## Portland Area Bible Students-Micah Topical Study 2 Micah 3 The Judgment of the Leaders Part 1

## **Chapter 3**

- 1. **Verses 1** condemns leaders of Israel. Depending on the translation, their judgment or knowledge of justice is questioned. Do they **do justly**? Why is that a foundation of leadership or even of leading self? Psa 89:14 ASV
- 2. **Verses 2-7** The leaders lack of **mercy** and extreme ruthlessness is described. When they Cry to the Lord, He will not hear them, no reply or answer from God is given. What is the lesson for us? Matt 6:12
- 3. **Verse 8** Micah says he confronts the sins of the leadership with the power of the spirit of the Lord. Do we have a role in confronting injustice now?

Verses 9-10 also echo the important theme of to **do justly**. In your personal study you might also consider these verses.

- 4. **Verse 11**, religious hypocrisy is condemned priests teaching & prophets divining for money looking for profit. Are we supposed to buy and sell truth? How should we **walk humbly** with God in our lives?

  Matt 6:1 2 Cor 2:17 Gal 1:10 CEV
  - 5. **Verse 11** Leaning on the Lord Seeking His strength not our own and staying very close to his will. The false priests & prophets were surprised when they found themselves leaning on nothing in time of need. How should we **walk humbly** with God? Prov 3:5-6 I Thess 5:16-18

Verse 12 - Jerusalem was eventually captured In your personal study you might also consider this prophecy.