# STEPINTO SCRIPTURE WEEK 6: BEAUTIFUL FEET

**QUARTER 3: SOUNDS** 

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## 30 minutes for arrival, fellowship, and reading

30 minutes for teaching

30 minutes for table discussion and announcements

#### THIS WEEK'S READING:

WED, SEP 17 2 KINGS 22-23, 2 CHRONICLES 34-35

THU, SEP 18 ZEPHANIAH 1-3

FRI, SEP 19 JEREMIAH 1-3

SAT, SEP 20 JEREMIAH 4-6

SUN, SEP 21 JEREMIAH 7-9

**MON, SEP 22 JEREMIAH 10-13** 

**TUE, SEP 23 JEREMIAH 14-17** 

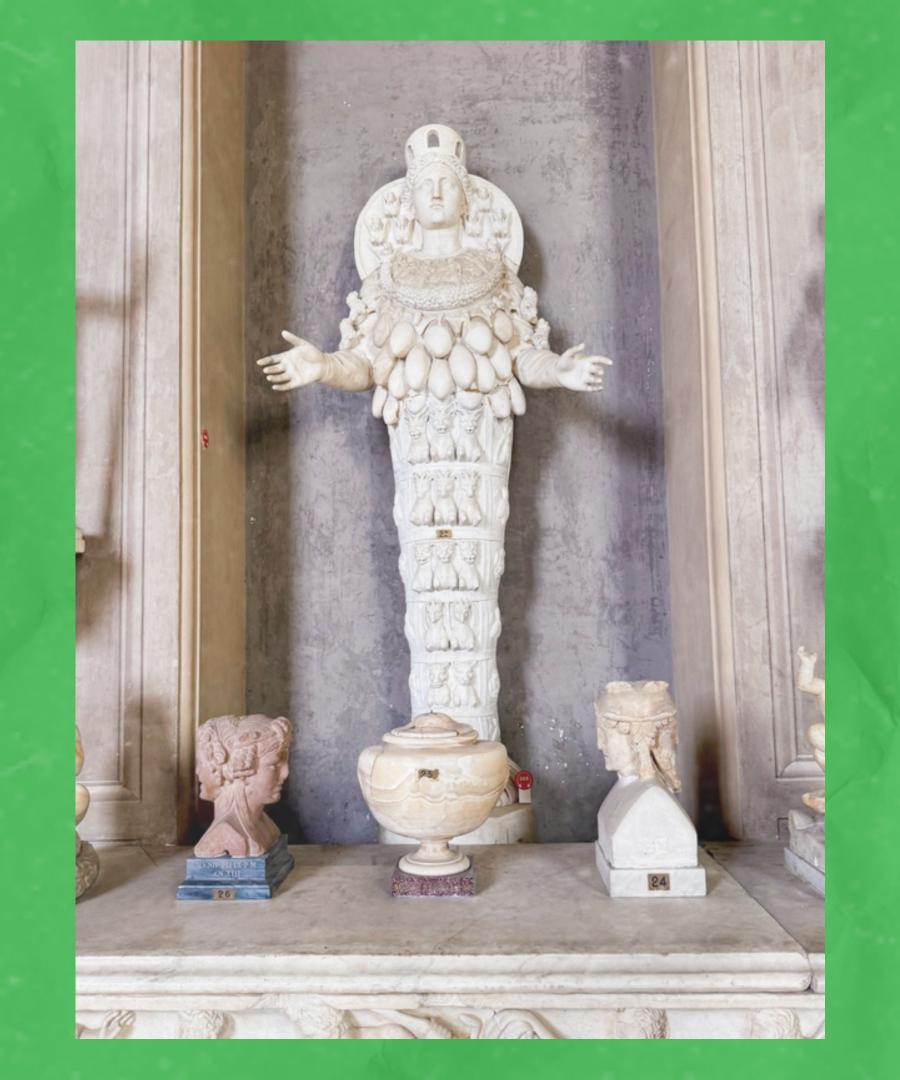
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2 KINGS 22-23, 2 CHRONICLES 34-35 DAY 217 IN STEP INTO SCRIPTURE











# Jonah was sent to Nineveh with a message of mercy.

Nahum is sent about Nineveh with a message of judgment.

# Nahum's name means compassion or comfort.

# There is deep comfort for God's people in His justice.

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GOD'S JEALOUS AND AVENGING LOVE

#### NAHUM 1:2

The Lord is a jealous and avenging God; the Lord takes vengeance and is filled with wrath. The Lord takes vengeance on his foes and vents his wrath against his enemies.

#### EXODUS 34:14

Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a Jealous God.

#### HEBREWS 12:29

Our God Is a consuming fire.

How could God punish people?

How could He send people to hell?

He loves deeply and avenges evil.

Every sin leaves behind a victim.

God will not allow that injustice to stand forever.

#### NAHUM 1:3A

The Lord is slow to anger but great in power; the Lord will not leave the guilty unpunished.

# God's wrath always follows God's patience.

#### 2 PETER 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

#### NAHUM 1:7–8

The Lord Is good, a refuge In times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him, but with an overwhelming flood he will make an end of Nineveh; he will pursue his foes into the realm of darkness.

#### NAHUM 1:9

Whatever they plot against the Lord he will bring to an end; trouble will not come a second time.

#### NAHUM 1:12

This is what the Lord says: "Although they have allies and are numerous, they will be destroyed and pass away."

"There's no evidence for that biblical event, yet."

# God's jealousy and wrath are not in conflict with His goodness—they are evidence of it.

His justice ensures that evil will not have the last word.

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BEAUTIFUL FEET

#### NAHUM 1:15

Look, there on the mountains, the feet of one who brings good news, who proclaims peace! Celebrate your festivals, Judah, and fulfill your vows. No more will the wicked invade you; they will be completely destroyed.

#### God brings good news for His people.

## All who oppose God and harm His people will ultimately fall.

Empires rise and empires fall, but the kingdom of God endures forever.

# This prophecy points forward to a greater restoration—the restoration of God's people through the Messiah.

#### NAHUM 2:1

An attacker advances against you, Nineveh. Guard the fortress, watch the road, brace yourselves, marshal all your strength.

# No empire, no army, no human defense can stand against the judgment of God.

#### PSALM 2:1-2

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,

## PSALM 2:3-4

"Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles." The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

## PSALM 2:5-6

He rebukes them in his anger and terrifles them in his wrath, saying, "I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain."

# MATTHEW 16:18

I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

# ISAIAH 52:6-7

Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is i." How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

#### God reigns that is why He can restore.

#### God reigns that is why the wicked will be cut off.

#### God reigns that is why we can wait for His justice.

God reigns that is why no one ultimately "gets away" with evil.

## ROMANS 10:13-14

for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?

# ROMANS 10:15-17

And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As It is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isalah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" Consequently, falth comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

#### Good news is not just that Nineveh fell it is that Jesus rose!

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#### The commission is ours:

to have beautiful feet by carrying the gospel to those who have not heard.

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REPENTANCE THAT LASTS

Woe to the city of blood, full of lies, full of plunder, never without victims!

Charging cavalry, flashing swords and glittering spears! Many casualties, piles of dead, bodies without number, people stumbling over the corpses—

All who see you will flee from you and say, 'Nineveh is in ruins—who will mourn for her?' Where can I find anyone to comfort you?"

Nothing can heal you; your wound is fatal. All who hear the news about you clap their hands at your fall, for who has not felt your endless cruelty?

# Patience despised eventually leads to judgment.

#### Why didn't their repentance stick?

#### Repentance vs. Regret

### 2 CORINTHIANS 7:10

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

#### Failure to Teach the Next Generation

### JUDGES 2:10

After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel.

A godly parent or leader doesn't automatically guarantee a godly next generation. Discipleship must be intentional, personal, and ongoing.

As urgently as we go to the nations, we must urgently disciple at home—today, not tomorrow.

#### Failure to Move to Maturity

## HEBREWS 6:1-3

Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of falth In God, Instruction about cleansing rites, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And God permitting, we will do so.

#### There's no standing still in discipleship.

Repentance must be genuine.

Not just regret over consequences, but true turning from sin to God.

Repentance must be taught.

Each generation must hear and see the faith lived out through discipleship.

#### Repentance must mature.

We cannot remain at the starting line. To stop growing is to start drifting.