

## Chapters 21 – 23

Jerusalem was under siege by the Chaldeans.  
The Lord told Jeremiah  
to tell the leaders of Jerusalem to surrender.

But the leaders of Jerusalem did not obey Jeremiah's words.  
So the Lord got Jeremiah to say these words:

"Woe to the shepherds who allow my sheep to be scattered  
and killed. You have not taken care of my sheep.

Therefore I will raise up a leader who will be wise and just.  
He will be a good shepherd of my people."

Lord, please help our leaders to be good shepherds

## Chapters 24 – 29

For 23 years Jeremiah spoke the message of the Lord,  
calling on people to do good and turn away from evil.

But the people, especially the leaders,  
refused to listen to Jeremiah.

They eventually arrested Jeremiah and planned to kill him.

Jeremiah also sent a message to the exiles in Babylon.  
But they too refused his message.

Lord, please give me some  
of Jeremiah's courage and faith