### Micah

## Chapter 3

1[‘And God continues:]  
  
 ‘So listen, you head ones of Jacob,  
 And the rest that are left of IsraEl’s house!  
  
 ‘When will you learn to do what’s fair?  
 2Since you’ve hated what’s good and searched for what’s bad;  
 They’ll reach out for you and tear off your skin,  
 Then rip the flesh from your bones,  
 3The same as you’ve eaten the flesh of my people  
 And flayed off all of their skin…  
 Then you broke their bones as flesh for the pot,  
 And as meat for the cauldron!’  
  
4[Micah now explains:]  
  
 ‘So, you’ll cry out to Jehovah,  
 But He won’t listen to you…  
 He’ll just turn His face at that time,  
 Because of the wicked things that you’ve done.  
  
 5‘So, to the prophets, Jehovah declares  
 (To those misleading His people…  
 Those clenching their teeth as they proclaim peace  
 When [God hasn’t put] any [words] in their mouths):  
  
 ‘A holy war, I’ll be sending to you  
 6Because [you’ve told them] such things.  
  
 ‘Then you’ll see no more visions during the nights…  
 You’ll just see darkness (not light).  
 For the sun won’t rise upon you prophets,  
 And the days will darken before you.  
  
 7‘Disgrace will then come to those who dream dreams,  
 And those telling the future will be ridiculed.  
 About them, all will speak badly,  
 And no one will listen to the things that they say.’  
  
8[Yet Micah says:]  
  
 ‘However, I’ll be filled  
 With the strength and the Breath of Jehovah,  
 As well as with His justice and might,  
 So I can report the irreverence of Jacob  
 And speak to IsraEl about all their sins!  
  
 9‘Therefore, listen to this, O leaders of Jacob,  
 And you remnants of the house of IsraEl…  
 You who hate what’s fair and twist what’s straight…  
 10You who’ve built Zion on blood  
 And filled JeruSalem with injustice!  
  
 11‘For your leaders take bribes when they judge;  
 Your priests require a wage for replies;  
 And your prophets ask for silver when they prophesy.  
 Yet they still rest upon Jehovah and say:  
  
 ‘Isn’t Jehovah among us?  
 No way will He bring bad things on us!’  
  
 12‘And it’s for all of these reasons  
 That Zion will be plowed like a field...  
 JeruSalem will become empty barns;  
 And the Temple Mount, just a place in the woods!’