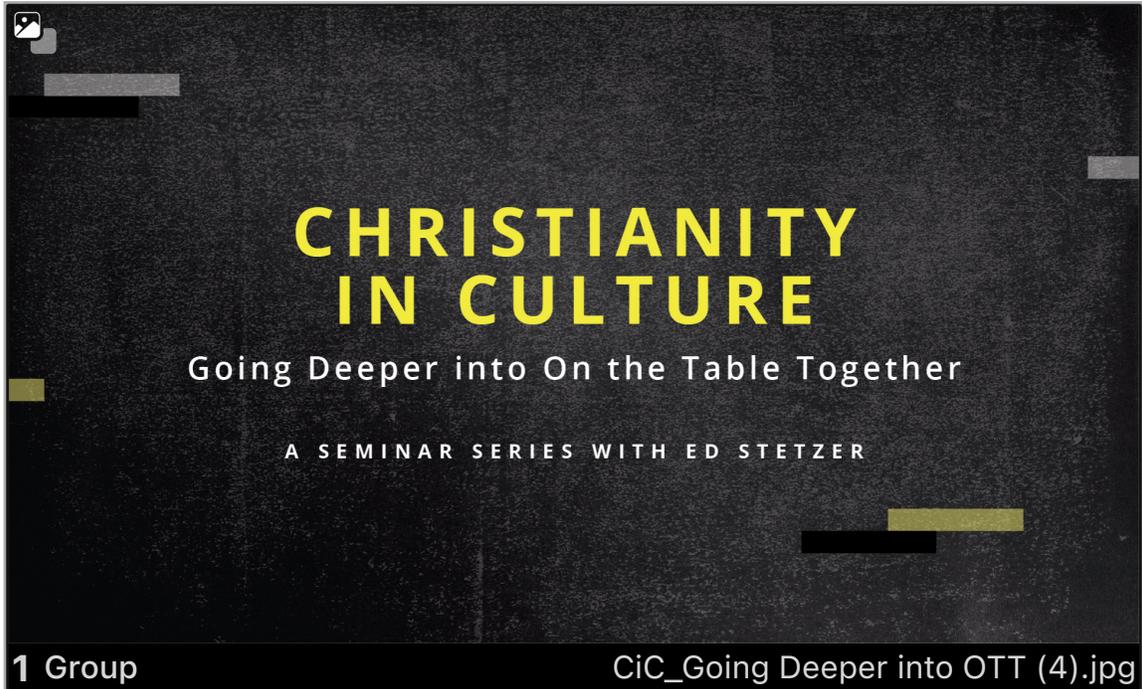


## 26\_CiC week 1\_Ed Stetzer





“When the LORD your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess, and he drives out many nations before you—the Hethites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and powerful than you— and when the LORD your God delivers them over to you and you defeat them, you must completely destroy them. Make no treaty with them and show them no mercy... Instead, this is what you are to do to them: tear down their altars, smash their sacred pillars, cut down their Asherah poles, and burn their carved images. For you are a holy people belonging to the LORD your God.”

**DEUTERONOMY 7:1-2, 5-6**

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However, you must not let any living thing survive among the cities of these people the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance. You must completely destroy them—the Hethite, Amorite, Canaanite, Perizzite, Hivite, and Jebusite—as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that they won't teach you to do all the detestable acts they do for their gods, and you sin against the LORD your God.

**DEUTERONOMY 20:16-18**

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But the city and everything in it are set apart to the LORD for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and everyone with her in the house will live, because she hid the messengers we sent... They completely destroyed everything in the city with the sword—every man and woman, both young and old, and every ox, sheep, and donkey.

**JOSHUA 6:17, 21**

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**I. The 30,000-foot view: first let us review the biblical storyline and the purpose of God as revealed to us.**

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**A. The Bible answers the big questions of life.**

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1. What is God like?

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#### **4 Main Acts:**

Creation  
Fall  
Redemption  
New Creation/Restoration.

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**God is God**

**God is Good**

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The LORD examines the righteous,  
but he hates the wicked  
and those who love violence.  
Let him rain burning coals and sulfur on the wicked;  
let a scorching wind be the portion in their cup.  
For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds.  
The upright will see his face.

**PSALM 11:5-7**

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For he will rescue the poor who cry out  
and the afflicted who have no helper.  
He will have pity on the poor and helpless  
and save the lives of the poor.  
He will redeem them from oppression and violence,  
for their lives are precious in his sight.

**PSALM 72:12-14**

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2. What does it mean to be human?

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...as it is written:

There is no one righteous, not even one.  
There is no one who understands;  
there is no one who seeks God.  
All have turned away;  
all alike have become worthless.  
There is no one who does what is good,  
not even one.

**ROMANS 3:10-18**

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Their throat is an open grave;  
they deceive with their tongues.  
Vipers' venom is under their lips.  
Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.  
Their feet are swift to shed blood;  
ruin and wretchedness are in their paths,  
and the path of peace they have not known.  
There is no fear of God before their eyes.

**ROMANS 3:10-18**

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**A. The Bible answers the big questions of life.**

1. What is God like?
2. What does it mean to be human?
3. What is the problem?
4. What is the solution?

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1. Inspiration

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**B. Understand the nature of Scripture.**

1. Inspiration
2. Interpretation

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**II. Interpreting the passages in Deuteronomy 7, 20,  
and Joshua 7.**

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**A. We interpret these passages by their genre (narrative).**

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...human wickedness was widespread on the earth and that every inclination of the human mind was nothing but evil all the time...

**GENESIS 6 : 5**

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That day the LORD saved Israel from the power of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. When Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and believed in him and in his servant Moses.

**EXODUS 14 : 30 - 31**

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**B. We interpret these verses consistently with the whole counsel of God's Word.**

1. We read these passages in light of the theological purpose behind them.
2. We recognize the unfolding of revelation across the biblical storyline from Creation to New Creation.

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“When the LORD your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess, and he drives out many nations before you...”

**DEUTERONOMY 7 : 1**

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“You must not intermarry with them, and you must not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons, because they will turn your sons away from me to worship other gods. Then the LORD’s anger will burn against you, and he will swiftly destroy you. Instead, this is what you are to do to them: tear down their altars, smash their sacred pillars, cut down their Asherah poles, and burn their carved images. For you are a holy people belonging to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be his own possession out of all the peoples on the face of the earth.”

**DEUTERONOMY 7 : 3 - 6**

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“The LORD had his heart set on you and chose you, not because you were more numerous than all peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors, he brought you out with a strong hand and redeemed you from the place of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps his gracious covenant loyalty for a thousand generations with those who love him and keep his commands.”

**DEUTERONOMY 7:7-9**

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...“I know that the LORD has given you this land and that the terror of you has fallen on us, and everyone who lives in the land is panicking because of you. For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings you completely destroyed across the Jordan. When we heard this, we lost heart, and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on earth below.

**JOSHUA 2:9-13**

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Now please swear to me by the LORD that you will also show kindness to my father’s family, because I showed kindness to you. Give me a sure sign that you will spare the lives of my father, mother, brothers, sisters, and all who belong to them, and save us from death.”

**JOSHUA 2:9-13**

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2. The military conquests aimed at driving out evil because of the justice of God.
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4. God's judgment for sin in these passages (Deuteronomy 7 and 20) is vastly different from genocide.

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“And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

**MATTHEW 25 : 4 6**

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But the city and everything in it are set apart to the LORD for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and everyone with her in the house will live, because she hid the messengers we sent.

**JOSHUA 6:17**

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7. The Bible, even hard passages like these, call us to take a fresh look first at God, and then ourselves as we apply this to our lives.

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