

# Micah 3

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## Leaders and Prophets Rebuked

- <sup>1</sup> And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; Is it not for you to know judgment?
  - <sup>2</sup> Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones;
  - <sup>3</sup> Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.
  - <sup>4</sup> Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings.
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- <sup>5</sup> Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him.
  - <sup>6</sup> Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.
  - <sup>7</sup> Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God.
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- <sup>8</sup> But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

- <sup>9</sup> Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity.
- <sup>10</sup> They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.
- <sup>11</sup> The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.
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- <sup>12</sup> Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.
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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### Blood — דָּם (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָּם) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

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### God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

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### Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

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### Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

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### Love — אַהֲבָה / חֶסֶד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אַהֲבָה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (חֶסֶד) describes God's steadfast, loyal love—faithful covenant commitment beyond mere emotion.

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**Priest** — כֹּהֵן (Kohen)

Priest

The Hebrew **kohen** (כֹּהֵן) denotes a priest—one who mediates between God and people through sacrifices and intercession. Aaron and his descendants served as Israel's priests, foreshadowing Christ the Great High Priest.

**Prophet** — נָבִיא (Navi)

Prophet, spokesman

The Hebrew **navi** (נָבִיא) means prophet—one who speaks God's word to the people. Prophets received divine revelation and declared God's message, often calling Israel to repentance and foretelling future events.

**Sin** — חַטָּאת (Chatta'ah)

Sin, missing the mark

The Hebrew **chatta'ah** (חַטָּאת) means sin—missing the mark of God's standard. It encompasses rebellion, transgression, and falling short of divine holiness.

**CROSS REFERENCES**

**Micah 3:1** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 1:10. **Judgment:** Hosea 5:1

**Micah 3:2** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 53:4; Isaiah 3:15; Ezekiel 22:27. **Evil:** 1 Kings 21:20; Proverbs 28:4. **Love:** 2 Chronicles 19:2; Romans 12:9

**Micah 3:3** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 14:4; Ezekiel 11:3; Zephaniah 3:3

**Micah 3:4** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 1:28; Isaiah 1:15; 3:11; Ezekiel 8:18; James 2:13.

**References Lord:** Psalms 18:41; Matthew 7:22

**Micah 3:5**

**Peace:** Jeremiah 6:14. **Prophecy:** Micah 2:11; 3:11; Jeremiah 23:32; Matthew 7:15. **References Lord:** Malachi 2:8; Romans 16:18. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 3:12; Jeremiah 23:27; Matthew 15:14

**Micah 3:6** **Prophecy:** Isaiah 29:10. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 59:10

**Micah 3:7**

**Parallel theme:** Leviticus 13:45; 1 Samuel 28:6; Isaiah 44:25; Ezekiel 24:17; 24:22; Zechariah 13:4. **References God:** Amos 8:11

### **Micah 3:8**

**Sin:** Isaiah 58:1. **Spirit:** Job 32:18; Ezekiel 3:14; 1 Corinthians 2:4. **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 1:18; 20:9; Ezekiel 16:2; Matthew 7:29. **Judgment:** Ezekiel 22:2. **References Israel:** Ezekiel 43:10

**Micah 3:9** **Judgment:** Deuteronomy 27:19; Isaiah 1:23. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 17:15

**Micah 3:11** **Prophecy:** Micah 3:5; Jeremiah 6:13; 8:10. **Judgment:** Micah 7:3; Isaiah 1:23. **References Lord:** Numbers 16:15; Isaiah 48:2; Jeremiah 7:4. **Parallel theme:** Titus 1:11; 1 Peter 5:2

### **Micah 3:12**

**References Jerusalem:** Psalms 79:1; Jeremiah 26:18. **Parallel theme:** Micah 1:6; Psalms 107:34; Matthew 24:2

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