

# The Punishment

## Zechariah 11

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### Zechariah 11:1-17

#### a. God Punishes **His Own**

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**

6 For thus saith the LORD unto the king's house of Judah; Thou art Gilead unto me, and **the head of Lebanon**: yet surely I will make thee a wilderness, and cities which are not inhabited.

7 And **I will prepare destroyers against thee**, every one with his weapons: and they shall cut down thy **choice cedars**, and cast them **into the fire**.

#### b. God's Punishment is a Result of Wrong **Leadership**

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(walking stick)**; the one I called **Beauty(agreeable)**, and the other I called **Bands(a twisted rope)**; and I fed(**to graze**) the flock.

**Ezekiel 37:15-23**

15 The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

16 Moreover, thou son of man, **take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions:**

17 And **join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one** in thine hand.

18 And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these?

19 Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and **the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand**.

20 And **the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand** before their eyes.

21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, **I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:**

22 And I will make them **one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel**; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: **but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them**: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

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 Provision 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**

32 Behold, **I am against them that prophesy false dreams**, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and **cause my people to err by their lies**, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

33 And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of the LORD? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? **I will even forsake you, saith the LORD**.

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 Prophecy**

##### **1) God's Deliverer 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 (valued)** 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 Bad Leaders**

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.