STEPINTO SCRIPTURE WEEK 10: CANCEL CULTURE

QUARTER 3: SOUNDS

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THIS WEEK'S READING:

WED, OCT 15 EZEKIEL 21-22 THU, OCT 16 EZEKIEL 23-24 FRI, OCT 17 EZEKIEL 25-27 SAT, OCT 18 EZEKIEL 28-30 SUN, OCT 19 EZEKIEL 31-33 MON, OCT 20EZEKIEL 34-36 TUE, OCT 21 EZEKIEL 37-39

30 minutes for arrival, fellowship, and reading

30 minutes for teaching

30 minutes for table discussion and announcements

TODAY'S READING:

EZEKIEL 21-22 DAY 245 IN STEP INTO SCRIPTURE

CONTEXT AND COMMISSION

EZEKIELII

In my thirtleth year, in the fourth month on the fifth day, while I was among the exiles by the Kebar River, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

597 BC - second deportation

Ezekiel began his ministry five years into exile (Ezekiel 1:2) while Jerusalem was still standing but already under God's judgment.

This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. When I saw It, I fell facedown, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

The eyes on the wheels symbolize God's omniscience—He sees everything.

The wheels within wheels moving in every direction show His omnipresence—He can move and act anywhere, not just in Jerusalem.

The fire and lightning reveal His power and holiness.

The four living creatures display the fullness of creation serving before Him (compare Revelation 4:6–8).

The rainbow radiates around the throne, reminding us that even in judgment, God remains faithful to His promises.

The Appearance of the Likeness of the Glory of God



EZEKIEL 3:1-3

And he sald to me, "Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the people of Israel." So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. Then he sald to me, "Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it." So I ate It, and It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth.

The Word may cut, but it heals.

The truth may wound pride, but it saves the soul.

EZEKIEL 3:8-9

But I will make you as unyielding and hardened as they are. I will make your forehead like the hardest stone, harder than flint. Do not be afraid of them or terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people."

God doesn't ask us to be invincible— He asks us to be immovable.

Every believer who dares to speak truth into a culture that resists it will face some form of cancellation.

THE WATCHMAN AND THE WARNINGS

EZEKIEL 3:18

When I say to a wicked person, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn them or speak out to dissuade them from their evil ways in order to save their life, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood.

EZEKIEL 3:19

But If you do warn the wicked person and they do not turn from their wickedness or from their evil ways, they will die for their sin; but you will have saved yourself.

God's standard for His servants has never been approval ratings; it is obedience.

EZEKIEL 5:3

But take a few hairs and tuck them away in the folds of your garment.

MATTHEW 23:37-38

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate.

When we grieve over sin instead of celebrating it, we are marked by heaven even if mocked by earth.

"Because they lead my people astray, saying, "Peace," when there is no peace, and because, when a filmsy wall is built, they cover it with whitewash,

EZEKIEL 13:11-12

therefore tell those who cover it with whitewash that it is going to fall. Rain will come in torrents, and I will send hallstones hurtling down, and violent winds will burst forth. When the wall collapses, will people not ask you, "Where is the whitewash you covered it with?"

TITUS 3:10

Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them.

In a culture that equates disagreement with hate, holiness will always be countercultural.

PARTS:

CANCEL CULTURE AND COVENANT LOVE

On the day you were born your cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water to make you clean, nor were you rubbed with salt or wrapped in cloths.

No one looked on you with pity or had compassion enough to do any of these things for you. Rather, you were thrown out into the open field, for on the day you were born you were despised.

"Then I passed by and saw you kicking about in your blood, and as you lay there in your blood I said to you, "Live!"

"Later I passed by, and when I looked at you and saw that you were old enough for love, I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your naked body. I gave you my solemn oath and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Sovereign Lord, and you became mine."

"But you trusted in your beauty and used your fame to become a prostitute."

Cancel culture in its rawest form — the world that uses you up for what you can offer, then throws you away when you no longer serve its purpose.

Yet I will remember the covenant I made with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you.

The world will always withdraw its love when we fail. God never will.