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Chapter 3

- (1) And I said, Hear, I ask you, O heads of Jacob, and you princes of the house of Israel; *Is it* not for you to know judgment?
- (2) Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones;
- (3) 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.
- (4) Then they shall cry to the LORD {Jehovah}, but He will not hear them: He will even hide His face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves badly in what they do.
- (5) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says concerning the prophets who cause My people to err, who bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and He who does not put *words* into their mouths, they even prepare war against Him.
- (6) Therefore night *will be* upon you, so that you will not have a vision; and it will be dark to you, so that you will not divine; and the sun will go down over the prophets, and the day will be dark over them.
- (7) Then the seers will be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yes, they will all cover their lips; because *there is* no answer from God.
- (8) But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD {Jehovah}, and of judgment, and of might, to declare to Jacob his sin, and to Israel his sin.
- (9) Hear this, I ask you, you heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, who hate judgment, and pervert all equity {fairness}.
- (10) They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with sin.
- (11) Its leaders judge for reward, and its priests teach for hire, and its prophets divine for money: yet they will lean upon the LORD {Jehovah}, and say, *Is not* the LORD {Jehovah} among us? no evil can come upon us.
- (12) Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed *as* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house {temple} as the high places of the forest.

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