all people without distinction.

'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep...whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.'
(John 10:9)

And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. Matthew 24:31