

# 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

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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

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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

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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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

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The mighty man and the man of war  
H1368 H376 H4421

שׁׁופֵט מִלְחָמָה וְ  
the judge and the prophet  
H8199 H5030

מִלְמָדָה וְ  
and the prudent and the ancient  
H7080 H2205

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