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Read under the bold headings "The Mina" and "Money"

The original Jewish silver 1 Shekel = 14.55 grams derived from Exodus and Ezekiel
Jeremiah lived in Israel during the time of the Babylonian Empire. The Babylonian common heavy shekel weight was 16.37 grams, the Babylonian common light or half shekel weight was 8.19 grams.

John Argubright's calculation on Jeremiah 32:9 for 17 shekels = 30 pieces of silver:

14.55 grams (Israel's shekel weight) x 17 shekels = 247 grams

8.19 grams (Babylonian common half shekel weight) x 30 pieces = 246 grams

As you can see, the weights are right on the money (no pun intended).

That's fascinating!

You see this is important because the critics of the Bible say that Matthew 27:9 is in error because the 30 pieces of silver fulfillment was in Zechariah 11:13 not in Jeremiah 32:9, But it is actually a fulfillment of both passages.

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