### Isaiah

## Chapter 3

1So stop acting like men who breathe through their nose,  
 For [what value] do they really have?  
 Consider Jehovah of Armies (our Lord);  
 For, throughout Judah and JeruSalem,  
 He’ll remove the men and the women,  
 Along with the strength of [their] bread  
 And all the strength of [their] water…  
 2Their giants, their strong, their soldiers and judges…  
 Their prophets, their thinkers and elders…  
 3Their generals and finest of counselors,  
 As well as their wisest of builders…  
 Yes, the most discerning among them.  
  
4Then He’ll appoint young men as their rulers  
 In order to make them look foolish  
 5And to make the people act like they’re drunk.  
 The men will all be rebellious  
 And arise against their own neighbors;  
 Young boys will be attacking the old,  
 And by those without any honor,  
 Their mighty ones will be shamed.  
  
6Then, men will grab hold of their brothers,  
 And families will go to their fathers and say:  
  
 ‘You have clothes; so, you be our leader…  
 Then you can provide us with food!’  
  
7But, in that day, such men will reply:  
  
 ‘I will not act as your leader…  
 Since I have no bread or clothes in my home,  
 I don’t choose to serve as your ruler.’  
  
8Yes, JeruSalem has been forsaken,  
 And Judah has now been debased!  
 For the tongues of their people speak against [God]…  
 They just discuss what is lawless  
 And refuse to make any changes.  
  
9Their glory is also debased,  
 For their faces no longer show any shame,  
 And they publicly announce and admit  
 To sins that are as those of Sodom.  
  
So now, woe to their souls;  
 For they have sought wicked council!  
 10They say:  
  
 ‘Let’s [lock] up the righteous  
 Because they’ve become inconvenient.’  
  
So, they’ll reap the fruitage of their bad deeds,  
 11And woe will come to the lawless.  
 For the evil that their hands are now doing  
 Will soon be brought back upon them!  
  
12O my people,  
  
Those whom you owe are gleaning from you,  
 And those whom you owe are your masters!  
  
O my people,  
  
Those who say you are blest, are misleading you,  
 And they’re [clouding] the paths for your feet.  
 13For, you’re being judged by Jehovah…  
 Yes, against His own, He’s arisen as judge.  
 14Jehovah Himself is judging the elders,  
 As well as those ruling His people.  
  
‘And you, [O elders and rulers];  
 Why are you burning My vineyard,  
 And why are the poor [now slaves] in your homes?  
 15Yes, why are you wronging My people,  
 And disgracing the faces of the poor?’  
  
This was asked by Jehovah of Armies (our Lord).  
  
  
16And Jehovah said:  
  
 ‘Because the daughters of Zion are proud  
 And walk with their [noses] held high,  
 As they beckon with their eyes and walk tiny steps  
 Then drag their underwear with their feet;  
 17I’ll bring down the daughters of Zion,  
 And expose their true state in that day.  
 18I’ll remove the glory of their clothes…  
 The fringes, crescents, 19and necklaces that they wear,  
 As well as their facial adornments.  
  
 20‘[I’ll remove] their armlets and bracelets…  
 Their wreaths, their rings, and right armbands…  
 21Their earrings, purple fringes, and all decorations,  
 22As well as the cloths for their homes…  
 Their coverings through which you can see…  
 23Their fine linens interwoven with scarlet and blue…  
 The linens embroidered with gold and blue threads,  
 And the lightweight covers for their divans.  
  
 24‘Then instead of pleasant odors, there’ll be only dust…  
 Instead of belts, they’ll tie ropes on their [waists].  
 Yes, because of the things that they’re doing,  
 Instead of gold [combs], they’ll be bald…  
 And instead of their purple underclothes,  
 They will be forced to wear sackcloth.  
  
 25‘Then the sons you most love will fall by the sword,  
 As your mighty are disgraced and cut down.  
 26You’ll mourn [the loss] of your [most precious things],  
 And then, you’ll be left all alone,  
 Beaten down to the ground.’