



"Hear now, heads of Jacob
And rulers of the house of Israel.
Is it not for you to know justice? You who
hate good and love evil,
Who tear off their skin from them
And their flesh from their bones,



3Who eat the flesh of my people,
Strip off their skin from them,
Break their bones
And chop them up as for the pot
And as meat in a kettle."

4Then they will cry out to the LORD,
But He will not answer them.
Instead, He will hide His face from them at that time
Because they have practiced evil deeds.

Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who lead my people astray; When they have something to bite with their teeth, They cry, "Peace,"

But against him who puts nothing in their mouths

They declare holy war.

"Therefore it will be night for you—without vision, And darkness for you—without divination.

The sun will go down on the prophets, And the day will become dark over them. The seers will be ashamed And the diviners will be embarrassed. Indeed, they will all cover their mouths Because there is no answer from God.



\*On the other hand I am filled with power—
With the Spirit of the LORD—
And with justice and courage
To make known to Jacob
his rebellious act,
Even to Israel his sin.



## 1. Confronting Civic Leaders: A Humble Boldness



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## Confronting Religious Leaders: A Holy Conviction

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## 3. Consider the Difference

