Ieremiah 16; 23; 29; 31

Study Jeremiah 16; 23; 29; 31.

- As recorded in Jeremiah 31:31–34, what did the Lord promise to do in the latter days? (See also Ezekiel 11:17–20; 36:24–28; 2 Corinthians 3:2–3.) What does it mean to have God's law written in our hearts? What must we do to have God's law
- written in our hearts? How is our behavior affected when we have God's law written in our hearts?
- According to Jeremiah 29:12–14, what can we do to draw close to God?

Additional reading: Jeremiah 3–9; 13; 30; 32:37–42; 33; 35.

The Shepherds of Israel *Ezekiel 18; 34; 37*

Study the following scriptures:

- a. Ezekiel 34. The Lord reproves those shepherds who do not feed the flock. He will seek all the lost sheep and be their Shepherd.
- b. Ezekiel 18:21–32. Ezekiel teaches that the wicked who repent will be saved and that the righteous who turn to wickedness will be cast out.
- c. Ezekiel 37:1–14. Ezekiel sees a vision in which many dry bones are given life.
- d. Ezekiel 37:15–28. Ezekiel prophesies that the stick of Judah and the stick of Joseph will become one in the Lord's hand.

In 597 B.C. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon carried into captivity many people from the kingdom of Judah. Among these captives was Ezekiel, whom the Lord called as a prophet five years later. Ezekiel ministered to his exiled people until 570 B.C.

Ezekiel's writings include rebukes and promises that apply not only to the

ancient kingdom of Judah but to all Israel, including Church members today. Although Jerusalem had been destroyed, Ezekiel foresaw a day when Israel would be gathered and restored.

- Who are the "shepherds of Israel" spoken of in Ezekiel 34? In what ways can each of us be considered a shepherd of Israel?
- How is the Savior like a shepherd to us? (See Ezekiel 34:11–16; Psalm 23.)
- What does it mean to "make . . . a new heart and a new spirit"? (Ezekiel 18:31). How can we experience this change of heart? (See Alma 5:7–14.)
- In the prophecy recorded in Ezekiel 37:15–28, one of the things the stick of Judah represents is the Bible. One of the things the stick of Joseph represents is the Book of Mormon. What blessings have come from having the Book of Mormon in addition to the Bible?

Additional reading: Ezekiel 2.

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