THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

1. Woe, woe and thrice woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD, and to those who pluck string-ed instruments to accompany my people as they sing my praises whilst waving their hands in the air, and to those who utter meaningless choruses, meaningless choruses, meaningless choruses.
2. Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people with meagre food and cheap wines; Ye, yes ye, have scattered my flock, and driven them away up hill and down dale into very strange pastures indeed where dubious persons do lurk and hang about, and have not visited them – a common failure of modern pastors actually - nor provided for them a spiritual drench which can be interpreted any way you wish: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD, and there shall be boils upon your limbs and odd lumps in various places that require salves and ointments of great price. Everything will itch, and there will be much popping thereof when deemed necessary.
3. And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and no documents of travel shall be required although asses will need a veterinary certificate of some kind, and will bring them again to their folds through even stranger lands, and by water and in the air – although I haven't worked that last one out yet. It will involve two brothers and various woods and fabrics; and they shall be fruitful and increase, for there shall be much merrymaking and joining and knowing in the dark hours and even in the light when nobody's peeping.
4. And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them with fine produce from the fields that has grown naturally even though it cometh at a premium price: and they shall fear additives no more, nor be dismayed at the mingling of the very make-up of the fruits or vegetables, and neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD, for the markets shall be full and no tariffs shall be imposed.
5. Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch (unlike those of the money-tellers) and a mighty Rod that amazeth all who see it erect – don't snigger - and a King shall reign and prosper in those lands that accept a monarchy, and a Leader for those people who seek equality of persons, and both shall execute judgment and justice in the earth and an economy that is stable.
6. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely, and Samaria shall be justified, and Tyre and Sidon live in peace, and even the Welsh shall speak with clarity: and this is His Name whereby he shall be called on formal occasions such as synods and visitations: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.