

## Zechariah: Sheep to be Slaughtered

- ↪ **Zechariah 11;** For the most part, Zechariah predicts events that are even yet still future for us, but with one exception. **Chapter 11** is that exception and sort of a test case as to how accurate Zechariah's prophecies are.
  - ↪ Jesus promised the Jews that because of their rejection of Him, God was going to devastate them and their city and that they would be driven from the land., **Luke 19:42-44, Luke 13:35.** These are not out-of-the-blue predictions because Zechariah had already told us of these things nearly 500 years before.
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### 1. Destruction coming from the north, verses 1-3.

- ✓ These are neither a flood nor a fire in the literal sense, but the flood and fire of an invading army from the north. Zechariah prophesies these things and is told by God to take on the role of shepherd to act out what was to happen to the Jews and why it was to happen.

### 2. Rejected Shepherd, verses 4-6.

- ✓ **Verses 4-5;** Destined to slaughter. In general sheep were not killed, they were kept, bred, sheared. **Verse 6;** "his king"? **John 19:15** rejected their shepherd and were doomed to slaughter.

### 3. Slaughtered Sheep, verses 7-11.

- ✓ **Verse 7;** Jesus knew that they would reject Him, but He still cared for them. **Verse 8 ;** "three shepherds" correspond to the 3 branches of Jewish government under Roman rule, Priests, the elders, and the scribes, **Matthew 23:13-15.**
- ✓ **Verse 9;** So, if God removes His peace and favor from a nation, that nation is destroyed? Yep! **Verses 10-11;** Interesting that it was, for the most part, only the poor, the afflicted, the rejects of the Jewish society that followed Jesus. **Verse 9;** So, if God removes His peace and favor from a nation, that nation is destroyed? Yep! **Verses 10-11;** Interesting that it was, for the most part, only the poor, the afflicted, the rejects of the Jewish society that followed Jesus, **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:26.**

### 4. Undervalued Jesus, verses 12-13.

- ✓ **Verse 12;** The valuation they give their Shepherd reflects nothing less than contempt, 30 pieces of silver was the price of a female slave. It would have sent a clear message. Of course, that is the exact amount that Jesus was sold for by Judas to the Jews and then the money was returned and thrown into the temple and then used to buy the potter's field, **verse 13.**

**The valuation the Jews give their Shepherd reflects nothing less than contempt. What value are we showing we place on Him?**

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