

# Micah 3:1-12

## Confrontation and Judgment

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And I said:  
 Hear, you heads of Jacob  
 and rulers of the house of Israel!  
 Is it not for you to know justice?—  
 you who hate the good and love the evil,  
 who tear the skin from off my people  
 and their flesh from off their bones,  
 who eat the flesh of my people,  
 and flay their skin from off them,  
 and break their bones in pieces  
 and chop them up like meat in a pot,  
 like flesh in a cauldron.

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Then they will cry to the LORD,  
 but he will not answer them;  
 he will hide his face from them at that time,  
 because they have made their deeds evil.

Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets  
 who lead my people astray,  
 who cry "Peace"  
 when they have something to eat,  
 but declare war against him  
 who puts nothing into their mouths.

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Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision,  
 and darkness to you, without divination.  
 The sun shall go down on the prophets,  
 and the day shall be black over them;  
 the seers shall be disgraced,  
 and the diviners put to shame;  
 they shall all cover their lips,  
 for there is no answer from God.  
 But as for me, I am filled with power,  
 with the Spirit of the LORD,  
 and with justice and might,  
 to declare to Jacob his transgression  
 and to Israel his sin.

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Hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob  
 and rulers of the house of Israel,  
 who detest justice  
 and make crooked all that is straight,  
 who build Zion with blood  
 and Jerusalem with iniquity.  
 Its heads give judgment for a bribe;  
 its priests teach for a price;  
 its prophets practice divination for money;

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yet they lean on the LORD and say,  
 "Is not the LORD in the midst of us?  
 No disaster shall come upon us."  
 Therefore because of you  
 Zion shall be plowed as a field;  
 Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins,  
 and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

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1. Confrontation with the rulers and judges: because they oppressed the people, God would hide himself (vv.1-4)
2. Confrontation with the prophets: because they refused to confront sin, they would lose their prophetic abilities and role (vv.5-8)
3. Confrontation with rulers, prophets, and priests: because they falsely claim God's blessing, they will reap God's judgment (v.9-12)

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And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever.'" This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7:20-25

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