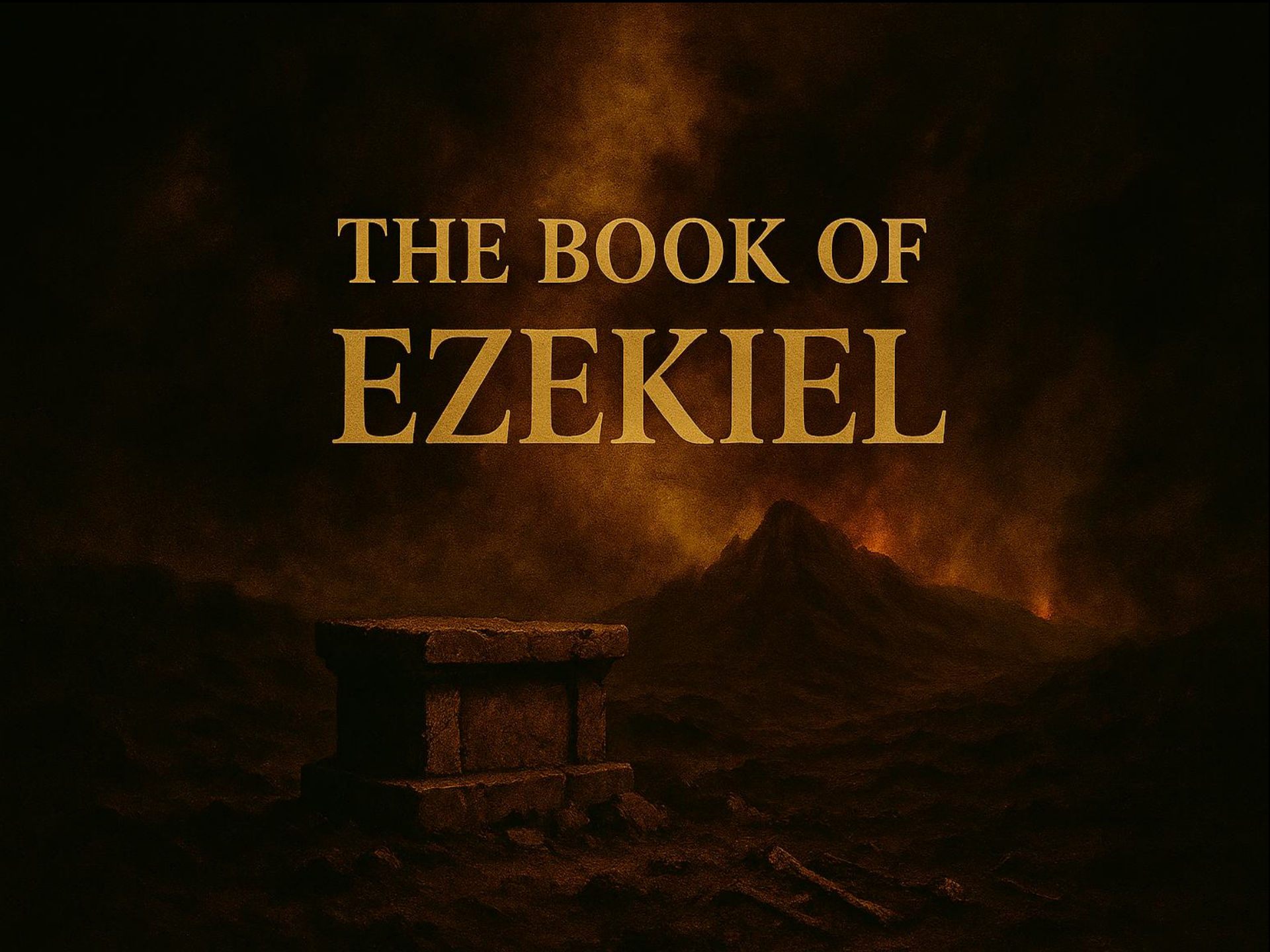
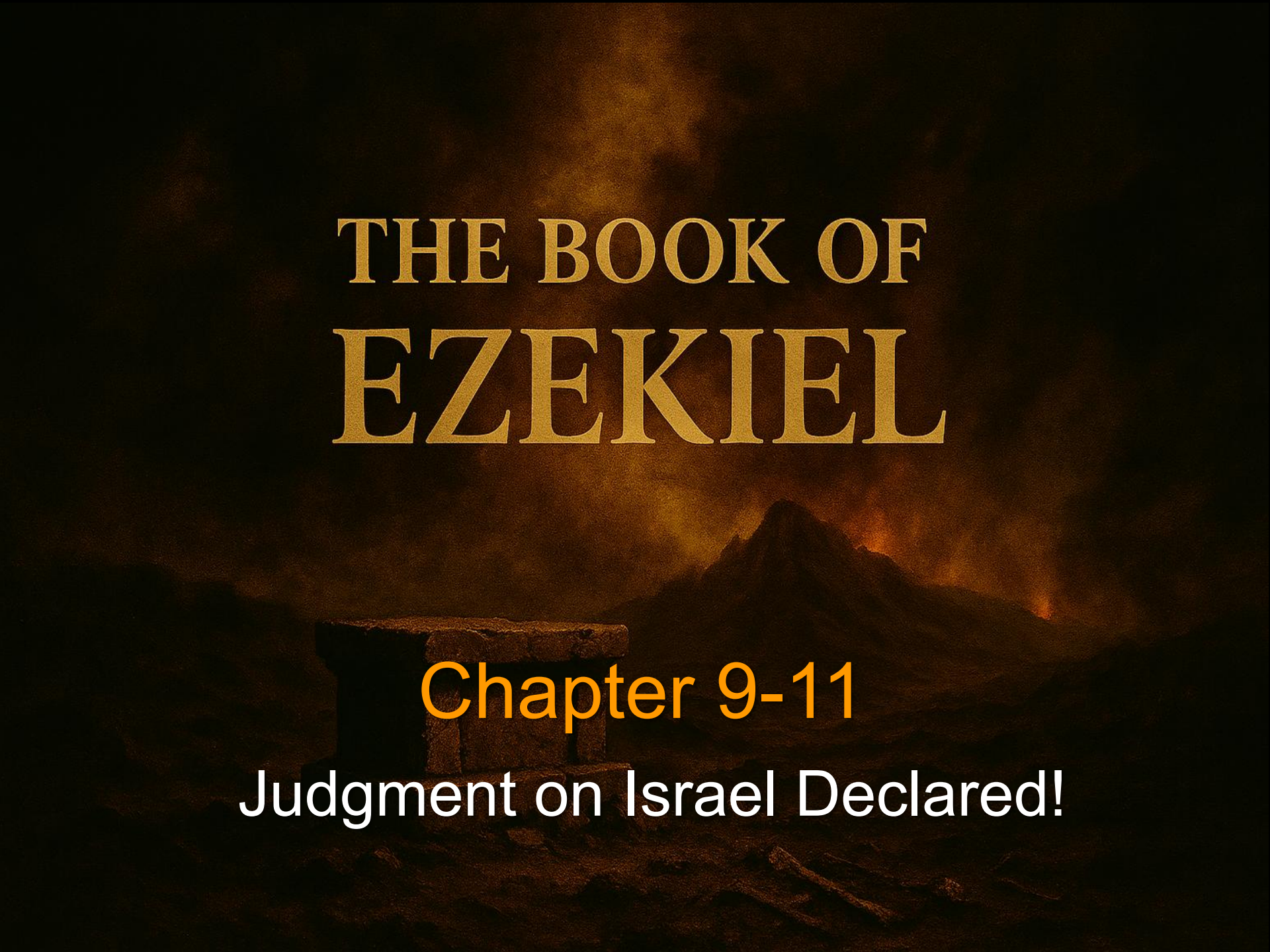

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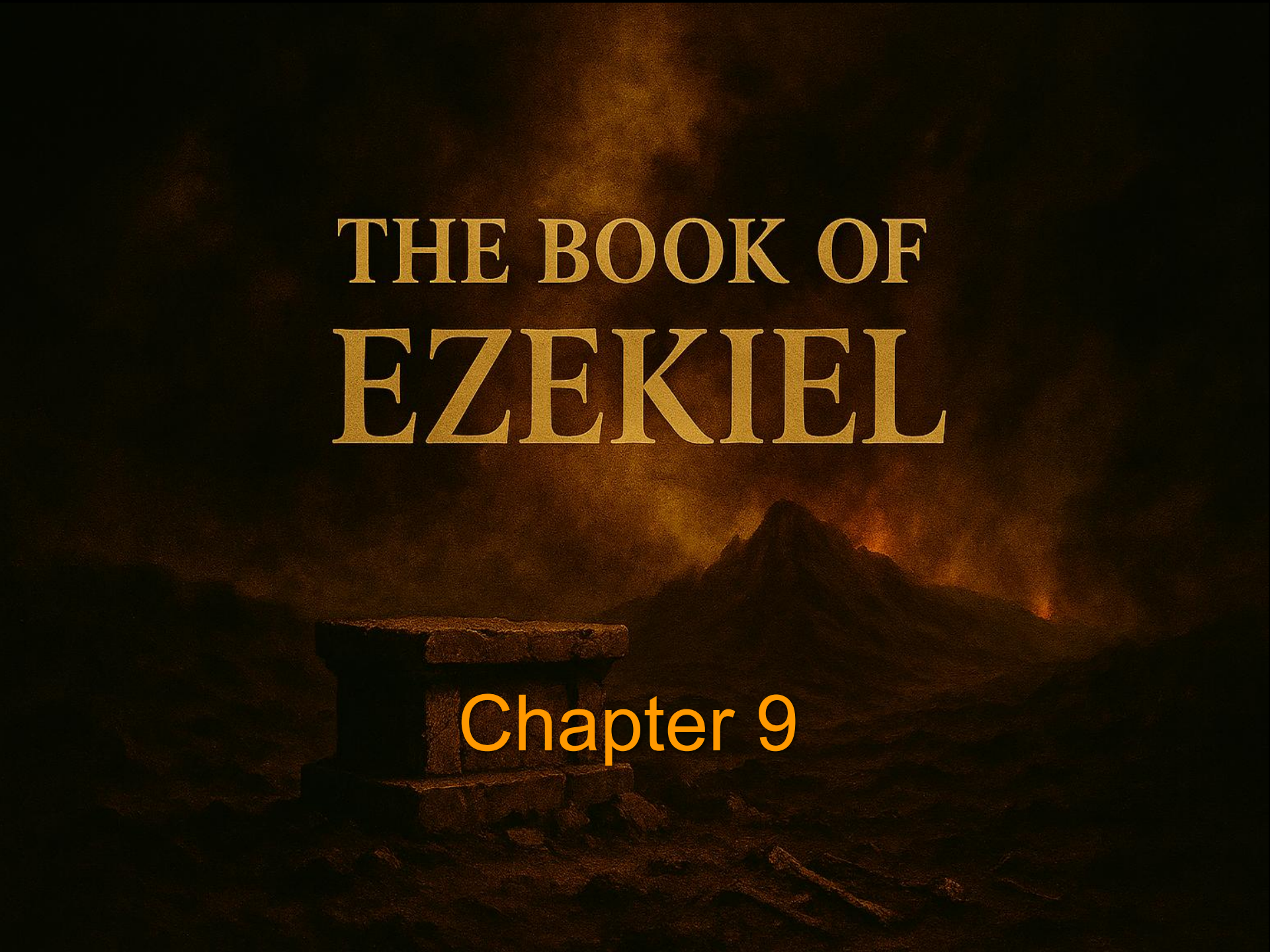


Chapter 9-11

Judgment on Israel Declared!

Overview

- Chapter 7: Israel's inescapable doom declared
  - Four short oracles declaring doom (7:1-13).
  - The machinery of destruction is already at work (7:14-27):
- Chapter 8: He views the idolatry taking place in the temple in Jerusalem in a vision
- Chapter 9: Slaughter of Jerusalem, but preservation of the righteous remnant foreseen
- Chapter 10: He sees coals of fire cast over Jerusalem
  - it will be burned (10:1-8).
  - The glory of God departs from the temple (10:9-22).


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Chapter 9

Introduction to Chapter 9

God's punishment of Jerusalem was illustrated by a vision in which God sent his executioners to carry out his work of judgment on the sinful people.

First, however, he sent a special servant to put a mark on those who opposed the city's wickedness, so that they might be preserved through the coming bloodshed (9:1-4).

The first place where the judgment fell was the temple, where the nation's leaders had led the people astray with their wickedness and idolatry. The temple was soon defiled with the corpses scattered around its courts (5-7).

Introduction to Chapter 9

The northern kingdom had been destroyed long ago, and now many from the southern kingdom were killed or taken captive.

Ezekiel feared that with the slaughter in Jerusalem the last remains of the ancient nation would be wiped out (8).

God assured the prophet that his judgment was just. The people acted as if God did not matter; now they were to suffer the consequences. But safety was guaranteed for those believers who stood firm for God amid the nationwide ungodliness (9-11).

1 He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.

2 And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar.

Ezekiel 9:1-2

3 And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from
the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the
house. And he called to the man clothed with linen,
which had the writer's inkhorn by his side;
4 And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of
the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a
mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that
cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst
thereof.

Ezekiel 9:3-4

5 And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:
6 Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.
7 And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city.

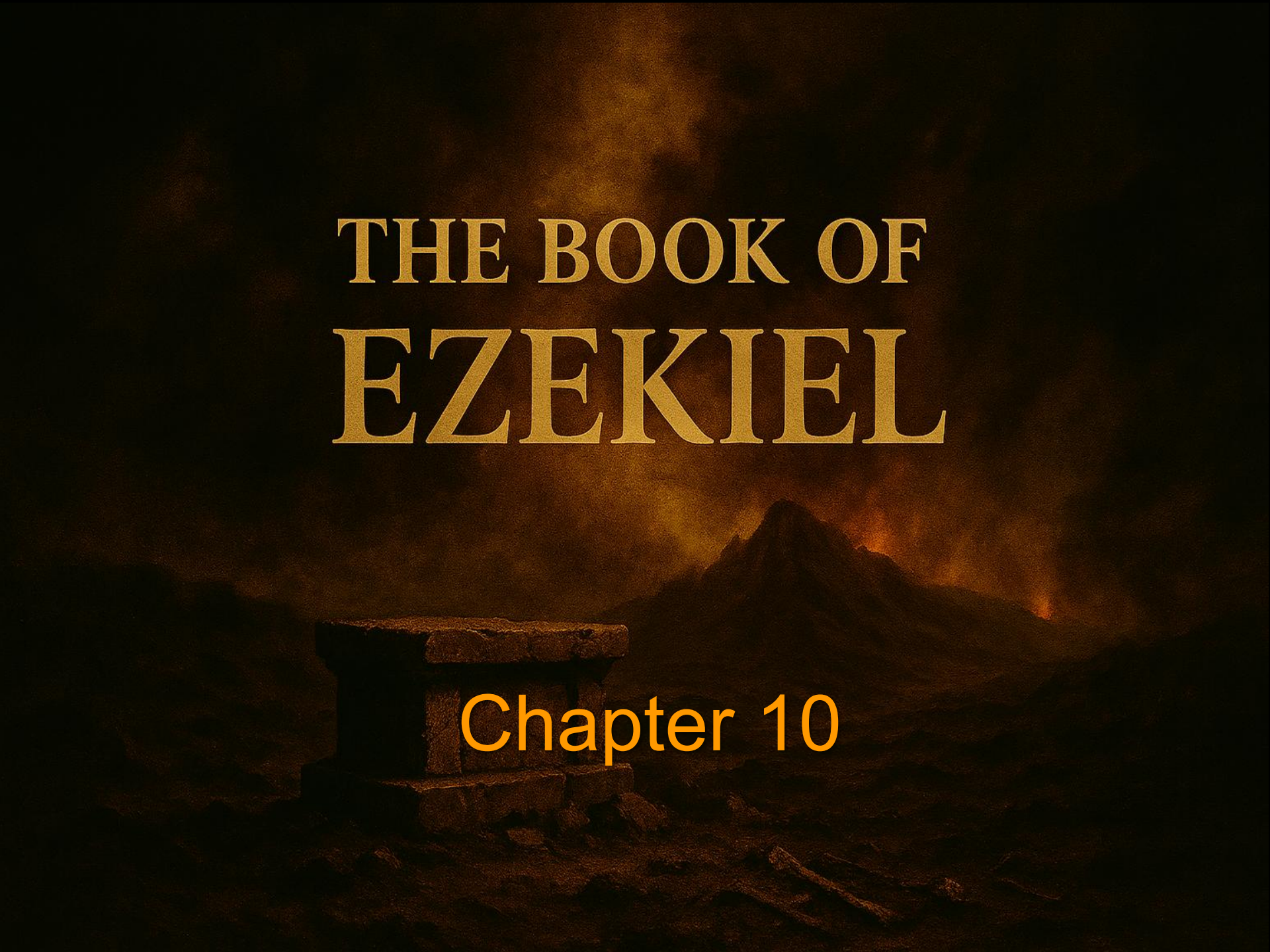
Ezekiel 9:5-7

8 And it came to pass, while they were slaying them,
and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and
said, Ah Lord God! wilt thou destroy all the residue of
Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?
9 Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of
Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full
of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say,
The Lord hath forsaken the earth, and the Lord seeth
not.

Ezekiel 9:8-9

10 And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head. And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.

Ezekiel 9:10


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Chapter 10

Introduction to Chapter 10

In this series of visions, the fiery chariot-throne of God was in the court of the temple (see 8:3-4).

The glory of God (that is, the symbolic form of God over the throne) had risen from the throne and come to rest on the threshold of the temple.

From there God had directed his agents in the execution of the citizens of Jerusalem (see 9:3).

From this same position on the temple threshold, God now gave further commands to the man who had previously sealed the faithful for preservation.

Introduction to Chapter 10

God told him to go and take some coals from the vacant chariot-throne and scatter them over the city of Jerusalem, to symbolize that the coming fiery destruction of Jerusalem was directed by God himself (10:1-5).

The man then went to the chariot-throne to carry out God's commands.

As Ezekiel describes how one of the cherubim helped the man collect the coals, he adds a note to explain that the cherubim had hands (6-8).

Introduction to Chapter 10

Ezekiel must have been so interested in the details of the chariot-throne that he repeated much of the description given in the opening chapter.

He apparently wanted to impress upon his readers that the chariot-throne he saw at the temple was the same as that which he had seen earlier (9-17).

He then saw God return to his chariot-throne and begin to leave the temple. But, as if unwilling to leave, he moved only as far as the temple gate, then stopped (18-19).

Introduction to Chapter 10

An additional note explains that the ‘living creatures’ Ezekiel described earlier were cherubim. Cherubim were the winged creatures who guarded the Ark in the Most Holy Place (cf. Exodus 25:20-22).

In other words, the God whom Ezekiel saw enthroned above the cherubim was the same God who was enthroned above the mercy seat (the lid of the Ark) in the Most Holy Place.

This God, Israel’s covenant God Yahweh, was the one now about to leave his temple, slaughter his people and destroy his city (20-22).

1 Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was
above the head of the cherubims there appeared over
them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of
the likeness of a throne.
2 And he spake unto the man clothed with linen, and
said, Go in between the wheels, even under the cherub,
and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the
cherubims, and scatter them over the city. And he
went in in my sight.

Ezekiel 10:1-2

3 Now the cherubims stood on the right side of the
house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the
inner court.
4 Then the glory of the Lord went up from the cherub,
and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house
was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the
brightness of the Lord's glory.
5 And the sound of the cherubims' wings was heard
even to the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty
God when he speaketh.

Ezekiel 10:3-5

6 And it came to pass, that when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubims; then he went in, and stood beside the wheels.
7 And one cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubims unto the fire that was between the cherubims, and took thereof, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed with linen: who took it, and went out.

Ezekiel 10:6-7

8 And there appeared in the cherubims the form of a man's hand under their wings.
9 And when I looked, behold the four wheels by the cherubims, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels was as the colour of a beryl stone.

Ezekiel 10:8-9

10 And as for their appearances, they four had one
likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel.
11 When they went, they went upon their four sides;
they turned not as they went, but to the place whither
the head looked they followed it; they turned not as
they went.
12 And their whole body, and their backs, and their
hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of
eyes round about, even the wheels that they four had.
13 As for the wheels, it was cried unto them in my
hearing, O wheel.

Ezekiel 10:10-13

14 And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.
15 And the cherubims were lifted up. This is the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar.
16 And when the cherubims went, the wheels went by them: and when the cherubims lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them

Ezekiel 10:14-16

17 When they stood, these stood; and when they were
lifted up, these lifted up themselves also: for the spirit
of the living creature was in them.
18 Then the glory of the Lord departed from off the
threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubims.
19 And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and
mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they
went out, the wheels also were beside them, and every
one stood at the door of the east gate of the Lord's
house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over
them above.

Ezekiel 10:17-19

7x The Glory Departed

- Adam & Eve – The Fall of Man
  - Genesis 2:25 cf 3:7
- Samson – The Allure of the World
  - Judges 16:20
- Ichabod – The Capture of the Ark
  - 1 Samual 4:21
- Saul – The Forfeiting of the kingdom
  - 1 Samual 13 cf 2 Samuel 7:14
- Ezekiel 10 – The National rejection of YHVH
  - Ezekiel 10
- Crucifixion – The National rejection of Yeshua
  - Matthew 27
- Harpazo - The Restrainer Removed
  - 2 Thessalonians 2:7

The Privilege of the Church

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 14:16-17

The Privilege of the Church

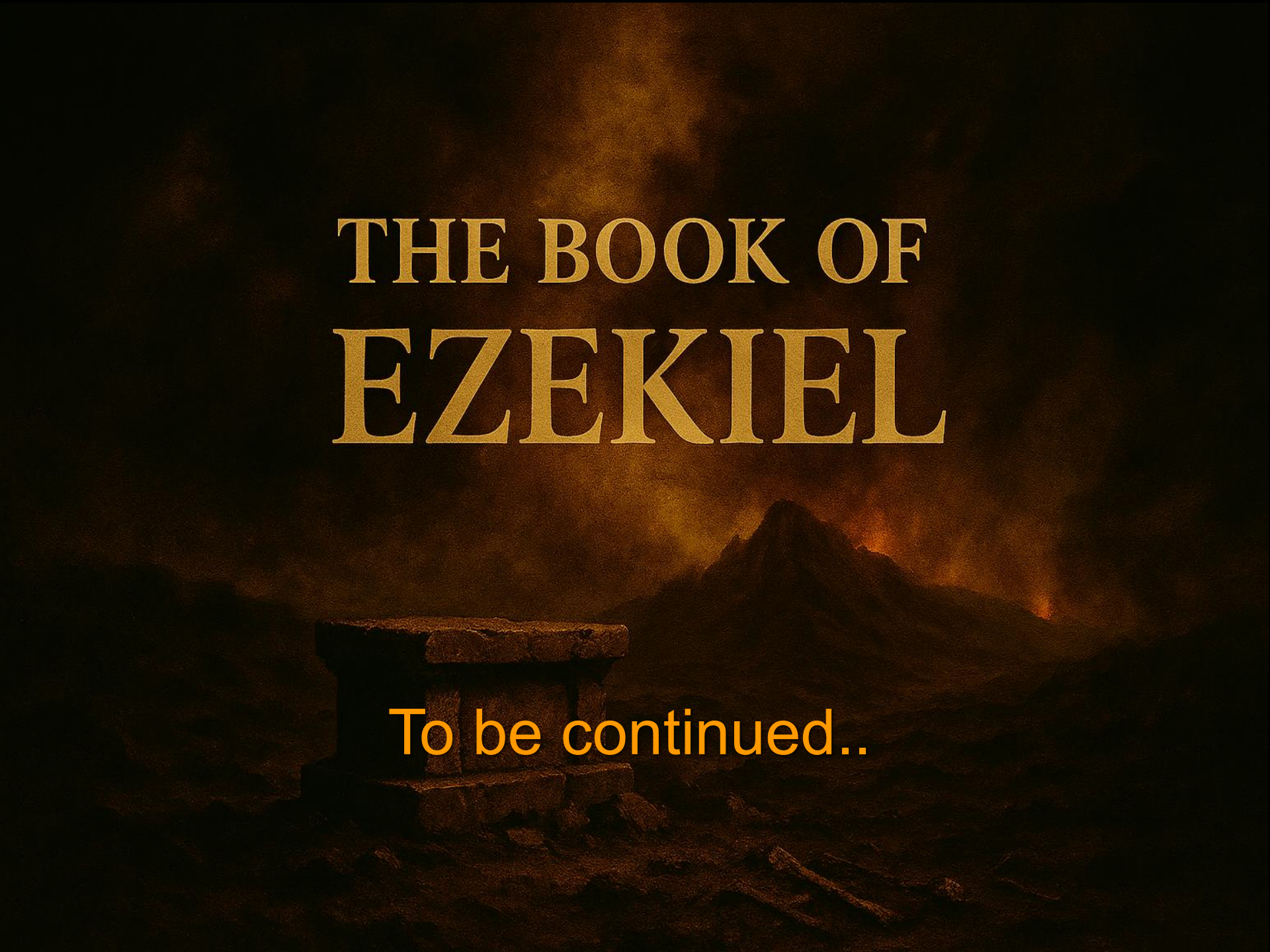
21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and
hath anointed us, is God;
22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the
Spirit in our hearts.

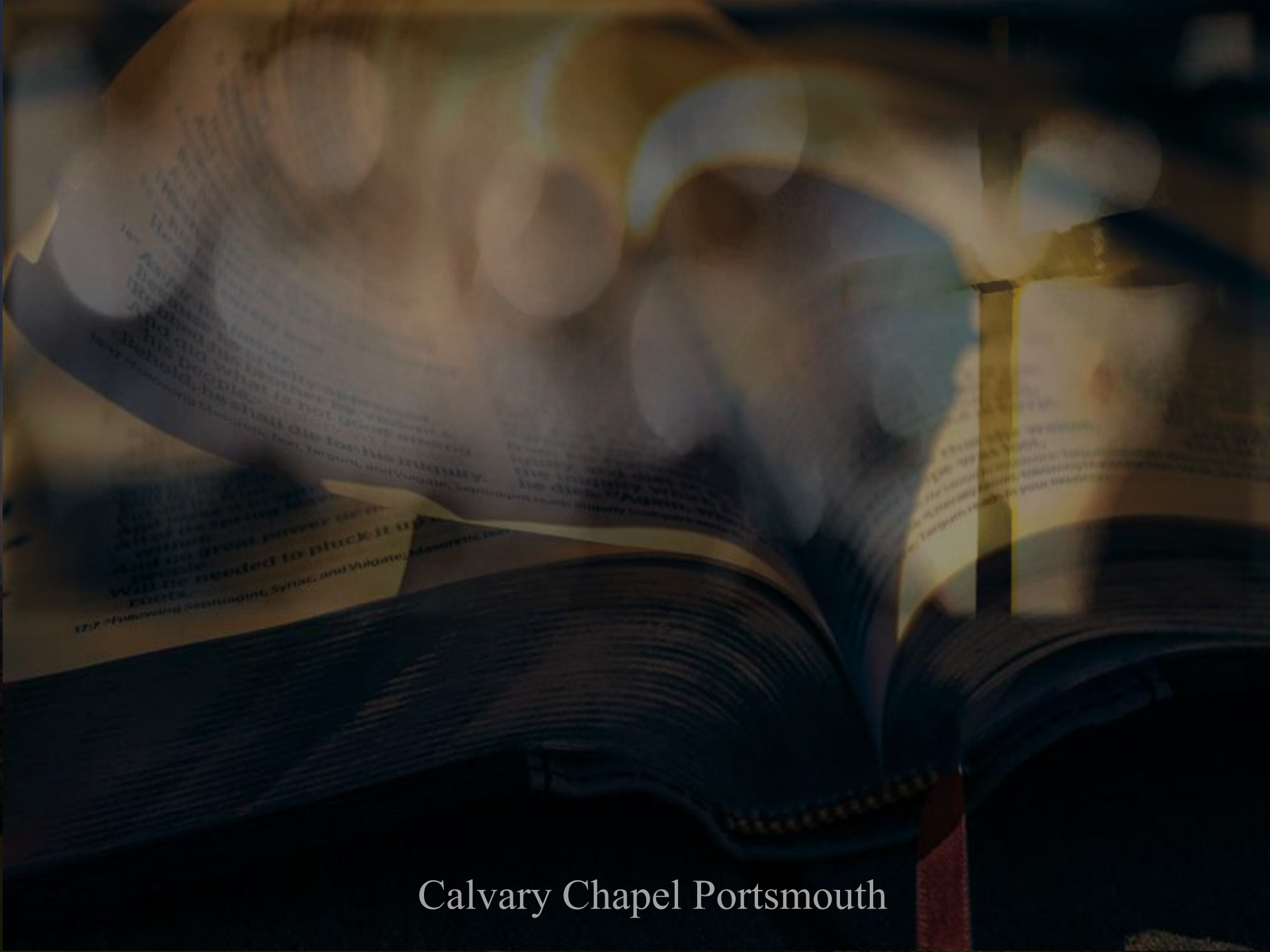
2 Corinthians 1:21-22

- 'Sealed us' = marked us as His own!
  - to stamp (with a signet or private mark) for security or preservation
- 'Earnest' = a pledge
  - part of the purchase-money or property given in advance as security for the rest
  - Lit. a guarantee!

20 This is the living creature that I saw under the God
of Israel by the river of Chebar; and I knew that they
were the cherubims.
21 Every one had four faces apiece, and every one four
wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man was
under their wings.
22 And the likeness of their faces was the same faces
which I saw by the river of Chebar, their appearances
and themselves: they went every one straight forward.

Ezekiel 10:20-22


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To be continued..


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