

## ZECHARIAH STUDY

### **Chapter 11 Summary**

**(11:1-3)** Opens with a poem and imagery of the future destruction of Israel. The judgement will begin in the North (top) and stop in the South (bottom). Israel is the fortress and she must throw open the doors for the devastation. Imagery according to the “high and mighty fall first and then everyone below falls as well)

**(11:4-14)** Good/Evil Shepherds-

Zechariah is acting out the judgement/**symbolic portent**

He carries out actions that symbolically represent what the True Shepherd, Messiah would fulfill. Messiah would feed and nurture but be rejected.

Ezekiel 4:4-9, Hosea/Gomer, Jeremiah also passed on the words of the Lord by offering non-verbal object lessons.

Judgement comes upon Israel because they rejected their Messiah. This is a prophetic foreshadowing of what Israel would do in the first coming of Jesus.

Zechariah is acting out judgement that scholars say occurred at the hand of the Romans in 70 AD with the destruction of the temple.

### **The Two Staffs**

#### **Union**

chabal: band

Original Word: חָבַל

Transliteration: chabal

Phonetic Spelling: (khaw-bal')

**Definition:** to bind, pledge

#### **Favor**

noam: delightfulness, pleasantness

Original Word: נֹעַם

Transliteration: noam

Phonetic Spelling: (no'-am)

**Definition:** delightfulness, pleasantness

- The covenant will be broken once again. The nation will be divided. Rome was the nation God used to “slaughter” them. They will not be delivered from the Roman power. They chose the evil “shepherd.”

### **Chapter 12 Summary**

#### **Extremely important end times prophetic chapter!**

**Day of the Lord-** Occurring 16 times referring to the Second Coming of Messiah when he will return as Lord, King and Avenger of His people. He will establish His kingdom and destroy the ungodly. Other “Day of the Lord” references (2 Peter 3:10, Joel 3:14, Rev. 16:14, Rev. 19, Ez. 30:3, Joel 1:15)

Israel will be a ‘cup of trembling’ to the surrounding nations.

The Jewish State will be hated but will be the thermometer of the world.

- Category- woe, burden and judgement

God Himself will pour out this judgement on those nations against Israel.

The great battle of Armageddon (Valley of Megiddo) is described here. (See Ezekiel 38 & Rev. 9)

**(Chapters 12 & 13)** Satan's Anti-Christ as the instrument will force the world against Israel.

2/3 will be cut off and die, but a third will be left and sent through the fire for refinement. (See Also Ez. 36:27, 39:29, Zech. 4:6)

Satan has his purpose which is the siege against Israel. God has His purpose, the purging of the unbelieving rebels and His purpose then to save the remnant and to save the nation and city of Jerusalem.

**(12:4)** Horses- Strength of the nations, God will strike against their weapons I.e. horses and riders equivalent of their weaponry. The weapons nor leaders will function. Turns their enemies on or against one another. But the Lord will watch over His people. Their enemies will be destroyed and Jerusalem will recall God's providence and protection like the days of old.

The steps of restoration are the return to their faith in God (Messiah), return to His Word, and His covenant.

**(12:10)** Trinitarian reference

**(12:11)** 2 Chronicles 35 when pharaoh murdered King Josiah

Families will mourn "by themselves" refers to those who haven't been destroyed and are mourning and repenting for their own sin as they look upon Him whom they have pierced. Again, a top down reference King, prophet, priest and individually...

### **Chapter 13 Summary**

**(13:1-6)** The land will be cleansed from the idolatry, idols, and false prophets.

- Even the families would condemn false prophets.
- Those who posed as prophets or copied other prophet's words would be revealed.
- Only those who deceived and profited would be silenced and ashamed of their wickedness.
- It wasn't unusual for false prophets to wound or mutilate themselves in the service of the idols (1 Kings 18:28, Jeremiah 48:37)

**(13:7)** "Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered" Jesus quoted this phrase from Zechariah 13:7 in Matthew 26:31 when referencing his arrest and suffering.

**(13:7) "Associate"**

amith: an associate, fellow, relation

Original Word: אָמִית

Phonetic Spelling: (aw-meeth')

Definition: an associate, fellow, relation

(This Shepherd "dwell side by side with the LORD, His equal")

**(13:7-9)** See Isaiah 53:10 *“Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief”*

**(13:8-9)** Refers to a time of “Jacob’s Trouble” (Jeremiah 30:7) that Jesus said would be the most horrific time in history (Matthew 24:21)

The iniquity of Israel will fall upon the Shepherd and Israel will look upon the one whom they pierced. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. Finally, Israel has received her Lord and Savior. Some point to the 144,000 of Revelation 7 and 14 being those who are left in Israel after the time of purification “through the fire” (Zechariah 13:9)

**NOTES:**