

# Zechariah 11

Jesus

## I. Roman Destruction of Jerusalem

**1** Open your doors, O Lebanon, That fire may devour your cedars. **2** Wail, O cypress, for the cedar has fallen, Because the mighty *trees* are ruined. Wail, O oaks of Bashan, For the thick forest has come down. **3** *There is* the sound of **wailing shepherds!** For their glory is in ruins. *There is* the sound of roaring lions! For the pride of the Jordan is in ruins.

Zech Prophesies the Destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD

- **Roman Vespasian**/His successor **Titus** destroy Jerusalem/Temple 4-month siege
- **Invaded from North** through Lebanon v1 /**Killed one million Jews**
- **Zech prophesies 500 yrs.** before/Jesus prophesied **40 yrs. before...**

**Matthew 23:31** [Jesus to Religious Leaders]... you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. **32** Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' guilt. **33** Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? **34** Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, **35** that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the **blood of Zechariah...**whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. **36** Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation. **37** "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! **38** See! Your house is left to you desolate...

**Luke 19:43** For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, **44** and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation." **45** Then He went into the temple and began to **drive out those who bought and sold** in it...

- **V3 Sound of Wailing Shepherds** during destruction fulfillment 40 years later
- **Romans pried** temple stones apart to get the gold

**Why destruction? Rulers of the people set them up for fall...**

- **False Shepherds:** Rulers of Jewish People

**4** Thus says the LORD my God, "Feed the flock for slaughter, **5** whose owners slaughter them and **feel no guilt**; those who sell them say, 'Blessed be the LORD, for I am rich'; and their shepherds do not pity them.

Religious Leaders Oppress/Take Advantage/Feel no Guilt  
Pharisees/Sadducees/Scribes/Priests: Corrupt and led by High Priest

- **Priests:** Only accept Temple Shekels/People had only Roman Coins
- **Money Changers:** Change Roman Coins for Temple shekel for a little extra

- **Doves/Lambs:** Unacceptable/Blemished if brought from outside. Acceptable if bought from **venders sitting at temple gate**

Religious Leaders approved/Took their cut  
Used religion as a means of stealing from the hurting?

**Ezekiel 34:2** ... "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who **feed themselves!** Should not the shepherds **feed the flocks?**"

- **Accountable to God:** Better be Called/Anointed/Appointed by God

**1 Timothy 5:17** Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of **double honor,** especially those who **labor in the word and doctrine.**

**Hebrews 13:17** Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they **watch out for your souls,** as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

- **Jesus day** Religious Leaders totally corrupt top-bottom

Took advantage of vulnerable seeking God's help...Felt no guilt/shame  
Blessed be the Lord for I am Rich?

v4 **Temple became a Den of Thieves: Enter Rome**

**6** For I will no longer pity the inhabitants of the land," says the LORD. "But indeed I will give **everyone into his neighbor's hand** and into the **hand of his king.** They shall attack the land, and I will not deliver *them* from their hand."

- **Into neighbors hand:** Trying times. Nazi Germany **1:3** were informants
- **Rome will attack Israel:** God will not intervene

**7** So I fed the flock for slaughter, in particular the poor of the flock. I took for myself **two staffs:** the one I called **Beauty,** and the other I called **Bonds;** and I fed the flock. **8** I dismissed the **three shepherds** in one month. **My soul loathed them, and their soul also abhorred me.**

- **Took 2 Staffs:** Beauty and Bonds. Grace and Unity
- **Fired Three Shepherds:** Prophets/Priests /King replaced by one who is all three

**They loathed Me and I loathed them**  
**Mutual Disdain:** Jesus and Religious Leaders

- **Leaders:** You don't know who Your Father is
- **Jesus:** I know who your father is...the Devil

vv1-7: Time of Jesus first coming/His relation to leaders

Coming destruction for Following False Shepherds/Rejecting True Shepherd

## II. Rejecting the True Shepherd

<sup>9</sup> Then I said, "I will not feed you. Let what is dying die, and what is perishing perish. Let those that are left eat each other's flesh."

- **Let what is dying die...**God stops intervening
- God gives man over/God removes His protection/His restraint

**2 Thessalonians 2:7** ... He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.

**Revelation 22:11** [Frozen in place] He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."

<sup>10</sup> And I took my staff, **Beauty, and cut it in two**, that I might break the covenant which I had made with all the peoples. <sup>11</sup> So it was **broken on that day**. Thus **the poor of the flock**, who were watching me, knew that it was the **word of the LORD**.

- **Staff called Beauty/Grace:** Day Jesus was crushed/broken

**Matthew 27:50** [The day]...Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

- **Covenant Broken:** Not Abrahamic Covenant but Mosaic

Covenant of the Law now obsolete/Jews no longer able to relate to God by the Law. Why?  
New Covenant was established night before Beauty was broken on the Cross

- **v11 Poor/Humble understood grace.** It had to be the Word of the Lord
- They knew they could keep the law/Some other way was needed...

**Zephaniah 3:12** I will leave in your midst A **meek and humble people**, And they shall trust in the name of the Lord.

- Poor in Spirit/Humble/Childlike in faith are those hear the Word

<sup>12</sup> Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give *me* my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages **thirty pieces of silver**.

<sup>13</sup> And the LORD said to me, "**Throw it to the potter**"—that princely price they set on me. So I took the *thirty pieces* of silver and **threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter**.

## Son of Perdition 1: Judas

- **12 Apostles** chosen. One was a traitor. Judas

**John 17:12b...** none of them is lost except the **son of perdition**, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

**Luke 22:3** [After last supper] **Satan entered Judas**, surnamed Iscariot...

- **Prophecy of Judas in Zech 11**

1. Judas will betray the Son of God 500 years later
2. Sell Jesus to Religious Leaders for 30 pieces of silver: Price of a slave [Ex 21:32]
3. Religious leaders use blood money to buy potters field

**Matthew 27:3** Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!" 5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and **hanged himself**. 6 But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood." 7 And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. 8 Therefore that field has been called the **Field of Blood** to this day. 9 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet [Book of Zech w/in scroll of Jeremiah], saying, "And they took the **thirty pieces of silver**, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of the children of Israel priced, 10 and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

**Acts 1:18** (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out.

- Did he hang himself or fall? **Yes**
- Israel Rejects the True Shepherd...**Beauty** now broken

### **III. Receiving the False Shepherd**

**14** Then I **cut in two my other staff**, Bonds, that I might break the brotherhood between **Judah and Israel**.

- **Beauty/Grace**      **Broken**      Rejection/Crucifixion Jesus Christ offering Grace
- **Bond/Union**      **Broken**      Unity of God w/Judah and Israel/Standing on hold

**15** And the LORD said to me, "Next, take for yourself the implements of a **foolish shepherd**. **16** For indeed I will raise up a shepherd in the land *who* will not care for those who are cut off, nor seek the young, nor heal those that are broken, nor feed those that still stand. But he will eat the flesh of the fat and **tear their hooves in pieces**. **17** "Woe to the worthless shepherd, *Who* leaves the flock!"

## **Son of Perdition 2: Antichrist**

**2 Thessalonians 2:3** ...man of sin [will be] revealed, **the son of perdition**, <sup>4</sup> who **opposes and exalts** himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped...

- **Perdition:** gr. ap-o'-li-a lit. Destroying/Utter destruction of vessels. Tear hooves?

- **IOWs** What Satan desires for us/What Satan will receive himself

Will be received gladly by Jews of today...

**John 5:43** I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.

- **Prophecy of Anti-Christ in Zech 11:**
- **Anti:** gr. Against/In Place of. Vicar
- **Welcomed** as Savior by Jews and Nations alike
  1. **Why will the Jews accept the AC?** One who helps build Temple
  2. **Why will the world accept the AC?** Promise Peace/Fix economy

Prince Riding in on a White Horse  
Actually the Son of Perdition whose father is Satan

**Revelation 6:2** And I looked, and behold, a **white horse**. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

- **Promise peace** but brings **war, famine, death**
- **Mid-trib:** Failed Assassination Attempt...prophesied here and Rev 13

**17b...** A sword *shall be* against **his arm** And against his **right eye**; His arm shall completely **wither**, And his right eye shall be **totally blinded.**"

**Revelation 12:9** [Possessed as Judas mid-trib]...the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was **cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.**

**Revelation 13:1** [Apostle John] Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. **2b...** The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. 3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been **mortally wounded**, and **his deadly wound was healed**. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. 4 So they worshiped the dragon [Satan] who gave authority to the beast [AC]; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" 5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. 6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God... **8** All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. ... **11** Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon [False-Prophet]. 12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and **causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.** **14b...**[FP tells] telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was **wounded by the sword and lived.** 15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. 16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the **mark or the name**

of the beast, **or the number** of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: **His number is 666.**

- We won't be here for Antichrist's antics

**We are not looking for Antichrist the Foolish Shepherd  
We are looking for Jesus Christ the True Shepherd**

- **True Church** will be Raptured away from God's wrath, Great Tribulation
- **Today's Apostate/Make-believe Church** will go into the Great Tribulation...

**Revelation 2:19** Thyatira... I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who **calls herself a prophetess [Self-Appointed Anointed]**, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality/eat things sacrificed to idols. 21 And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. 22 Indeed I will **cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds [not all] ...25** But **hold fast** what you have till I come.

**1 Timothy 2:12** [Paul the Apostle/Holy Spirit] ... I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man...**13** For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the **woman being deceived**, fell into transgression.

- **Not a cultural command**/Paul brings it back to Genesis
- **Rationale per Holy Spirit:** Woman spiritually sensitive/Easily deceived [Q. Where are the men?]

A so-called church w/a so-called woman pastor is a disobedient church and those who follow its lead will go into the Great Tribulation unless they repent. Not because the church has a woman Pastor...but because they willingly/rebelliously/spinelessly disobeyed the Word of God **exposing themselves as apostate.** [NJC]

**Revelation 3:15** [Laodicea/Lukewarm Worldly] I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are **lukewarm**, and neither cold nor hot, I will **vomit you out of My mouth...19b** Therefore be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

- Theistic Evolution
- Woman/Homosexual *pastors*
- Social Gospel/Liberation Theology
- Allegiance to government above loyalty to Jesus
- Preaching all religion valid for Salvation
- Acceptance of sin w/out repentance
- IOWs Everything goes as long as we fill seats/people smiling

You ain't going and you won't be smiling...You are Apostate  
**Apostate Church** will go into the Great Tribulation...

- **True Church** will be Raptured away from God's wrath, Great Tribulation

**Those that keep Jesus Word/Don't deny His Name when things got tough**

**Revelation 3:8** Philadelphia. "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, **have kept My word**, and have **not denied My name ...10** Because you have kept My command to persevere, **I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.** 11 Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown...**13** "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

- We desire to be Philadelphians at the Rapture

**Those who Keep Jesus Word/Don't deny His Name by our actions/doctrine/lives  
Not what saved us but proof that we are saved**

- **Zech 11:** Jews rejected Jesus/Destroyed/Scattered/Will soon receive Anti-Christ/Go through GT along with the apostate church, AKA the Woman who rides the beast

**True Church** is not waiting for the foolish shepherd Anti-Christ but for Jesus Christ the True Shepherd to come/rapture us to Himself/Away from God's wrath, Great Tribulation

**1 Thessalonians 1:10** [We are...] to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who **delivers us from the wrath to come.**