



**Zechariah**  
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On Shepherds  
& Sheep

Prophecy: seeing time sideways




Good shepherd: Perfect lamb

**THE VISION TEST**  
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Zechariah's past	Zechariah's present	Zechariah's future
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The people's rejection of the good shepherd (v8) = the rejection of God's leading</li> <li>Annulling of the covenant (v 10) = the result of the unfaithfulness and idolatry of Judah and Israel over the centuries?</li> <li>Breaking of stick of Unity (v14) = the break up of the 'united kingdom' into Judah and Israel</li> <li>The 3 'shepherds' pushed out (v8) = last 3 kings before exile i.e. Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin &amp; Zedekiah (or 3 kings prior to division of 'united kingdom' i.e. Saul, David and Jonathan?)</li> <li>Slaughter of sheep (v6) = the defeat and exile of Israel and Judah</li> <li>Deforestation of regions (11:1-3) = results of Babylonian invasion and destruction?</li> <li>Gathering of sheep (10:6-11:3) = return of Jews from exile?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 3 'shepherds' pushed out (v8) = the good shepherd's critique and purge of corrupt contemporary leaders (either 3 literal individuals or 3 as symbolic of / an idiom for a complete purge) - could be Davidic governors, temple leaders, or Persian monarchs</li> <li>The people's rejection of the good shepherd (v8) = the rejection of David's descendant Zerubbabel? Or of Zechariah himself? As a result of pushing out bad shepherds?</li> <li>The 30 pieces of silver (v12) = severance pay given to the rejected shepherd which he throws back into the temple</li> <li>Breaking of stick of Unity (v14) = the shattered hope for an immediate restoration of the united kingdom i.e. Judah and Israel (contrary to Ezekiel 37:15-22?)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slaughter of sheep (v6) = the handing over to judgement of God's enemies in the future or ultimately on the Last Day?</li> <li>Gathering of sheep (10:6-11:3) = the gathering of all God's people (including gentiles) in the future or ultimately on the Last Day?</li> <li>The 30 pieces of silver (v12) = the coins Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus for and then threw back into the temple?</li> <li>The people's rejection of the good shepherd (v8) = Jesus' rejection &amp; crucifixion by flock (Jews), shepherds (priests) &amp; owners (Romans)?</li> </ul> <p>_____</p> <p>KEEN BEAN FURTHER STUDY</p> 