

## Isaiah 3:13-26 **Jerusalem's leaders get rich by oppressing the poor**

### Oppression and Luxury Condemned

13 The Lord stands up to plead, And stands to judge the people. 14 The Lord will enter into judgment With the elders of His people And His princes:"

For you have eaten up the vineyard; The plunder of the poor is in your houses. 15 What do you mean by crushing My people And grinding the faces of the poor?" Says the Lord God of hosts.

16 Moreover the Lord says:

"Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, And walk with outstretched necks And wanton eyes, Walking and mincing as they go, Making a jingling with their feet,

17 Therefore the Lord will strike with a scab The crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, And the Lord will uncover their secret parts."

18 In that day the Lord will take away the finery: The jingling anklets, the scarves, and the crescents;

19 The pendants, the bracelets, and the veils; 20 The headdresses, the leg ornaments, and the headbands; The perfume boxes, the charms, 21 and the rings; The nose jewels, 22 the festal apparel, and the mantles; The outer garments, the purses, 23 and the mirrors; The fine linen, the turbans, and the robes.

24 And so it shall be:

Instead of a sweet smell there will be a stench; Instead of a sash, a rope; Instead of well-set hair, baldness; Instead of a rich robe, a girding of sackcloth; And branding instead of beauty.

25 Your men shall fall by the sword, And your mighty in the war.

26 Her gates shall lament and mourn, And she being desolate shall sit on the ground.

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### Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Yahweh is witness to the ways of the leaders of His people and will sit in judgment against those who oppressively abuse the poor. [\[Isaiah 3:13-15\]](#)
- ✧ Yahweh is witness to the haughty and prideful bearing of the daughters of Zion and will punish them with sickness and take away their finery, perfumes and jewelry. Instead of a sweet smell there will be a stench; Instead of a sash, a rope; Instead of well-set hair, baldness; Instead of a rich robe, a girding of sackcloth; And branding instead of beauty. [\[Isaiah 3:16-24\]](#)
- ✧ Their military might will fall in the war, the city will lament and mourn being desolate and brought down to the ground. [\[Isaiah 3:25-26\]:](#)