

# Isaiah 3:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.

## Analysis

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Social cohesion disintegrates into mutual oppression—people turning on each other. The generational and social reversals (child against elder, base against honorable) overturn God's ordained order. Honor structures that maintain social peace collapse when divine judgment removes restraining grace. This anticipates Jesus's description of end-times betrayal (Matthew 24:10).

## Historical Context

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Ancient societies relied on respect for elders and social hierarchy. Isaiah's vision of these structures collapsing would be recognized as civilizational breakdown, not merely political instability.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How do you show honor to those in authority, even when you disagree with them?
2. What happens to society when God-ordained structures of respect and authority are rejected?

## Interlinear Text

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וְיִגְעַשׂ	בְּנֵי	וְיִשְׂרָאֵל	וְיִשְׂרָאֵל	וְיִשְׂרָאֵל
<b>shall be oppressed</b>	<b>And the people</b>	<b>and every one</b>	<b>and every one</b>	<b>and every one</b>
H5065	H5971	H376	H376	H376
בָּרָע הָוֶה	וְרַגְבֵּבָה	בְּנֵי עָרָב	בְּנֵי קָרְבָּן	בְּנֵי קָרְבָּן
<b>by his neighbour</b>	<b>shall behave himself proudly</b>	<b>the child</b>	<b>against the ancient</b>	
H7453	H7292	H5288	H2205	
וְמַגְזִיל הַ	בְּנֵבֶד:			
<b>and the base</b>	<b>against the honourable</b>			
H7034	H3513			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Malachi 3:5** (Parallel theme): And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.