

# Zechariah

(13) Israel's Judgment

## *Zechariah "becomes" the True Shepherd...11:1-14*

What is graphically described in 11:1-3? Lu.19:41-44

**It is the destruction of the beautiful forests of Israel. Destroyed in judgment by God.**

The Lord instructs Zechariah to do what, in verse 4? (this pictures Christ as the Good Shepherd)

**To pasture (shepherd) the flock (Israel) marked (doomed) to slaughter! Mt.15:24**

How is this flock (Israel) treated by their other shepherds? vs.5 Jn.10:12-13

**These false shepherds are themselves slaughtering the sheep! "Praise the Lord" is the lie.**

Why is all of this happening to Israel? vs.6 Heb.10:26-31

**The Lord has withdrawn His pity/protection. He will hand them over and *not* rescue them.**

As Zechariah obeyed (probably with a real flock of sheep), what did he do? vs.7 Why?

**He made 2 staffs named Favor, vs.10 and Union, vs.14. Symbolic of the Lord's favor.**

What happens next in this drama? vs.8a

**In one month he got rid of the 3 shepherds. Maybe prophets, priests, kings???**

What very important prophecy is made in vs.8b? Mt.23:37-39; Jn.19:12-14

**The flock (Israel) detested me (Christ), and Christ grew weary, impatient, with them!**

What was the result of Israel's 'detesting' of their Good Shepherd? vs.9 Dan.9:26; AD70?

**The Good Shepherd, Christ, refuses to be their shepherd! Internal/external judgment...**

How was this symbolized by Zechariah? vs.10-11 Heb.8:1-13 (out with the old, in with the new)

**He broke the staff called Favor, revoking the covenant He made to protect Israel.**

Zechariah now makes a strange request of the Jews. What is it? vs.12a Mt.26:14-16

**If you think I'm worthy give me my wages (for shepherding the flock), or just keep it!**

And what's the result? vs.12b Mt.26:14-16

**They paid Zechariah 30 pieces of silver, the price of a gored slave (Ex.21:32).**

And what did the Lord think of that price (for the Good Shepherd)? vs.13 Mt.27:3-10

**Throw it to the potter! This magnificent (handsome) price. An insult to the Lord!**

What was the next action by Zechariah? vs.13b-14

**He threw the 30 pieces of silver to the potter and broke the second staff called Union.**

## *Zechariah now 'becomes' the foolish shepherd...11:15-17*

Having now rejected the True Shepherd (Christ) what will Israel turn to? vs.15 Jn.5:43-44

**Rejecting Light, they will turn to darkness. The Antichrist will be quick to oblige.**

How is this false shepherd described? vs.16 Dan.9:26-27; IIThess.2:1-12

**Not care for the lost, young, injured, shepherding. He will devour the sheep himself.**

But what will be the ultimate end of this false shepherd? vs.17 Rev.19:11-21

**His strength (right arm) will be broken, his wisdom (right eye) will be blinded.**