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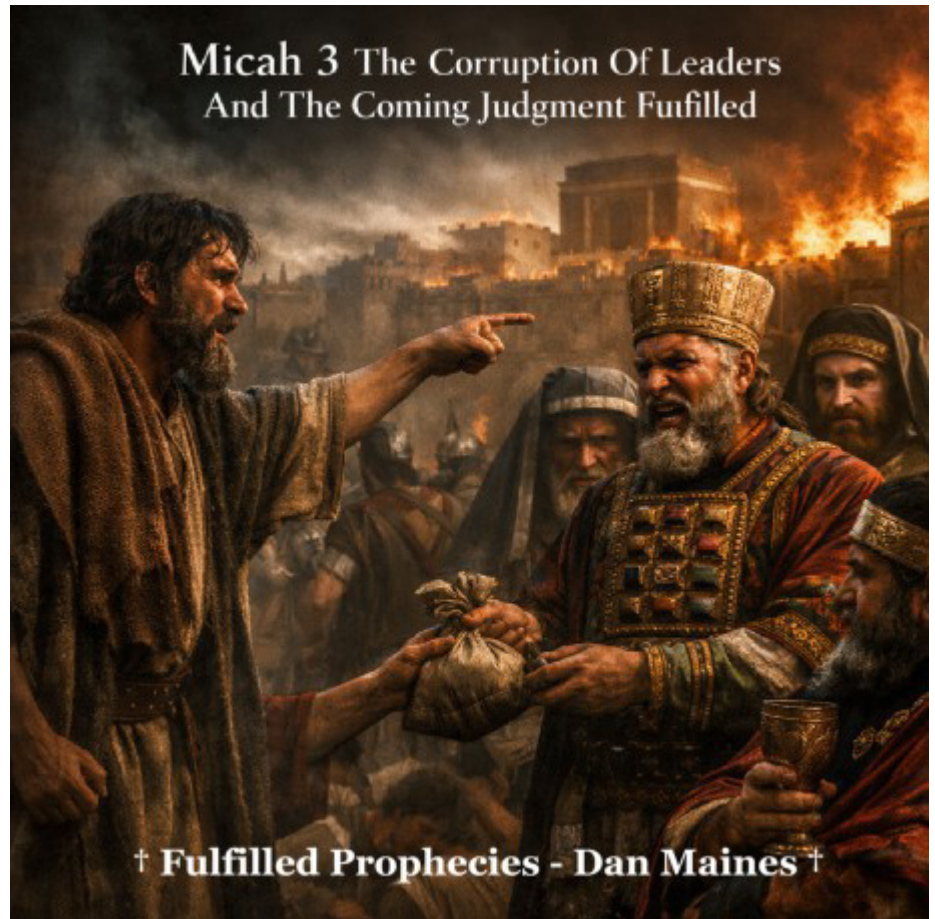
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## Micah 3 The Corruption Of Leaders And The Coming Judgment Fulfilled



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### Introduction

† Micah 3 exposes the corruption of Israel's leaders, rulers, priests, and prophets, showing how they abused their authority for personal gain.

† This chapter doesn't speak about a distant future, it directly confronts the leadership of Israel before judgment came, which

we know was fulfilled in the destruction that came upon that system.

† Jesus later confirms this same corruption in His own generation, showing this wasn't just Micah's day, but continued right up to AD 70.

### **Micah 3:1**

Then I said, Hear now, heads of Jacob  
And rulers of the house of Israel:  
Is it not for you to know justice?

† God calls out the leaders directly, showing they were responsible to uphold justice but failed, Micah 3:1.

† Leadership in Israel was never about power, it was about representing God's righteousness, yet they abandoned that calling.

† Jesus said the same thing about the leaders of His day, Matthew 23:23, they neglected justice while pretending to be righteous.

### **Micah 3:2**

You who hate good and love evil,  
Who tear off their skin from them  
And their flesh from their bones,

† This is strong language describing oppression, they weren't just failing, they were devouring the people, Micah 3:2.

† It shows a complete reversal of God's order, loving evil and hating good.

† Christ exposed this same corruption in the leadership of His day, Matthew 23:24.

### **Micah 3:3**

Who eat the flesh of my people,  
Strip off their skin from them,  
Break their bones  
And chop them up as for the pot  
And as meat in a kettle.

† This isn't literal cannibalism, it's describing extreme exploitation and abuse of authority, Micah 3:3.

† Leaders were enriching themselves at the expense of the people.

† This same kind of oppression was later condemned again, James 5:1-6.

### **Micah 3:4**

Then they will cry out to the LORD,  
But He will not answer them.  
Instead, He will hide His face from them at that time  
Because they have practiced evil deeds.

† Judgment comes when God no longer responds, showing a complete break in covenant relationship, Micah 3:4.

† This matches what Jesus said, many will call on Him but be rejected, Matthew 7:21-23.

† Their hypocrisy led to divine silence.

### **Micah 3:5**

This is what the LORD says concerning the prophets who lead my people astray:  
When they have something to bite with their teeth,  
They cry, Peace,  
But against him who puts nothing in their mouths

They declare holy war.

† False prophets were driven by money, speaking peace only when paid, Micah 3:5.

† Truth was no longer the standard, profit was.

† This is exactly what Jesus warned about, Matthew 7:15.

### **Micah 3:6**

Therefore it will be night for you, without vision,  
And darkness for you, without divination.  
The sun will set on the prophets,  
And the day will become dark over them.

† The removal of revelation is judgment, God shuts down their false visions, Micah 3:6.

† This is spiritual darkness, not literal darkness.

† It reflects the blindness of that generation when truth was rejected.

### **Micah 3:7**

The seers will be ashamed  
And the diviners embarrassed.  
Indeed, they will all cover their mouths  
Because there is no answer from God.

† Their shame comes when their lies are exposed, Micah 3:7.

† When judgment came in AD 70, their false confidence collapsed.

† Jesus warned of this exposure, Luke 12:2.

### **Micah 3:8**

On the other hand I am filled with power,  
With the Spirit of the LORD,  
And with justice and courage  
To make known to Jacob his rebellious act,  
Even to Israel his sin.

† Micah contrasts himself with false leaders, showing true authority comes from God, not man, Micah 3:8.

† True messengers confront sin, they don't flatter people.

† This is the same authority seen in Christ and the apostles, Acts 1:8.

### **Micah 3:9**

Now hear this, heads of the house of Jacob  
And rulers of the house of Israel,  
Who loathe justice  
And twist everything that is straight,

† Again the leaders are called out for twisting justice, Micah 3:9.

† They didn't just ignore justice, they corrupted it.

† This same corruption is seen in the trial of Jesus, Matthew 26:59.

### **Micah 3:10**

Who build Zion with bloodshed  
And Jerusalem with wrongdoing.

† Their system was built on oppression and sin, Micah 3:10.

† This points directly to the guilt Jesus declared, Matthew 23:35.

† Jerusalem's foundation became corruption instead of righteousness.

### **Micah 3:11**

Her leaders pronounce judgment for a bribe,  
Her priests instruct for a price,  
And her prophets divine for money.  
Yet they lean on the LORD saying,  
Is the LORD not in our midst?  
Disaster will not come upon us.

† Every level of leadership was corrupt, judges, priests, and prophets, Micah 3:11.

† Yet they still claimed God was with them, showing deep deception.

† This is exactly what the Jews believed before AD 70, Jeremiah 7:4.

### **Micah 3:12**

Therefore, on account of you  
Zion will be plowed like a field,  
Jerusalem will become ruins,  
And the mountain of the temple will become high places of a forest.

† This is the result, total destruction of Jerusalem, Micah 3:12.

† This prophecy was fulfilled historically, confirmed by Jesus in Luke 21:6.

† The system they trusted in was completely removed.

### **Historical References**

† Josephus records the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70, describing how the city was torn down and burned, confirming Micah's warning came to pass.

† Eusebius writes about the fall of Jerusalem and the end of the old covenant system, showing this was understood as fulfillment.

† Tacitus also confirms the devastation of Jerusalem, showing even Roman historians recorded this judgment.

## **How It Applies To Us Today**

† We see that religious systems can become corrupt when truth is replaced with profit and power.

† God doesn't overlook injustice, even when it's done in His name.

† Just claiming God is with you doesn't make it true, obedience and truth matter.

† We must test everything by scripture and not follow leaders blindly.

† True leadership serves and speaks truth, it doesn't exploit people.

## **Q & A Appendix**

**Q:** Who were the leaders being condemned in Micah 3?

**A:** The rulers, priests, and prophets of Israel who corrupted justice and exploited the people, Micah 3:1-11.

**Q:** Was this prophecy fulfilled historically?

**A:** Yes, it was fulfilled in the destruction of Jerusalem, Luke

21:6.

**Q:** How does Jesus connect to Micah 3?

**A:** Jesus rebuked the same corrupt leadership and pronounced judgment on that generation, Matthew 23:29-36.

**Q:** What does it mean that God would not answer them?

**A:** It shows covenant judgment, where God withdraws His presence due to persistent sin, Micah 3:4.

**Q:** What warning does this give us today?

**A:** Don't trust corrupt systems or leaders, remain grounded in truth and righteousness, Matthew 7:15.

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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