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Synthetic reading

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Micah prophesied against those who have made themselves wealthy through oppression and injustice, by violence against their fellow people of God and by violating the covenant of God. What's worse is that there were so-called prophets for profit on the payroll of the plunderers. Micah was not one of those (Micah 3:8) but instead prophesied against the rebelliousness of the people in general and the oppressors in particular. He prophesied about the coming of Assyria to deal with the northern kingdom and Babylon against the southern kingdom.

The punishment from God would be great! God promises to punish them in a way that will get the attention of all the nations as God promises to move against not only the feloniousness of the people but also the falsehoods of the prophets. That's because living for God means living in justice! This is not only the requirement of God from Micah 6:8, but also the emphasis of Micah 3:1 & 9 and the declaration of the power of Micah's prophetic witness (Micah 3:8).

Highlight 1: Micah 5:2 is the text that the chief priests and the scribes unearthed in Matthew 2:5. Ironically they then acted like they too served for silver more than for the Sovereign.

**Rev. White's reading notes
based on synthetic reading of the book**

Highlight 2: Micah 4:3 is the basis of the song lyrics *now we won't study war no more*. This will happen when the *house of the Lord* is lifted mountain high, when the people flow to it to learn the ways of God and to walk in God's paths.

God would judge the wickedness, the idolatry, and the injustice of both kingdoms, but God also has Micah end this prophetic work with words of hope. Micah testifies that the same God who punishes covenant injustices is the same God who shows covenant faithfulness and love. However, it is loving and living for God authentically and genuinely that primes the pump for seeing the restoration reserved for those in a relationship with this covenant God.