

Micah 3

King James Version (KJV)

(By now, the Assyrians had taken Israel captive – the 10 northern tribes were gone by the writing of this chapter. Only Judah still remained)

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? (In order to be the leaders of the people - Shouldn't you know right from wrong?)

(And if you do know right from wrong, why are you choosing to do wrong?)

² Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones; (Those leaders who enrich themselves at the expense of the people are guilty. They do it by overtaxing, by usury and by corruption)

³ 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)

NOTE: (Look at our country today. They openly rob the citizens. They have usurped the government to do their bidding at the expense of the tax payers. The standard of living in the US is pathetic, compared to what it was. Meanwhile, there are more billionaires than ever)

⁴ 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 them, because they refused to listen to Him when He asked over and over. There comes a day when it is too late, and judgment falls on the guilty)

⁵ 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. (These are the false prophets)

(This was a Babylonian tradition at their altar. They would put an olive in their mouth and bite it to prophecy peace. Meanwhile, they were deceiving Israel and were planning their conquest and subversion)

(On a spiritual level, olive oil <El-o-Yah> is God's name <El and Yah>. In a sense, they were falsely prophesying peace in God's name, while they were planning war)

(Jesus Christ – Christ = Christos <Greek> means the anointed One. HE is anointed by God with olive oil <El-o-Yah>. Today, Christians still anoint themselves with olive oil, in the name of God)

⁶Therefore 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. The darkness is symbolic for spiritual confusion)

(The Bible is there for everyone to read. God provides true teachers to help those who want to learn the truth. How many people take the time to read the Bible? How many people take the time to find a true teacher of God's Word? Not many)

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)

⁷Then 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. In those days, they were Baal worshippers)

(Today these false preachers call themselves Christians; but they don't teach God's Word chapter by chapter, verse by verse. Instead, they teach traditions of men in Christian churches)

⁸But 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 had the strength of the Holy Spirit of God; to stand tall and speak boldly to the people; to tell them that they were sinning against God. Later, the people wanted to kill him for it)

⁹Hear 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 goes unchecked. The evil ones hate judgment because they know that it would go against them)

¹⁰They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.
(Physically with deceit, lies, theft, corruption and bribery; spiritually with false teaching and greed for tithes)

¹¹The 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 falsely for bribes and kickbacks. Yet they think they are righteous)

(The same goes for the preachers who sell blessings and demand tithes and donations in exchange for their prayers)

¹²Therefore 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 false preachers push on people. They say – "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 that same false doctrine in the end times, to trap people in his net. He'll say – "I'm Jesus and I've come to rapture you away, if you worship me.")