

The Punishment
Zechariah 11

Zechariah 11:1-17

a. God Punishes _____

1 Open thy doors, O **Lebanon**, that the fire may devour thy cedars.

2 Howl, fir tree; for **the cedar is fallen**; because **the mighty are spoiled**: howl, O ye oaks of **Bashan**; for the forest of the vintage is come down. (**Jeremiah 22:6-7**)

b. God's Punishment is a Result of Wrong _____

3 There is a voice of **the howling of the shepherds**; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young **lions**; for the pride of **Jordan is spoiled**.

Jeremiah 25:34-38

34 **Howl, ye shepherds**, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel.

35 And **the shepherds shall have no way to flee**, nor the principal of the flock to escape.

36 A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and an howling of the principal of the flock, shall be heard: for the LORD hath spoiled their pasture.

37 And the peaceable habitations are cut down because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

38 He hath forsaken his covert, **as the lion**: for their land is desolate because of the fierceness of the oppressor, and because of his fierce anger.

4 Thus saith the LORD my God; **Feed the flock** of the **slaughter**;

5 Whose possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty: and they that sell them say, Blessed be the LORD; for I am rich: and **their own shepherds pity them not**.

Jeremiah 23:1-2

1 **Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!** saith the LORD.

2 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel **against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away**, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.

6 For **I will no more pity** the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD: but, lo, **I will deliver the men every one into his neighbour's hand, and into the hand of his king: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them**.

Ezekiel 8:18

18 Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, **neither will I have pity**: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, **yet will I not hear them**.

Hosea 1:6

6 And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And God said unto him, Call her name Loruhamah: for **I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away**.

7 And I will feed **the flock of slaughter**, even you, O poor of the flock. And I took unto me **two staves**(_____); the one I called **Beauty**(_____), and the other I called **Bands**(a _____ **rope**); and I fed(_____) the flock. (**Ezekiel 37:15-23**)

8 **Three shepherds** also I **cut off in one month**; and my soul lothed them, and **their soul also abhorred me**.

Matthew 23:4-6

4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

5 **But all their works they do for to be seen of men**: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,

6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,

Matthew 24:50-51

50 The **lord** of that servant **shall come in a day when he looketh not for him**, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

51 And shall **cut him asunder**, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: **there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

c. God's _____ is over

9 Then said I, **I will not feed you**: that that dieth, **let it die**; and that that is to be cut off, **let it be cut off**; and let **the rest** eat every one the flesh of another.

Jeremiah 23:32-33

10 And I took **my staff, even Beauty**, and **cut it asunder**, that I might **break my covenant which I had made with all the people.**

d. God's _____

1) God's _____ for the poor who were led astray

11 And **it was broken in that day**: and so **the poor** of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of the LORD.

Zephaniah 3:12-13

12 I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and **poor** people, and **they shall trust in the name of the LORD.**

12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. **So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.**

Matthew 26:15-16

15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they **covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.**

16 And from that time **he sought opportunity to betray him.**

13 And the LORD said unto me, **Cast it unto the potter**: a goodly price that I was **prised**(_____) at of them. And I took the **thirty pieces of silver**, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

Matthew 27:3-10

3 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and **brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,**

4 Saying, **I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood.** And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

5 And **he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple**, and departed, and went **and hanged himself.**

6 And the chief priests **took the silver pieces**, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because **it is the price of blood.**

7 And they took counsel, and **bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.**

8 Wherefore that field was called, **The field of blood**, unto this day.

9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, **And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;**

10 And gave them for **the potter's field**, as the Lord appointed me.

2) God's Decree to the _____

14 Then **I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands**, that I might **break the brotherhood** between Judah and Israel.

(Ezekiel 37:15-23)

15 And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the **instruments of a foolish shepherd**.

16 For, lo, **I will raise up a shepherd in the land**, which shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.

17 Woe to **the idol shepherd** that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

Ezekiel 34:2

2 Son of man, prophesy **against the shepherds of Israel**, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; **Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?**

Luke 11:42-52

42 But **woe unto you, Pharisees!** for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

43 **Woe unto you, Pharisees!** for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets.

44 **Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them.

45 Then answered **one of the lawyers**, and said unto him, **Master, thus saying thou reproachest us also.**

46 And he said, **Woe unto you also, ye lawyers!** for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.

47 **Woe unto you!** for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your fathers killed them.

48 Truly ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchres.

49 Therefore also said the wisdom of God, **I will send them prophets and apostles**, and some of them they shall slay and persecute:

50 That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation;

51 From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.

52 **Woe unto you, lawyers!** for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.