

### **Micah 3**

King James Version (KJV)

(The Assyrians have now taken Israel captive – the 10 northern tribes)

**3** And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; Is it not for you to know judgment? (Leaders of the people - Shouldn't you know right from wrong?)

<sup>2</sup> Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones; (Who enrich themselves at the expense of the people by overtaxing, usury and corruption)

<sup>3</sup> Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron. (Figuratively speaking, they consume the people wholly; even melting down the fat in a caldron to sell off. They take everything that the people have and leave them nothing)

<sup>4</sup> Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings. (God won't hear those who refused to listen to Him)

<sup>5</sup> Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him. (False prophets) (Babylonian tradition – at their altar, they would put an olive in their mouth and bite it to prophecy peace; Yet they were deceiving Israel and are planning conquest and subversion)

<sup>6</sup> Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them. (They will be spiritually blind and in the dark, because they follow false teachings and traditions of men) Amos-8:11 (The famine of the end times is not for bread, but for hearing the Word of God, taught chapter by chapter, verse by verse)

<sup>7</sup> Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God. (God will not answer these false prophets. They were Baal worshippers. Today these false preachers teach traditions of men in Christian churches)

<sup>8</sup> But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin. (Micah has the strength of the Holy Spirit of God to stand tall and speak boldly to the people; to tell them that they are sinning against God. Later, the people will want to kill him for it)

<sup>9</sup> Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity. (Perversion and corruption in government and religion)

<sup>10</sup> They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity. (Deceit, lies, theft, corruption)

<sup>11</sup> The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us. (They judge for bribes and kickbacks; yet they think they are holy. The same goes for the preachers who sell blessings and demand tithes in exchange for their prayers)

<sup>12</sup> Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest. (They have turned God's temple into a place of false worship and idolatry. God will clean house at the Second Advent)

see Ezekiel-13:20-25 (God is against those who teach people to fly to save their souls. Today this is the rapture doctrine that fake preachers push on people. You don't need to know God's Word; you're going to be gone in the rapture. It's all lies. Antichrist will use this to trap people in his net. He'll say – "I'm Jesus and I've come to rapture you away, if you worship me.")