

Leaderless without the Lord

Isaiah 3:1-15

1. Removal of _____ (v 1-3)

- a. _____ support
- b. _____ support
- c. _____ support
- d. _____ support
- e. _____ support

2. Removal of _____ (v. 4-7)

- a. No _____ leaders
- b. No _____ leaders
- c. No _____ leaders
- d. No _____ leaders

3. Removal of _____ (v. 8-15)

- a. Due to the _____
 - i. Of _____
 - ii. Of _____
 - iii. Of _____
 - iv. Of _____
 - v. Of _____
- b. Due to the LORD's _____
 - i. To the _____
 - ii. To the _____
 - iii. Against _____
 - iv. Against _____

For Further Study

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God's judgment pervades every aspect of a nation's life.

When the LORD talks about removing support of Jerusalem and Judah, He is not fooling around. Not only do basic supplies run short but every pillar of the community is removed. Whether good or bad, every type of leader is said to be taken away from Judah by the LORD. Don't think he can't do that with us in the church if we wander from the Word!

Leaderless people become desperate.

Things are so bad in this dystopian Jerusalem that teenagers rise up with arrogance and a smart-mouth to rule over the people. The honored of society are despised and even the former companions of such leaders are oppressed. It's all show and no substance in the ruins that are left. Owning a cloak will make others call for your election to office and yet this call is left unanswered because of the lack of desire for responsibility. Leadership effectively becomes a joke that is not at all funny. As John Oswalt writes, "to make great men the source of a nation's greatness is always to end up with a dearth of great men." How true in the church as well!

The evidence of Judah's guilt is clear.

Not only is the evil of the people seen in their speech and conduct but they are blatant about it. Like some in our society today, they flagrantly parade their evil in public, flouting their deeds before the world and before the Holy God of Israel. Retributive justice will expose their lawless deeds. As the LORD comes in righteous judgment, He will know the treachery of His people and the oppression of the poor. What are the fruits of the speech and deeds of the people of God today?