

Isaiah 3:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient,

Analysis

God's judgment includes removing competent leadership: mighty men, warriors, judges, prophets, prudent men, and elders. The comprehensive list shows social collapse affecting military, judicial, spiritual, and civic leadership. This reverses the leadership structure Moses established (Exodus 18) and fulfills covenant curses. Leaderless societies fall into chaos, demonstrating that good governance is God's gift, not human achievement.

Historical Context

When Babylon conquered Judah, they systematically exiled the leadership class (2 Kings 24:14-16), leaving the 'poorest of the land.' Isaiah prophetically describes this leadership vacuum generations before its occurrence.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. Do you recognize godly leadership as a divine blessing to be prayed for and supported?

2. How should Christians respond when God removes wise leaders as judgment on a nation?

Interlinear Text

גִּבּוֹר	וְאִישׁ	מִלְחָמָה	שׁוֹפֵט	וְנָבִיא
The mighty man	and the man	of war	the judge	and the prophet
H1368	H376	H4421	H8199	H5030
וְקִיָּם	וְקָדָשׁ			
and the prudent	and the ancient			
H7080	H2205			

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