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ZECHARIAH 10:12—11:16

Shepherds punished. Staffs broken

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down,^a and the very scepter^b of Egypt will depart.^c **12** And I will make them superior in Jehovah,^d and in his name they will walk about,^e is the utterance of Jehovah.”

11 “Open up your doors, O Lebanon,^f that a fire may devour among your cedars.^g **2** Howl, O juniper tree, for the cedar has fallen; because the majestic ones themselves have been despoiled!^h Howl, you massive trees of Ba’shan, for the impenetrable* forest has come down!ⁱ **3** Listen! The howling of shepherds,^j for their majesty has been despoiled.^k Listen! The roaring of maned young lions, for the proud [thickets]* along the Jordan have been despoiled.^l

4 “This is what Jehovah my God* has said, ‘Shepherd the flock [meant] for the killing,^m **5** the buyers of which proceed to killⁿ [them] although they are not held guilty.^o And those who are selling^p them say: “May Jehovah be blessed, while I shall gain riches.”^q And their own shepherds do not show any compassion upon them.”^r

6 “For I shall show compassion no more upon the inhabitants of the land,^s is the utterance of Jehovah. ‘So here I am causing mankind* to find themselves, each one in the hand of his companion^t and in the hand of his king;^u and they will certainly crush to pieces the land, and I shall do no delivering out of their hand.”^v

7 And I proceeded to shepherd the flock^w [meant] for the killing,^x in YOUR behalf, O afflicted ones of the flock.^y So I took for myself two staffs.^z The one I called Pleasantness,^a and the other I called Union,^b and I went shepherding the flock.^c **8** And I finally effaced

Zec 11:2* Or, “fortified; inaccessible.” M^{mar} ^{kin}, “interdicted.” **3*** “Proud [thickets].” Or, “high [trees].” Lit., “pride.” **4*** “Jehovah my God,” M(Heb., *Yehwah’ ’Elo-hai*)TSy-Vg; Gr., *Ky’rios pan-to-kra’tor*, “Jehovah Almighty.” **6*** Or, “earthling man.” Heb., *ha’adham*. **7*** According to M; by a regrouping and a change in vowel pointing, “in behalf of the tradesmen of the flock.” **7*** Lit., “Binders.” Heb., *Chovelim*; that which results in a union of things.

CHAP. 10

- a Isa 14:25
- Mic 5:5
- b Isa 19:1
- c Eze 30:13
- d Isa 41:10
- e Pr 18:10
- Mic 4:5

CHAP. 11

- f Jer 22:23
- g Jer 22:7
- h Isa 10:33
- Eze 31:3
- i Isa 2:13
- Isa 32:19
- j Eze 34:10
- Joe 1:13
- k Jer 2:30
- l Jer 49:19
- Jer 50:44
- m Eze 34:8
- n Jer 23:1
- Eze 22:25
- Eze 34:2
- Mic 3:2
- o Jer 2:3
- p 2Ki 4:1
- Ne 5:8
- q Ho 12:8
- r Eze 34:4
- s Eze 8:18
- t Eze 38:21
- Mic 7:2
- Hag 2:22
- Zec 11:9
- Zec 14:13
- u Mt 22:7
- v Ps 50:22
- Heb 10:27
- w Ps 23:1
- Ps 80:1
- Ps 95:7
- Isa 40:11
- x Zec 11:4
- Zec 13:8
- y Zep 3:12
- Zec 11:11
- z 1Sa 17:40
- Ps 23:4
- a Ps 133:1
- Zec 11:10
- b Eze 37:19
- Zec 11:14

Second Col.

- a Ho 5:7
- b De 32:19
- c Jer 23:33
- Zec 10:2
- d Jer 15:2
- e Jer 19:9
- Eze 5:10
- f Ps 90:17
- Zec 11:7
- g Mt 23:38
- h Jer 14:21
- Eze 16:5
- i Isa 14:22
- Zep 3:12
- j Isa 5:17
- Lu 2:25
- k 1Ti 21:2
- l Mt 26:15
- Mt 27:9
- m Mt 27:5
- n Ex 21:32
- Mr 14:11
- o Mt 27:6
- Ac 1:18
- p Zec 11:7
- q Isa 11:13
- Eze 37:16
- r 1Ki 12:20
- Isa 9:21
- s Eze 34:2
- Mt 15:14
- t 1Pe 5:3

three shepherds in one lunar month,^a as my soul gradually became impatient with them,^b and also their own soul felt a loathing toward me. **9** At length I said: “I shall not keep shepherding you.^c The one that is dying, let her die. And the one that is being effaced, let her be effaced.^d And as for the ones left remaining, let them devour, each one the flesh of her companion.”^e **10** So I took my staff Pleasantness^f and cut it to pieces,^g in order to break my covenant that I had concluded with all the peoples.^h **11** And it came to be broken in that day, and the afflicted ones of the flockⁱ who were watching^j me got to know in this way that it was the word of Jehovah.

12 Then I said to them: “If it is good in YOUR eyes,^k give [me] my wages; but if not, refrain.” And they proceeded to pay^l my wages, thirty pieces of silver.^l

13 At that, Jehovah said to me: “Throw it to the treasury^m—the majestic value with which I have been valued from their standpoint.ⁿ Accordingly I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw it into the treasury at the house of Jehovah.^o

14 Then I cut in pieces my second staff, the Union,^p in order to break the brotherhood^q between Judah and Israel.^r

15 And Jehovah went on to say to me: “Take yet for yourself the implements of a useless shepherd.^s **16** For here I am letting a shepherd rise up in the land.^t To the [sheep]* being effaced he will give no attention.^u The young one he will not seek, and the broken [sheep] he will not heal.^v The one stationing herself^w he will not supply [with food], and the flesh of the fat one he will eat,^w and the hoofs of the

u Jer 23:2; Eze 34:6; Mt 9:36; v Eze 34:21; w Ge 31:38; Eze 34:3.

Zec 11:9* “You,” masc. pl. **11*** “The afflicted ones of the flock,” M. See vs 7 ftn, “Flock.” **12*** “Them,” masc. **12*** Lit., “weigh out.” **13*** “Treasury,” by a correction; M, “founder,” or, “potter”; LXX, “smelting furnace”; Vg, “statuary.” **16*** Lit., “To the ones,” fem., referring to symbolic sheep. **16*** “The one made sick,” by a correction; with a different correction, “The hungry one.”

Verses 12 & 13 give the prophecy that Jehovah would be sold for thirty pieces of silver and sights Matt 27:5 as its fulfillment. So who is Jehovah?

True faith is taking Jehovah at His Word. This is the only way to everlasting life.

Who Is The Creator Of All Things?

Jehovah said that He created all things alone, by Himself without the help of anyone else. See for yourself from the New World Translation (NWT).

Isa 44:24 This is what Jehovah has said, your Repurchaser and the Former of you from the belly: **“I, Jehovah, am doing everything, stretching out the heavens by myself,** laying out the earth. Who was with me?

Job 9:8 [**Jehovah**] Stretching out the heavens **by himself** and treading upon the high waves of the sea,

Isa 45:18 For this is what **Jehovah** has said, the **Creator of the heavens,** He the [true] God, the **Former of the earth and the Maker of it,** He the One who firmly established it, who did not create it simply for nothing, who formed **it even to be inhabited: “I am Jehovah,** and there is no one else.

John 1:1-3 In [the] beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god. 2 This one was in [the] beginning with God. 3 **All things came into existence through him,** and **apart from him not even one thing came into existence.**

John 1:10 He [Jesus] was in the world, and **the world came into existence through him,** but the world did not know him.

Acts 17:24 The **God** that **made the world and all the things in it,** being, as this One is, Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in handmade temples.

Note: Any word with brackets in the NWT is not in the original Greek or inspired by God. Words in brackets were added by the Watchtower translators, so to be true to the inspired Word they can be left out.

Col 1:16 because by means of him all [~~other~~] things were created in the heavens and upon the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, no matter whether they are thrones or lordships or governments or authorities. All [~~other~~] things have been created through him and for him. 17 Also, he is before all [~~other~~] things and by means of him all [~~other~~] things were made to exist,