

Isaiah 3 New King James Version

Judgment on Judah and Jerusalem

- 3** For behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts,
Takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah
The^[a] stock and the store,
The whole supply of bread and the whole supply of water;
2 The mighty man and the man of war,
The judge and the prophet,
And the diviner and the elder;
3 The captain of fifty and the ^[b]honorable man,
The counselor and the skillful artisan,
And the expert enchanter.
- 4** "I will give children^[c] *to be* their princes,
And ^[d]babes shall rule over them.
5 The people will be oppressed,
Every one by another and every one by his neighbor;
The child will be insolent toward the ^[e]elder,
And the ^[f]base toward the honorable."
- 6** When a man takes hold of his brother
In the house of his father, *saying*,
"You have clothing;
You be our ruler,
And *let* these ruins *be* under your ^[g]power,"
7 In that day he will protest, saying,
"I cannot cure *your* ills,
For in my house *is* neither food nor clothing;
Do not make me a ruler of the people."
- 8** For Jerusalem stumbled,
And Judah is fallen,

- Because their tongue and their doings
Are against the LORD,
To provoke the eyes of His glory.
- 9 The look on their countenance witnesses against them,
And they declare their sin as Sodom;
They do not hide *it*.
Woe to their soul!
For they have brought evil upon themselves.
- 10 "Say to the righteous that *it shall be well with them*,
For they shall eat the fruit of their doings.
- 11 Woe to the wicked! *It shall be ill with him*,
For the reward of his hands shall be ^[h]given him.
- 12 As for My people, children are their oppressors,
And women rule over them.
O My people! Those who lead you ^[i]cause *you* to err,
And destroy the way of your paths."

Oppression and Luxury Condemned

- 13 The LORD stands up to ^[j]plead,
And stands to judge the people.
- 14 The LORD will enter into judgment
With the elders of His people
And His princes:
"For you have ^[k]eaten up the vineyard;
The plunder of the poor *is* in your houses.
- 15 What do you mean by crushing My people
And grinding the faces of the poor?"
Says the Lord GOD of hosts.
- 16 Moreover the LORD says:
- "Because the daughters of Zion are haughty,
And walk with ^[l]outstretched necks
And ^[m]wanton eyes,
Walking and ^[n]mincing as they go,
Making a jingling with their feet,
- 17 Therefore the Lord will strike with a scab
The crown of the head of the daughters of Zion,
And the LORD will uncover their secret parts."

18 In that day the Lord will take away the finery:
 The jingling anklets, the ^[o]scarves, and the crescents;
 19 The pendants, the bracelets, and the veils;
 20 The headdresses, the leg ornaments, and the headbands;
 The perfume boxes, the charms,
 21 and the rings;
 The nose jewels,
 22 the festal apparel, and the mantles;
 The outer garments, the purses,
 23 and the mirrors;
 The fine linen, the turbans, and the robes.

24 And so it shall be:

Instead of a sweet smell there will be a stench;
 Instead of a sash, a rope;
 Instead of well-set hair, baldness;
 Instead of a rich robe, a girding of sackcloth;
 And ^[o]branding instead of beauty.
 25 Your men shall fall by the sword,
 And your ^[o]mighty in the war.
 26 Her gates shall lament and mourn,
 And she *being* desolate shall sit on the ground.

Footnotes

- a. Isaiah 3:1 Every support
- b. Isaiah 3:3 Eminent looking men
- c. Isaiah 3:4 *boys*
- d. Isaiah 3:4 Or *capricious ones*
- e. Isaiah 3:5 *aged*
- f. Isaiah 3:5 *despised, lightly esteemed*
- g. Isaiah 3:6 Lit. *hand*
- h. Isaiah 3:11 *done to him*
- i. Isaiah 3:12 *lead you astray*
- j. Isaiah 3:13 *contend, plead His case*

- k. Isaiah 3:14 *burned*
- l. Isaiah 3:16 Head held high
- m. Isaiah 3:16 *seductive, ogling*
- n. Isaiah 3:16 *tripping or skipping*
- o. Isaiah 3:18 *headbands*
- p. Isaiah 3:24 *burning scar*
- q. Isaiah 3:25 Lit. *strength*

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