

The Rejected Shepherd

Zechariah 11.1-17

1. God's Judgement against the surrounding nations, vs 1-3
destruction of natural resources
timber, pastureland
2. God's Judgement against his own people, vs 4-6
a flock marked for slaughter v4
exploited by foreigners, leaders v5
what they deserved v6
3. The Rejection of God's Shepherd by God's people, vs 7-14
a good shepherd v7
detested by the sheep v8
so he gives up on them v9
he breaks his contract with them v10
and rejects his severance pay v12-13

**4. God's Judgement against
a bad shepherd, vs 15-17**

***foolish, negligent, worthless
a deserter John 10.12-13***

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30 pieces of silver

a severance sum v12; Ex 21.32

blood money Mt 26.14-15; 27.3-10

**a) Jesus shepherds a flock marked
for salvation, not slaughter**

***he lays down his life for the sheep
John 10.11, 28***

**b) Jesus never gives up on people
not even those who detest him**

John 13.10-11, 18-26

**c) Jesus never breaks his covenant
with his people**

Ezek 37.21-26; Jer 32.40-41; Heb 13.5f

**d) Jesus unites his people in himself
Eph 2.12-16**