

# Isaiah 3

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## Judgment on Jerusalem and Judah

- <sup>1</sup>For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, Doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah Stay and staff, Every stay of bread, and every stay of water;
- <sup>2</sup>The mighty man, and the man of war; The judge, and the prophet, And the diviner, and the elder;
- <sup>3</sup>The captain of fifty, and the man of rank, And the counsellor, and the cunning charmer, and the skilful enchanter.
- <sup>4</sup>And I will give children to be their princes, And babes shall rule over them.
- <sup>5</sup>And the people shall oppress one another, Every man his fellow, and every man his neighbour; The child shall behave insolently against the aged, And the base against the honourable,
- <sup>6</sup>For a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father: 'Thou hast a mantle, Be thou our ruler, And let this ruin be under thy hand.'

**7**In that day shall he swear, saying: 'I will not be a healer; For in my house is neither bread nor a mantle; Ye shall not make me ruler of a people.'

**8**For Jerusalem is ruined, And Judah is fallen; Because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, To provoke the eyes of His glory.

**9**The show of their countenance doth witness against them; And they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! For they have wrought evil unto themselves.

**10**Say ye of the righteous, that it shall be well with him; For they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

**11**Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him; For the work of his hands shall be done to him.

**12**As for My people, a babe is their master, And women rule over them. O My people, they that lead thee cause thee to err, And destroy the way of thy paths.

**13**The LORD standeth up to plead, And standeth to judge the peoples.

**14**The LORD will enter into judgment With the elders of His people, and the princes thereof: 'It is ye that have eaten up the vineyard; The spoil of the poor is in your houses;

**15**What mean ye that ye crush My people, And grind the face of the poor?' Saith the Lord, the GOD of hosts.

### **A Warning to the Daughters of Zion**

**16**Moreover the LORD said: Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, And walk with stretched-forth necks And wanton eyes, Walking and mincing as they go, And making a tinkling with their feet;

**17**Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab The crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, And the LORD will lay bare their secret parts.

**18**In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their anklets, and the fillets, and the crescents; **19**the pendants, and the bracelets, and the veils; **20**the headdresses, and the armlets, and the sashes, and the corselets, and the amulets; **21**the rings, and the nose-jewels; **22**the aprons, and the mantelets, and the cloaks, and the girdles; **23**and the gauze robes, and the fine linen, and the turbans, and the mantles.

**24**And it shall come to pass, that Instead of sweet spices there shall be rottenness; And instead of a girdle rags; And instead of curled hair baldness; And instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; Branding instead of beauty.

**25**Thy men shall fall by the sword, And thy mighty in the war.

**26**And her gates shall lament and mourn; And utterly bereft she shall sit upon the ground.