

## RESTORATION

The Bible is written over so many years that it is difficult to keep the activities and happenings in sequence, but I understand that Jeremiah was written somewhere around 637 bc. The Bible describes this time as “restoration” and it was in this time that our God decides it is time for restoration of his people. The definition of restoration is “action of returning something to a former owner, place or condition.” We know in our personal lives that restoration is an action and feeling we seek and cherish. We love being restored and restoring. It really doesn’t seem to matter the sequence if we just receive the gift.

Restoration in our spiritual life is welcome as well. In our Bible verses for today we read of God’s restoration (again) of His people. ...***“the flocks will again pass under the hand of one who wants them, says the Lord.***

***14The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.***

***15In those days and at that time, I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land.***

***In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.”***

Because of the Branch of David, we are so loved that we will pass under the hand of him who counts us, his sheep. He loves us so much he will count each of us, so he doesn’t lose a single sheep. He is restoring us still today as he restored his people in the days of Jeremiah.

With His promised restoration with our devotion we again begin the story of the birth of the Lord Our Righteous Savior In 2018, so we can pass the saving grace on to others.

Heavenly Father as we begin this season of joy and birth, restoration and love help us to remember it is you who continually gives restoration to each of us your sheep ...