

# EBC Study

## Lesson 21 Zechariah 11:1-14

As you read and begin this study, ask God to open your heart. As the Psalmist prayed: "Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law" (Psalm 119:18).

*Assignment:* **Read chapters 9-11** several times and attempt to answer the following discussion questions from the text alone. **NOTE: ON PAGE 3 THERE IS AN OUTLINE**

*Questions:*

1. REVIEW: Summarize what you learned the following:
  - a. 1:1-6
  - b. 1:7-6:15.
  - c. Chapters 7-8
  - d. Chapter 9
  - e. Chapter 10

*INTERPRETIVE NOTE:* This prophetic section is very difficult to interpret. Indeed, for verse 8 there have been over 40 different interpretations offered. Yet, we know there is truly only one (c.f. 2Peter 1:20-21). Now although we may not understand everything in this passage, I believe we can, though humble, prayerful, dependent study, understand what the Lord wants us to know. So then don't fret if you don't understand. Pray, study and we will go through it together.

2. What area is being described in 11:1-3 and thus who does this represent (See Deut. 11:24, Jos 1:4)? What is being spoken of in 11:1-3?
3. How do you think verses 4-9 relate to 1-3?
4. How is "the flock" described in 4-7a? Describe their shepherds too.
5. From 11:4-7a, what will the Lord not have any more and thus do and why?
6. Looking at 11:4-11, who ultimately is the Shepherd that pastured the flock "doomed to slaughter" (cf 4,7)?

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7. In the context of 11:1-14, What do you think verse 8 refers to historically speaking?
  
8. In 4:9, what did the Lord say in light of their attitudes toward the Him? See Lev. 26:27-29 also
  
9. Look at Judges 2:1. What does the Lord say about His covenant?
  
10. With your answer to 9. in mind and understanding the context of Ch. 11, how is it that the Lord would break His covenant (See 11:9-10 and Lev. 26)?
  
11. When do you think this (9-10) happened and what was the response of “the afflicted of the flock” (11:11)?
  
12. Read 11:12-14 and Matthew 27:3-10. Although the thirty shekels was what Judas received for betraying Jesus, it apparent our passage reveals this is what the Lord says in 13 He “was \_\_\_\_\_” What value do you place on Jesus and His Shepherding of you?
  
13. What are verses 1-14 thus about?
  
14. In light of Israel’s wickedness and rejection of their Messiah, what will the Lord give them in the future (11:15-17) and who might this be? (We will look at in more depth next time)
  
15. Although things look bleak for Israel’s future, from what you have learned the book of Zechariah so far, besides His wrath, what has the Lord also promised to do to them?

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## **ISRAEL'S REJECTION OF THE BEST SHEPHERD (CHRIST) ultimately leads them to receive the worst shepherd (the antichrist) Zechariah 11:1-17**

- I. A POETIC DECLARATION OF ISRAEL'S SURE JUDGMENT (1-3)**
  
- II. A VIVID PORTRAYAL OF ISRAEL'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD: He will give them over to judgment because they rejected Him (4-14)**
  - A. AN OVERVIEW: God shepherds the doomed flock but will remove His compassion and cause them to fall into others hands (4-6)**
  
  - B. HOW IT WILL HAPPEN (7-11)**
    - 1. The doomed flock is shepherded with His favor and union (7)**
  
    - 2. The doom flock rejects their Shepherd and is rejected (8-11)**
      - a) Then three shepherds are annihilated because they were weary of Him and He was impatient with them (8)
  
      - b) The doomed flock is abandoned and given over to temporal judgment (9-11)
  
    - 3. The doomed flock is given opportunity to rightly value their Shepherd yet they reject Him (12-13)**
  
    - 4. The Shepherd will no longer hold the flock together but give them a horrible shepherd (14, 15-17)**
  
- III. A HORRIBLE FUTURE CONSEQUENCE: In the future the flock will be given over to a horrible shepherd (the antichrist) (15-17)**