



WHY MICAH?

Micah 1:1-16 | God of Justice Series



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MICAH 4:3

He will judge between many peoples
and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide.
They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore. (NIV®)

MICAH 5:2

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times.” (NIV®)



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Micah (מִיכָה)

Miy (מִי) - Who is

ca (כָּ) - like

h (הּ) - Yahweh

(abbreviated form of יְהוָה)

MICAH 7:18

Who is a God like you,
who pardons sin and forgives the transgression
of the remnant of his inheritance?
You do not stay angry forever
but delight to show mercy. (NIV®)



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(Micah 1:3-16)

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Idolatry is choosing one's own will above God's will. It is giving ultimate allegiance—which deserves to be given to God alone—to another object of worship, another object of affection.

-Micah For You by Stephen Um

MICAH 1:10-15

10 In Tell Town don't tell it (Gath)

in Dust House roll in the dust (Beth Ophrah)

11 Get yourselves out of there in nakedness and shame,
residents of Beauty Town (Shaphir)

no exit for Exit Town (Zaanan)

the mourning of Neighbor Town means no more neighbor
(Beth Ezel)

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12 For the residents of Bitterville hoped for better
(Maroth)

for war has come down from Yahweh to the gate of the
City of Peace (Jerusalem)

13 Bind the chariot to the harness, residents of Harness
Town (Lachish)

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14 therefore you will give parting gifts to Inheritance of
Gath (Moresbeth Gath)

the house of deception will prove deceptive to the kings of
Israel (Akzib)

15 I will bring a conqueror to Conquering Town
(Marehah)

unto the land of the caves will flee the glory of Israel
(Adullam)

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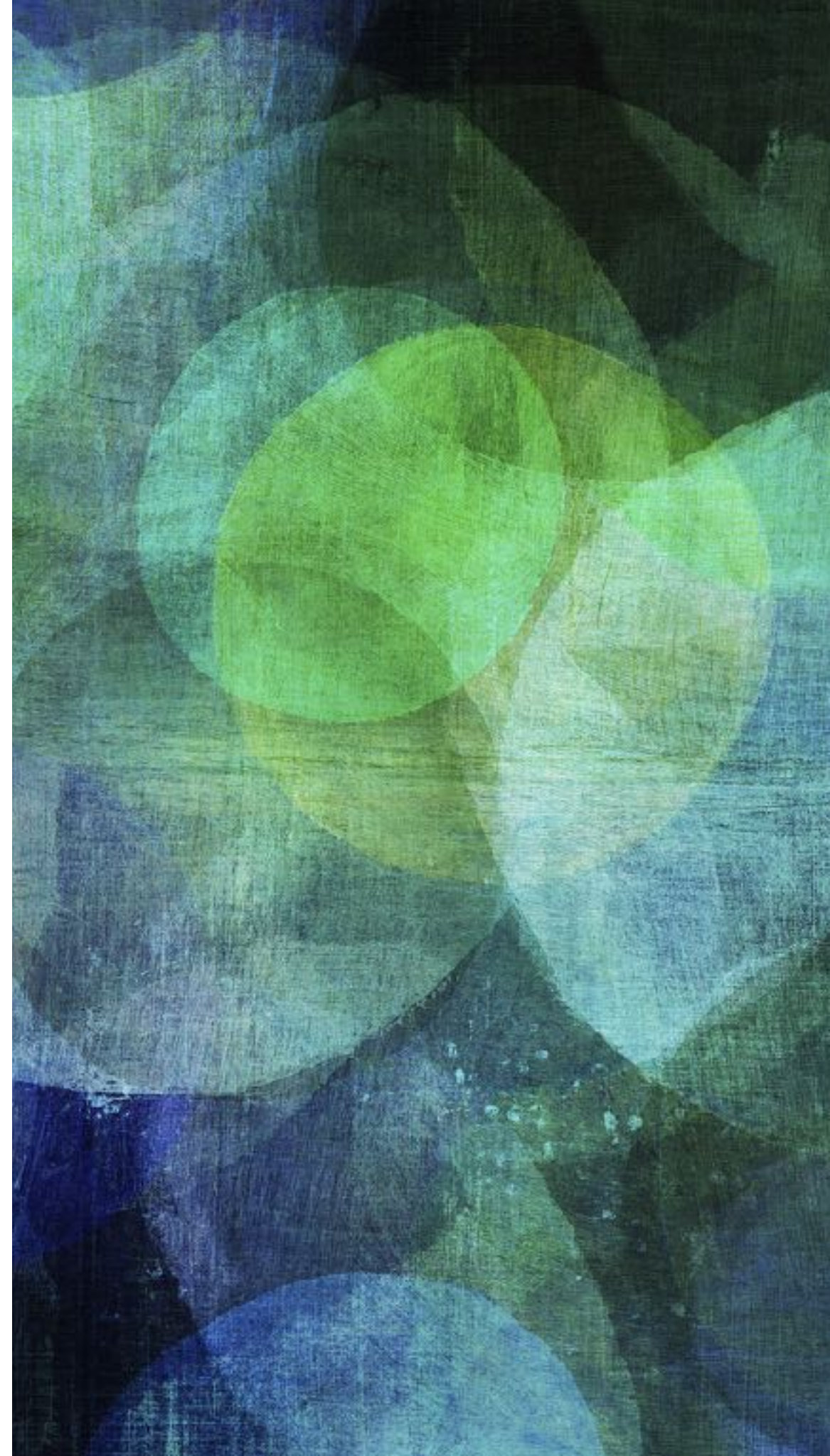
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Micah uses deliberate puns to describe the ironic nature of the eventual destruction: the very thing that each place worships will be the source of its destruction and the place where its judgment is most clearly seen.

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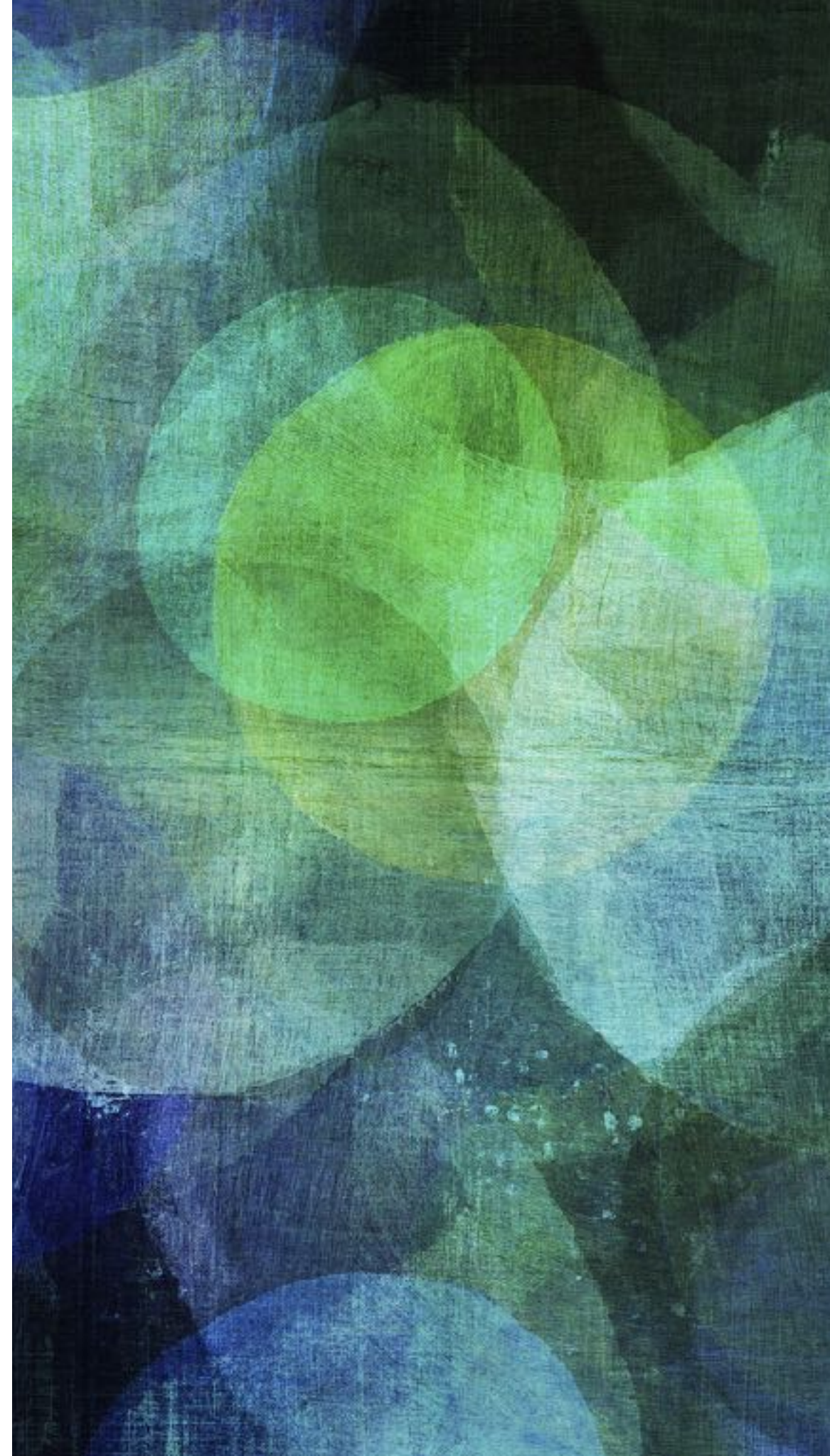
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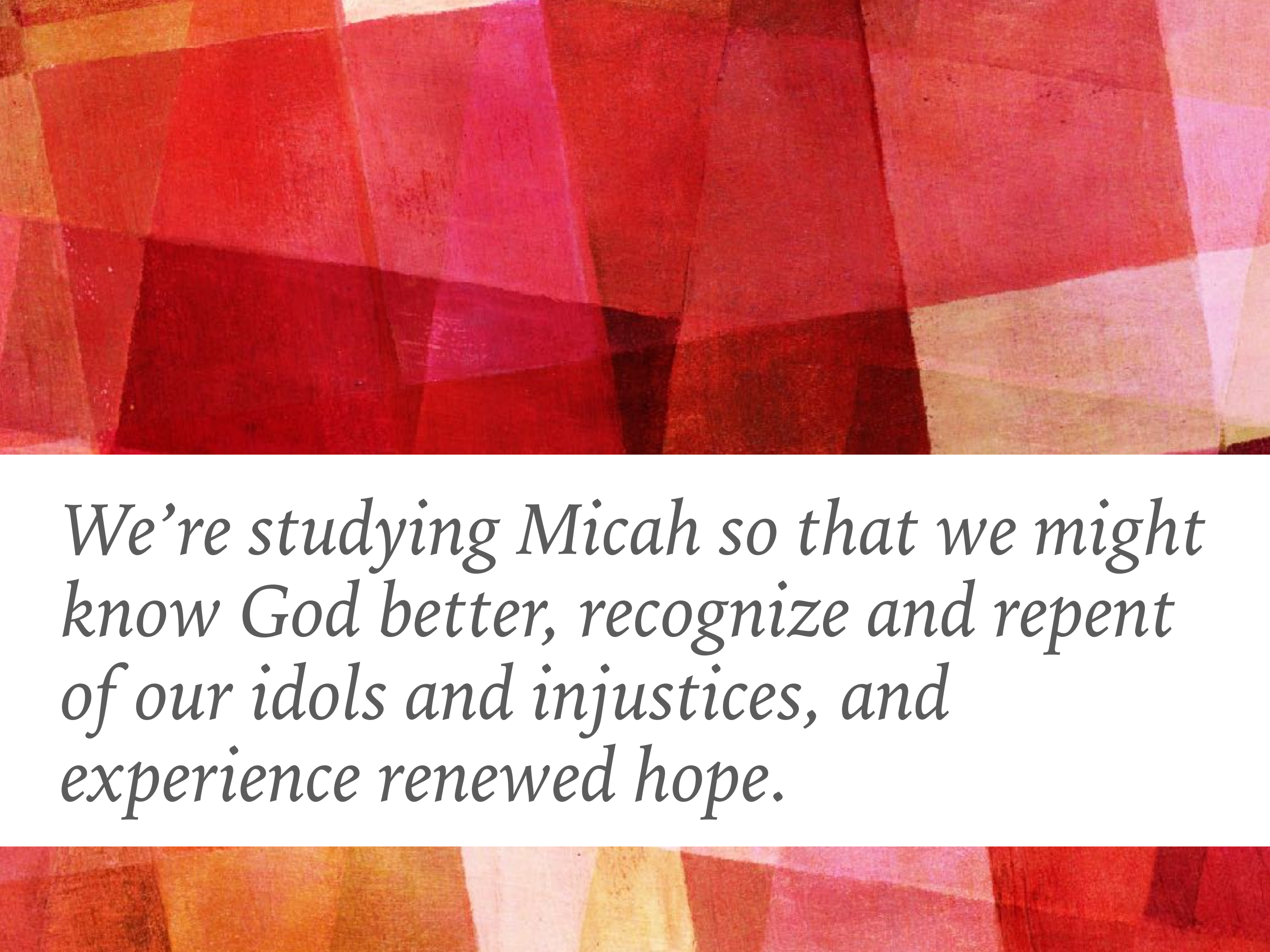




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- So that we might experience renewed hope.
(Micah 1-7)



We're studying Micah so that we might know God better, recognize and repent of our idols and injustices, and experience renewed hope.