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Zechariah 11:1-17

***Our suffering shepherd in our stardom-addicted world***

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**“You're a leader. It's your job to keep your passion hot. Do whatever you have to do, read whatever you have to read, go wherever you have to go to stay fired up. And don't apologize to anybody. ”**
**― Bill Hybels,**[Courageous Leadership](https://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/43729)

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The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly.”
— [Jim Rohn](https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/112552-the-challenge-of-leadership-is-to-be-strong-but-not), Entrepreneur and Motivational Speaker

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“Leaders are made, they are not born. They are made by hard effort, which is the price which all of us must pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile.”
— [Vince Lombardi,](https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/vince_lombardi_130743) American football coach, and NFL executive.

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Teaching Points

1. Trained and failing (1-3)
2. Calling, and quitting. (4-14)
3. You asked for this (15-17)
4. In the red (Gospel)

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Breaking down the Passage

**open your doors- Zechariah 10:10 “**I will bring them back from Gilead and Lebanon, and there will not be room enough for them” **Sanctuary city or Sheepcote?**

**Fire and Felled-**The judgement of God depicted by burning and cutting down

* Fire may devour (1)
* Cedars have fallen ( 2)
* Forest is cut down (2b)
* Rich pastures destroyed (3b)
* Thicket of the Jordan ruined (3C)

**Shepherds-** The task of the shepherd was to care for the flock, to find grass and water, to protect it from wild animals (Am 3:12), to look for and restore those that strayed (Ez 34:8; Mt 18:12), to lead the flock out each day going before it and to return the flock at the close of the day to the fold (Jn 10:2–4).

**Lions-** predators that hunt and devour its prey

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Calling, and quitting. (4-14)

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**Symbolic Actions of the Prophets**

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| **Action** | **Reference** |
| Isaiah walks naked through Jerusalem | Isa 20:2–6 |
| Jeremiah’s ruined loincloth | Jer 13:1–11 |
| Jeremiah does not marry | Jer 16:1–9 |
| Jeremiah goes to the potter’s house | Jer 18:1–12 |
| Jeremiah breaks a jar in the Valley of Hinnom |  Jer 19:1–13 |
| Jeremiah wears a yoke | Jer 27:1–22 |
| Jeremiah buys a field | Jer 32:1–44 |
| Jeremiah offers wine to the Rechabites | Jer 35:1–19 |
| Jeremiah hides stones | Jer 43:8–13 |
| Seraiah throws Jeremiah’s scroll into the Euphrates | Jer 51:59–64 |
| Ezekiel acts out the siege and destruction of Jerusalem | Ezek 4:1–5:17 |
| Ezekiel acts out the exile | Ezek 12:1–16 |
| Ezekiel eats nervously | Ezek 12:17–20 |
| Ezekiel does not mourn his wife | Ezek 24:15–27 |
| Ezekiel uses sticks to symbolize the reunification of Israel | Ezek 37:15–28 |
| Hosea marries Gomer | Hos 1:2–3 |
| Hosea redeems his wife | Hos 3:1–5 |
| Zechariah crowns Joshua the high priest | Zech 6:9–15 |
| **Zechariah acts out the role of shepherd** | **Zech 11:4–17** |

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**Favour** is a characteristic of God mentioned in Ps. 27:4 (‘beauty’) and 90:17 (‘favour’). It signifies some sort of protection for God’s people from attacks by the nations (10).

**Union** is lit. ‘bands’, i.e. that which binds together (Israel and Judah, 14).

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**30 pieces of silver**-the compensation price for a slave gored by an ox (Ex. 21:32). the choice of the slave price was probably intended as an insult to the Shepherd, worse than a direct refusal to pay Him any wage.

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“It’s all fun and games until someone loses an eye”

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**Are you in the Red?**