

# Zechariah 11

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## The Doomed Flock

<sup>1</sup>Open thy doors, O Lebanon, That the fire may devour thy cedars.

<sup>2</sup>Wail, O cypress-tree, for the cedar is fallen; Because the glorious ones are spoiled; Wail, O ye oaks of Bashan, For the strong forest is come down.

<sup>3</sup>Hark! the wailing of the shepherds, For their glory is spoiled; Hark! the roaring of young lions, For the thickets of the Jordan are spoiled.

<sup>4</sup>Thus said the LORD my God: 'Feed the flock of slaughter; <sup>5</sup>whose buyers 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. <sup>6</sup>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.'

<sup>7</sup>So I fed the flock of slaughter, verily the poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Graciousness, and the other I called Binders; and I fed the flock. <sup>8</sup>And I cut off the three

shepherds in one month; 'for My soul became impatient of them, and their soul also loathed Me.' <sup>9</sup>Then said I: 'I will not feed you; that which dieth, let it die; and that which is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let them that are left eat every one the flesh of another.'

### **Thirty Pieces of Silver**

(Matthew 27:3–10)

<sup>10</sup>And I took my staff Graciousness, and cut it asunder, 'that I might break My covenant which I had made with all the peoples.' <sup>11</sup>And it was broken in that day; and the poor of the flock that gave heed unto me knew of a truth that it was the word of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>And I said unto them: 'If ye think good, give me my hire; and if not, forbear.' So they weighed for my hire thirty pieces of silver. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD said unto me: 'Cast it into the treasury, the goodly price that I was prized at of them.' And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them into the treasury, in the house of the LORD. <sup>14</sup>Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Binders, that the brotherhood between Judah and Israel might be broken.

<sup>15</sup>And the LORD said unto me: 'Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd. <sup>16</sup>For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, who will not think of those that are cut off, neither will seek those that are young, nor heal that which is broken; neither will he feed that which standeth still, but he will eat the flesh of the fat, and will break their hoofs in pieces.'

<sup>17</sup>Woe to the worthless 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.