### Zechariah

## Chapter 11

1‘O Lebanon; open your doors  
 And let fire devour all your cedars!  
 2Then, all the pine trees will shriek  
 Because the cedars have fallen…  
 Yes, misery will come to your great ones.  
  
 ‘And oaks of ‘And oaks of <span class="placename">BaShan ‘And oaks of <span class="placename">BaShan</span>, you should now howl,  
 For the groves that you’re planted will all be cut down!  
  
 3‘There’s the sound of the wailing of shepherds,  
 Because their greatness is gone.  
 And there’s the sound of the roaring of lions,  
 For no one’s keeping watch at the For no one’s keeping watch at the <span class="placename">JorDan For no one’s keeping watch at the <span class="placename">JorDan</span>.  
  
 4‘So, thus says Jehovah the Almighty:  
  
 ‘Tend the sheep’ for the slaughter…  
 5Those who were bought by the butcher,  
 And those who haven’t repented.  
 For those who sold them have said:  
  
 ‘Praise the Lord, because we’ve gained wealth!  
 And their shepherds have suffered no loss.’  
  
 6‘So, I’ll not spare those who live here,’ said the Lord.  
  
 ‘{Look!} To his neighbor, I’ll hand every man,  
 And into the hands of their king.  
 Then, they’ll divide up their land,  
 And from their hands, I’ll not save them.  
 7So in CanaAn’s land, I’ll tend them…  
 All of these sheep for the slaughter.  
  
 ‘Then I’ll take two sticks for myself;  
 The first one, I’ll call Beauty,  
 And the other, I’ll call Measured Land…  
 And then, I’ll tend all those sheep.  
  
 8‘In the 1st month, I’ll take the three shepherds,  
 And my soul will be heavy against them,  
 For their souls have roared out against me!  
  
 9‘So I told them that I won’t tend them…  
 I’ll let the ones who are dying just die,  
 And the ones who are failing just fail…  
 And let the rest eat the flesh of their neighbors!  
  
 10‘Then I’ll take my stick (the one [I called] Beauty)  
 And I’ll throw it away  
 To erase [God’s] Agreement with them.  
 11It’ll be erased in that day,  
 And those in And those in <span class="placename">CanaAn And those in <span class="placename">CanaAn</span> who have guarded my sheep  
 Will know that I am The Word of Jehovah.  
  
 12‘And then, I’ll tell them to do  
 Whatever they find to be good…  
 Yes, pay my wage or forbid it!  
 So, they established my wage…  
 It was 30 pieces of silver.’  
  
13Then the Lord [messenger] said to me:  
  
 ‘Now, throw them into the Temple…  
 But check to make sure that the [coins] are all pure;  
 For, this is my [value] before them.  
 So [he’ll] take the 30 pieces of silver  
 And throw them into the Temple.  
  
 14‘That’s when my second stick will be thrown  
 (The one that I called Measured Land),  
 For I’ll wipe IsraEl and Judah away  
 From [the land] that they’ve owned.’  
  
15And the Lord said to Me:  
  
 ‘Now, gather a shepherd’s tools for yourself…  
 The tools of one who’s unqualified.  
 16For {Look!} against the land, I’m sending a ‘shepherd’…  
 One who won’t visit the [weak],  
 And one who won’t search for the scattered.  
 Those who are broken, he won’t heal,  
 And those who are well, he won’t lead.  
 He will just [break] all their necks  
 And devour their choicest of meats.  
  
 17‘So, you who are tending to vain things  
 And leaving behind all my ‘sheep;’  
 A sword will come against your right arms  
 As well as against your right eyes.  
 For your arms will then become withered,  
 And your right eyes will be blinded.’