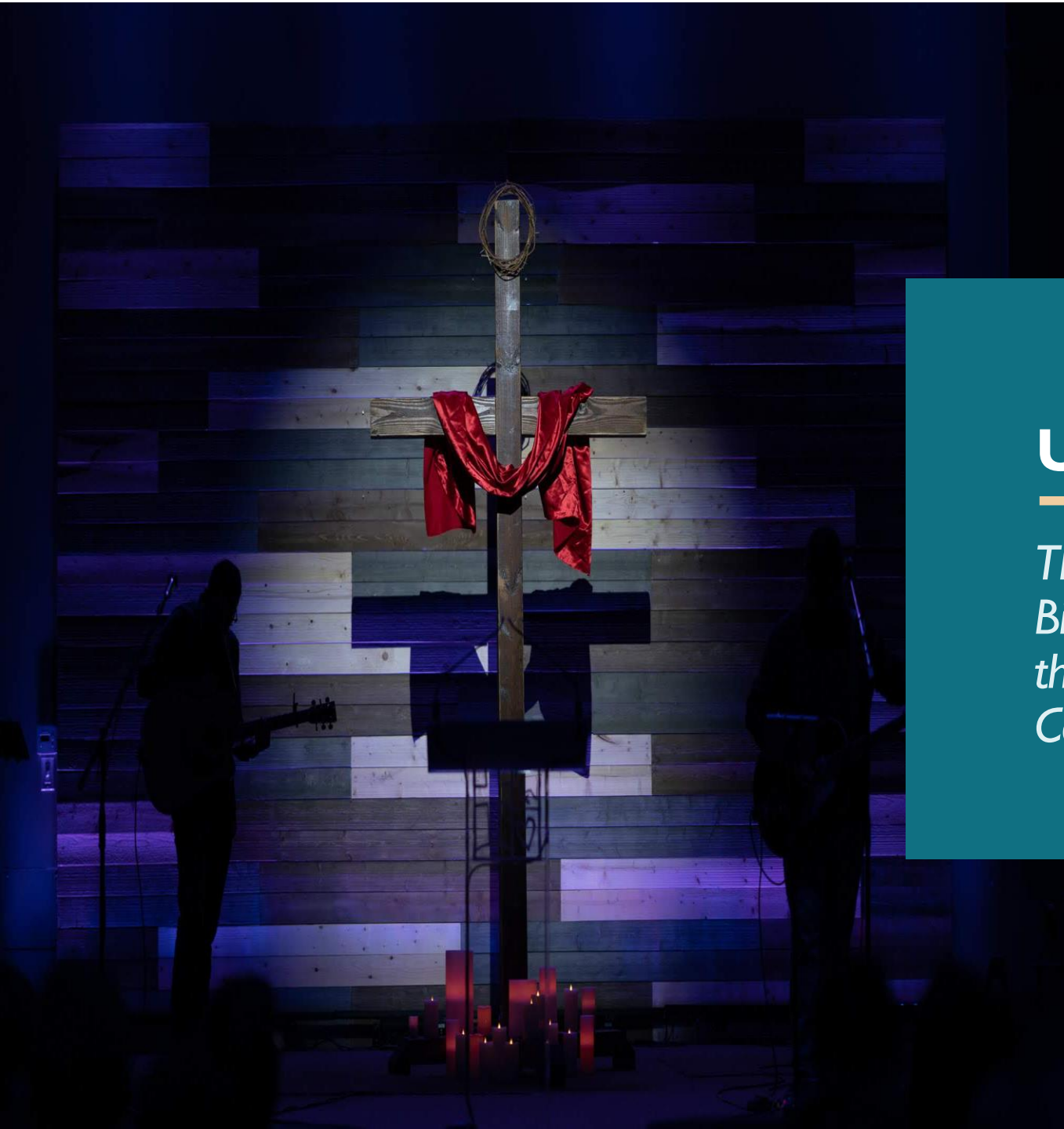


THE STORY OF REDEMPTION

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

SUMMER OF LEARNING



UNFOLDING HIS STORY

*The main story that God is telling in the Bible is his Redemptive History. We will see this story unfold as we look at his Divine Covenants, **His Kingdom**, and His Family*

KINGDOM OF GOD



✓ God's People

✓ God's Place

✓ God's Rule and Blessing

THE OLD TESTAMENT



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PATTERN OF KINGDOM

THE PATTERN OF THE KINGDOM

AUTHOR OF CREATION

- **Genesis 1:1**
 - *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth*
- **The Bible stresses that God is pleased with what he has made.**
 - *Genesis 1:31*

KING OF CREATION

- **He is the rightful king over everything he has made**
 - *The only proper response is worship (Ps. 95:3-7)*

THE PINNACLE OF CREATION

- **Image of God**
 - *Genesis 1:27*
- **We are God's stewards, entrusted with the care of his precious creation.**

REST: GOAL OF CREATION

- **Sabbath is the climax of his creation**
 - *Genesis 2:1-3*
- **God and all of his creation lives in a continuing Sabbath, the seventh day**

Genesis 1:27, 31, 2:1-3

²⁷ So God created man in his own image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.



Psalm 95:3-7

For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

⁷ For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand



PERFECT RELATIONSHIP



✓ God and human beings (Gen. 2:17)

- God is lovingly concerned for Adam. He gives him a wonderful environment to live in and provides the perfect partner for him (v18, 22). God is their loving ruler. He gives them great freedom (v16), but issue one prohibition, which is for their good (v17).

✓ Man and women (Gen. 2:25)

- They enjoy complete intimacy without fear or guilt (v25)

✓ Human beings and creation (Gen 2:15)

- They are to 'work' the 'Garden of Eden' and 'take care of it' (v15)




Genesis 2:15-25

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.



PATTERN OF THE KINGDOM

K I N G D O M of GOD		PATTERN of the K I N G D O M
GOD'S PEOPLE		Adam and Eve
GOD'S PLACE		The Garden of Eden
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING		Perfect Relationships

✓ Adam and Eve

✓ The Garden of Eden

✓ Perfect Relationship

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PERISHED KINGDOM

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KNOWLEDGE OF
GOOD AND EVIL

=

deciding what's right & wrong

not just
LAW-BREAKING
but
LAW-MAKING



SATAN'S TACTICS

- Distorts God's word Gen 3:1 'It's not clear'
- Questions God's word Gen 3:4 'It's not true'
- Distorts God's motives Gen 3:5 'It's not fair'



THE FALL

- An act of rebellion



BROKEN RELATIONSHIP

- Man and Woman
- Human beings and creation
- God and human beings



SPREAD OF SIN AND DEATH

BROKEN RELATIONSHIP



Men and women

- They cover themselves (v7). The complete openness and intimacy of 2:25 has gone.
- Adam blames Eve (v12)
- V16b seems to describe a power struggle. 'Desire', is used in 4:7 to speak of sins 'desire' to master Cain. It seems it refers in 3:16 to Eve's desire to dominate Adam, but he resists and seeks to 'rule' her.



Human beings and creation

- "cursed is the ground because of you" (v17). Work is a good part of God's creation (see 1:28; 2:15), but it will always involve frustration in a fallen world.



Human beings and God

- They are ashamed and hide from God (v8-10). They are banished from God and therefore from eternal life. 'cherubim' (v24) are winged lions with human heads. They appear elsewhere in the Bible as the guardians of holy places.


Genesis 3:1-19

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You^[a] shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” **2** And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, **3** but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” **4** But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. **5** For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” **6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. **7** **Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.**

Genesis 3:1-19

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”



Genesis 3:1-19

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”



Genesis 3:1-19

16 To the woman he said,
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be contrary to **your husband,**
but he shall rule over you.”



Genesis 3:1-19

¹⁷ And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’


cursed is the ground because of you;

in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,

till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”



THE SPREAD OF SIN AND DEATH

GENESIS 4

- *Cain murders Able*

GENESIS 5

- *Genealogy... and then he died.*

GENESIS 6-9

- *The Flood*

GENESIS 11

- *The Tower of Babel*

HOPE IN THE PERISHED KINGDOM

GOD INITIATES

- *Despite their sin, God comes looking for Adam and Eve (v8-9)*




SALVATION

- *God promises that in the future a savior will come who will crush Satan (v15)*

LOVE

- *God shows his continued love for Adam and Eve by providing clothes for them (v21)*

PERISHED KINGDOM

K I N G D O M of GOD		PERISHED K I N G D O M
GOD'S PEOPLE		No-one
GOD'S PLACE		Banished from Eden
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING		Disobedience and curse

✓ **God's People: No one**

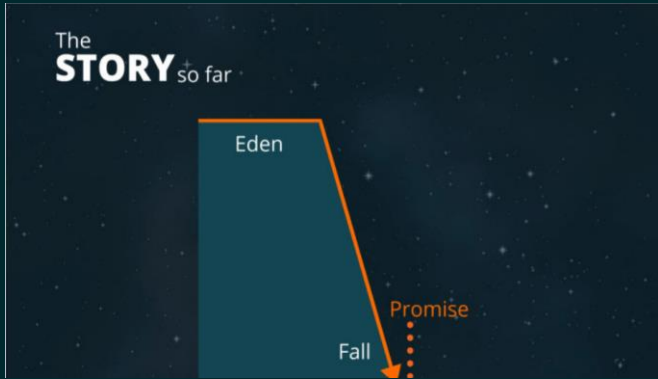
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PROMISED KINGDOM

THE STORY SO FAR



THE PROMISED KINGDOM

GOD'S ETERNAL PLAN

- *Ephesians 1:10*
- *God isn't responsible for evil but he is sovereign over it*
- *He will defeat evil and restore creation*

AMAZING GRACE

- *The serpent crusher (Gen. 3:15)*
- *The mark of Cain (4:15)*
- *Enoch walked with God (5:24)*
- *Covenant with Noah (9:1-17)*



ABRAHAM

- *Genesis 12:1-3*
 - *People*
 - *Land*
 - *Blessing*

Ephesians 1:7-10

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth



Genesis 3:15

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”



Genesis 4:15

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.



Genesis 5:24

²⁴ Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him



Genesis 12:1-3

12 Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”



PROMISED KINGDOM

K I N G D O M of GOD		PROMISED K I N G D O M
GOD'S PEOPLE		Abraham's descendants
GOD'S PLACE		The Promised Land
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING		Blessing to Israel and nations

✓ Abraham's Descendants

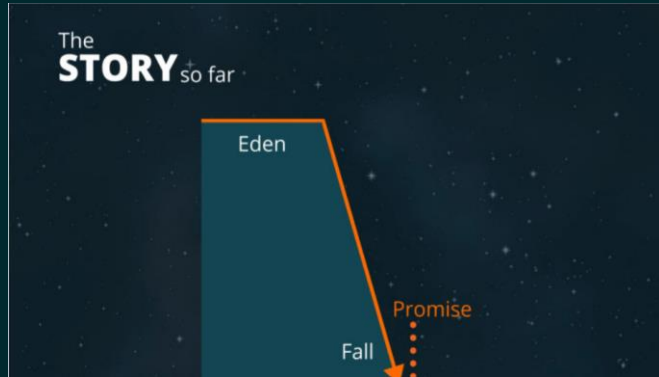
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PARTIAL KINGDOM

THE STORY SO FAR



THE PARTIAL KINGDOM

GOD'S PEOPLE:

GENESIS 12 - EXODUS 18

- **GOD'S PEOPLE:**
 - *The Promise*
- **GOD'S PEOPLE:**
 - *The Partial Fulfilment*

GOD'S RULE AND BLESSING:

EXODUS 19 – LEVITICUS

- **GOD'S RULE AND BLESSING:**
 - *The Promise 'I will bless you' Gen 12:2*
- **GOD'S RULE AND BLESSING:**
 - *The Partial Fulfilment*

GOD'S PLACE:

NUMBERS – JOSHUA

- **GOD'S PLACE:***The Promise 'To your offspring I will give this land.' Gen 12:7*
- **GOD'S PLACE:***The Partial Fulfilment Numbers – Joshua*

GOD'S KING:

JUDGES – 2 CHRONICLES

- **GOD'S KING:**
 - *The Promise*
- **GOD'S KING:***The Partial Fulfilment Judges - 1 Kings 11*

GOD'S PEOPLE: GENESIS 12 – EXODUS 18

SALVATION
BY SUBSTITUTION

LAMB ↔ **FIRSTBORN**

SALVATION
BY CONQUEST

DEFEAT OF PHARAOH

Dies in our place

Defeats
evil



GOD'S PEOPLE: The Promise

- 'I will make you into a great nation' Gen 12: 2 Abraham – Isaac – Jacob – Joseph



GOD'S PEOPLE: The Partial Fulfilment

- Abraham and his descendants **Gen 12 - 50**
- Redemption from slavery in Egypt **Exo 1 - 18**
 - The God who saves **Exo 2: 23- 24**
 - The burning bush: 'I AM WHO I AM' **Exo 3:14**
 - God is the hero of every story
 - The bible is a book about God



Salvation

- By substitution (Exodus 12)
- By conquest (Exodus 14)

GOD'S RULE & BLESSING

EXODUS 19 – LEVITICUS

THE TABERNACLE



GOD'S RULE AND BLESSING:

- The Promise
 - 'I will bless you' **Gen 12:2**



GOD'S RULE AND BLESSING: The Partial Fulfilment

- God's law- The Ten Commandments **Exo 20**
 - God's law reveals our sin **Rom 3: 20**
 - God's law reveals our savior **Gal 3: 24**
 - God's law reveals his standards **Matt 5:19**
- God's presence:
 - The Tabernacle **Exo 25-31; 35-40**
 - Sacrifice- **Leviticus**
 - Lay hands on animal as a representative
 - Priest kills it as substitute and presents its blood
 - It dies so they live

Romans 3:20

²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.



Galatians 3:24

²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.






Matthew 5:19

19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.



GOD'S PLACE NUMBERS – JOSHUA

K I N G D O M of GOD		PROMISED K I N G D O M
GOD'S PEOPLE 		The Israelites
GOD'S PLACE 		Canaan
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING 		God's law and king

- ✓ **GOD'S PLACE:**The Promise
 - 'To your offspring I will give this land.' **Gen 12: 7**

- ✓ **GOD'S PLACE:**The Partial Fulfilment
 - **NUMBERS:** Disobedience and Delay
 - Journey to the land: 'flowing with milk and honey' **Num 13:27**
 - Ingratitude and unbelief
 - 40 years wandering
 - **DEUTERONOMY:** Blessings and Curses
 - Moses' farewell sermon
 - Obedience - blessing **Deut 28: 1**
 - Disobedience - curse **Deut 28: 63**
 - **JOSHUA:** Conquest and Uncertainty
 - Israelites take possession of the land **Josh 21: 44**
 - Joshua's farewell sermon **Josh 23: 12-13**

Genesis 12:7

⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.



Numbers 13:27

²⁷ And they told him, “We came to the land to which you sent us.
It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.



Deuteronomy 28:1

28 “And if you faithfully obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.



Deuteronomy 28:63

⁶³ And as the LORD took delight in doing you good and multiplying you, so the LORD will take delight in bringing ruin upon you and destroying you. And you shall be plucked off the land that you are entering to take possession of it.



Joshua 21:44

⁴⁴ And the LORD gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the LORD had given all their enemies into their hands.






Joshua 23:12-13

¹² For if you turn back and cling to the remnant of these nations remaining among you and make marriages with them, so that you associate with them and they with you, ¹³ know for certain that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations before you, but they shall be a snare and a trap for you, a whip on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good ground that the LORD your God has given you.



GOD'S KING

JUDGES – I KINGS II

K I N G D O M of GOD		PROMISED K I N G D O M
GOD'S PEOPLE		The Israelites
GOD'S PLACE		Canaan
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING		God's law and king



GOD'S KING: The Promise •

- The serpent crusher Gen 3: 15
- 'The obedience of the nations shall be his' **Gen 49: 10**
- The King is to rule under God **Deut 17: 19**
- A subset of the promise of God's rule and blessing



GOD'S KING: The Partial Fulfilment

- **JUDGES:** A Cycle of Sin and Grace
 - The cycle: **Jud 3: 7-11**
 - The problem: 'In those days Israel had no king' **Jud 21: 25**
- **I SAMUEL:** A False Start
 - 'Appoint a king to leads us, such as all the other nations have' **I Sam 8: 5**
 - Saul anointed... and rejected... David anointed... and forced to flee
 - King's suffering and rejection before glory
- **2 SAMUEL:** The Reign of David
 - Still one greater to come **2 Sam 7: 11b- 16**
 - Son of David and Son of God
- **I KINGS 1-11:** Solomon and the Golden Age
 - Promises fulfilled **I Kings 8: 56**
 - The king turns from God

Genesis 3:15

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”



Genesis 49:10

¹⁰ The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until tribute comes to him;
and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.




Deuteronomy 17:19

¹⁹ And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them,



Judges 3:7-11

⁷ And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD. They forgot the LORD their God and served the Baals and the Asheroth. ⁸ Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia. And the people of Israel served Cushan-rishathaim eight years. ⁹ But when the people of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the people of Israel, who saved them, Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. ¹⁰ The Spirit of the LORD was upon him, and he judged Israel. He went out to war, and the LORD gave Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand. And his hand prevailed over Cushan-rishathaim. ¹¹ So the land had rest forty years. Then Othniel the son of Kenaz died.



Judges 21:25

²⁵ In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.



2 Samuel 7:11-16

¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, ¹⁵ but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”



I Kings 8:56

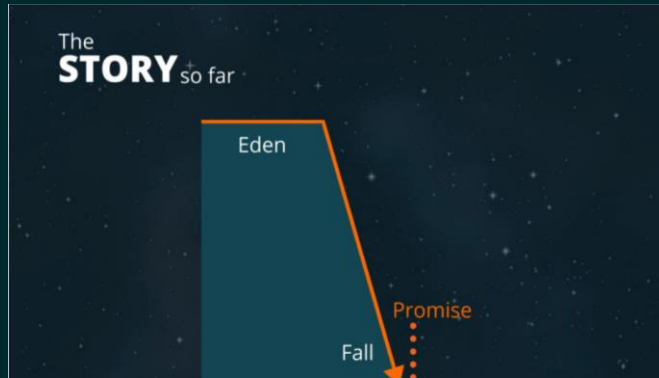
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PROPHESIED KINGDOM

THE STORY SO FAR



THE PROPHESED KINGDOM

ROLE

- God's spokesmen:
Speaking God's
word **2 Pet 1:21**
- Enforcing God's
covenant

CONTEXT

- Kingdom splits
922BC
- Israel
- Judah

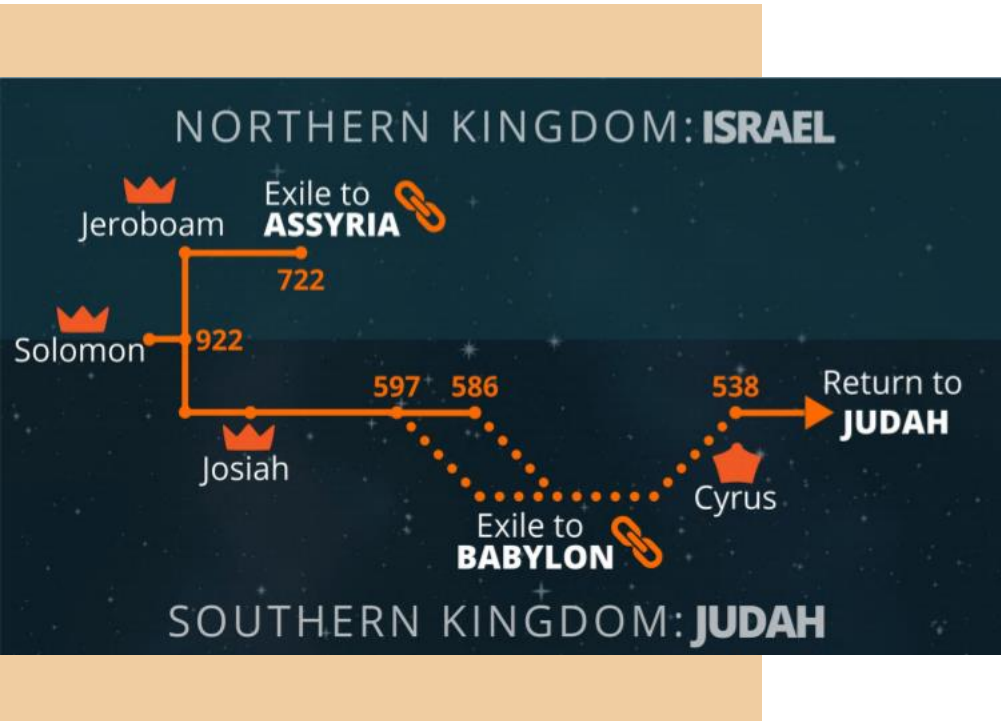
MESSAGE

- A message of
judgment
- God's covenant
- A message of
hope

EXILE

- Cyrus allows the
people to return
home 538BC •
- Waiting for the
king **Mal 3:1**

PROPHET'S CONTEXT



ISRAEL

- King Jereboam's idolatry continued by his successors **1 Ki 12:28-30; 1 Ki 15:34, 16:19 etc**
- Kingdom destroyed by Assyrians 722BC **2 Ki 17**



JUDAH

- Some good kings- e.g. Josiah **2 Ki 22-23**
- Corruption and compromise
- Defeated by Babylonians and exiled 597 and 586 BC **2 Ki 25**

I Kings 12:28-30

²⁸ So the king took counsel and made two calves of gold. And he said to the people, “You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.” ²⁹ And he set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. ³⁰ Then this thing became a sin, for the people went as far as Dan to be before one.



PROPHET'S MESSAGE



A MESSAGE OF JUDGMENT

- God's judgment is the reason behind Israel and Judah's destruction **Amos 2: 4-5, 6-16**
- God warns, reminds and explains



GOD'S COVENANT

- Conditional (Moses) and unconditional (Abraham)



A MESSAGE OF HOPE

- PEOPLE
 - A new exodus **Jer 16: 14-15**
 - A new Passover lamb **Isa 53: 6**
 - All nations included **Isa 49: 6**
- PLACE
 - A new temple **Ezek 40-48**
 - A new creation **Isa 65:17**
- RULE AND BLESSING
 - A new covenant **Jer 31:31**
 - A new king **Isa 9:6**

Amos 2:4-5

⁴ Thus says the LORD:

“For three transgressions of Judah,
and for four, I will not revoke the punishment,
because they have rejected the law of the LORD,
and have not kept his statutes,
but their lies have led them astray,
those after which their fathers walked.

⁵ So I will send a fire upon Judah,
and it shall devour the strongholds of Jerusalem.”



Jeremiah 16:14-15

¹⁴ “Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when it shall no longer be said, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ ¹⁵ but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ For I will bring them back to their own land that I gave to their fathers.



Isaiah 53:6

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.



Isaiah 49:6

⁶ he says:

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”



Isaiah 65:17

17 “For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.



Jeremiah 31:31

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,



Isaiah 9:6

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace



THE KINGDOM OF GOD

God's People – God's Place – God's Rule and Blessing

KINGDOM OF GOD	PATTERN	PERISHED	PROMISED	PARTIAL	PROPHESED
• <i>God's People</i>	• <i>Adam and Eve</i>	• <i>No one</i>	• <i>Abraham's descendants</i>	• <i>Israelites</i>	• <i>Remnant</i>
• <i>God's Place</i>	• <i>Garden</i>	• <i>Banished</i>	• <i>Canaan</i>	• <i>Canaan</i>	• <i>New Temple</i>
• <i>God's Rule and Blessing</i>	• <i>God's Word and Perfect Relationship</i>	• <i>Disobedience and Curse</i>	• <i>Blessing to Israel and the nations</i>	• <i>The law and the king</i>	• <i>New Covenant</i>

THE NEW TESTAMENT

PRESENT

Life and Death of Jesus

PROCLAIMED

The last days

PERFECTED

New heavens and earth

God's People

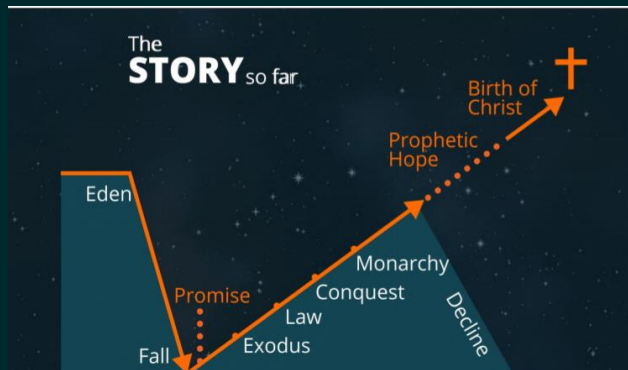
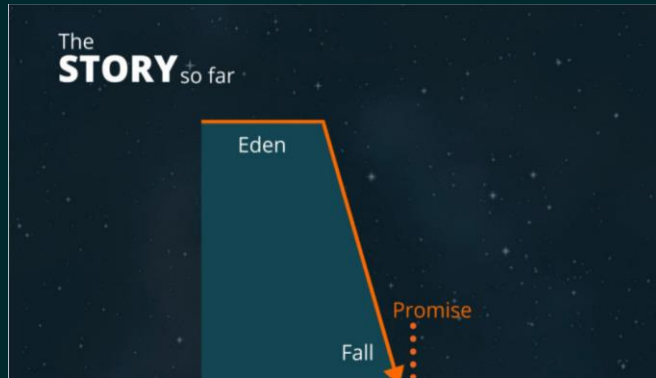
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PRESENT KINGDOM

THE STORY SO FAR



JESUS: FULFILLMENT OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

K I N G D O M of GOD		PRESENT K I N G D O M	
GOD'S PEOPLE		True Israel	
GOD'S PLACE		True tabernacle, true temple	
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING		True king, resurrection life	



JESUS IS GOD'S PEOPLE

- The true Israel
 - Tested for 40 days
 - 12 apostles
 - 'I am the vine and you are the branches.' **John 15:5**



JESUS IS GOD'S PLACE

- The true tabernacle **John 1:14**
- The true temple **John 7:37-38, Ezek 47**



JESUS IS GOD'S RULE AND BLESSING

- The true king: Son of David
 - Miracles **Matt 12:22-28**
 - Son of God
 - Conquest over Satan **Col 2:15**
- Resurrection blessings
 - Life after death
 - Eternal rest

John 1:14

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.




John 7:37-38

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”



Matthew 12:22-28

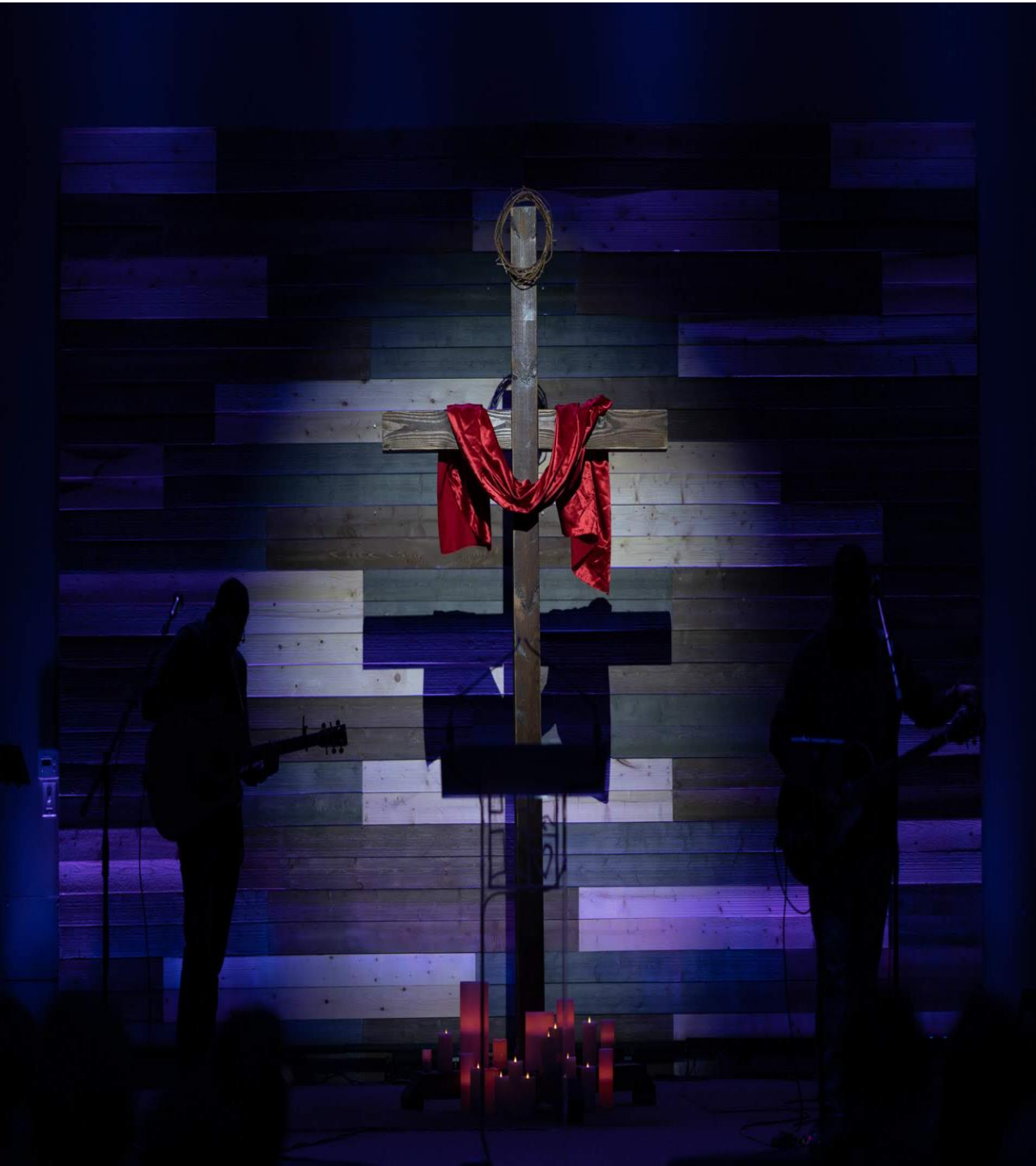
²² Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. ²³ And all the people were amazed, and said, “Can this be the Son of David?” ²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.” ²⁵ Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. ²⁶ And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁸ But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.



Colossians 2:15

¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.





THE CROSS

Salvation Through Substitution

GOD THE FATHER

ANGER



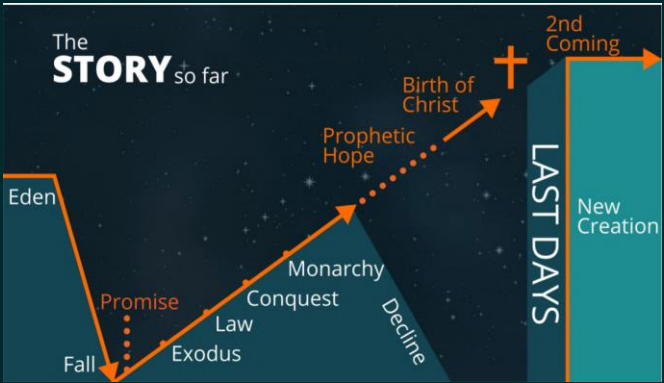
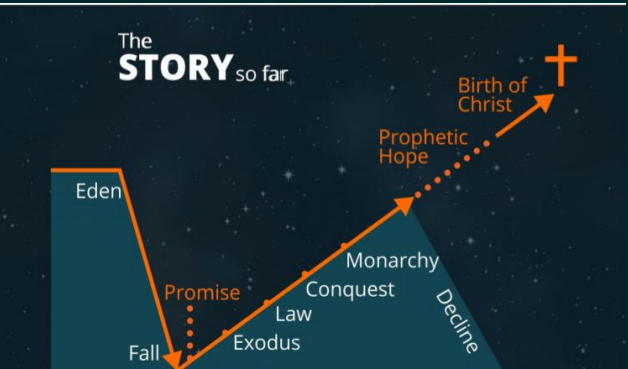
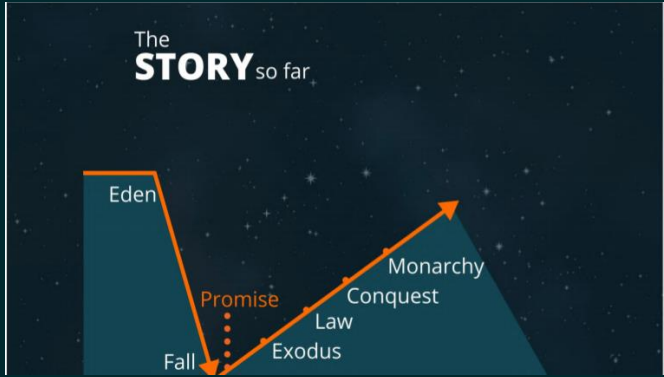
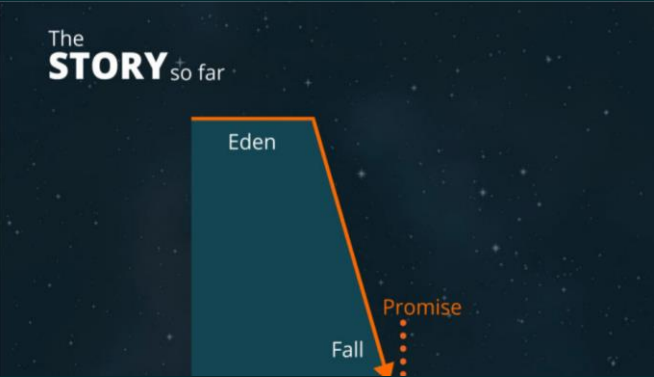
**PERFECT
RELATIONSHIP**



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PROCLAIMED KINGDOM

THE STORY SO FAR



THE LAST DAYS



DELAY

- What seems like a long time to us isn't to God **2 Pet 3: 8**
- God wants more to hear and repent before it's too late **2 Pet 3: 9**
- Chronology of the last days **Acts 1: 8**
 - SENDING THE SPIRIT
 - GOSPEL PROCLAIMED
 - JESUS RETURNS



PENTACOST

- Preaching in other tongues/languages: a reversal of Babel
- A fulfilment of **Joel 2: 28-32**
- The age of the Spirit
 - **OT** - lived only in special individuals for certain tasks
 - **Now** - fills all God's people for empowering witness
- The spread of the gospel in Acts:
 - Jerusalem - Judea - Ends of the World

2 Peter 3:8-9

⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.



Acts 1:8

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”




Joel 2:28-32

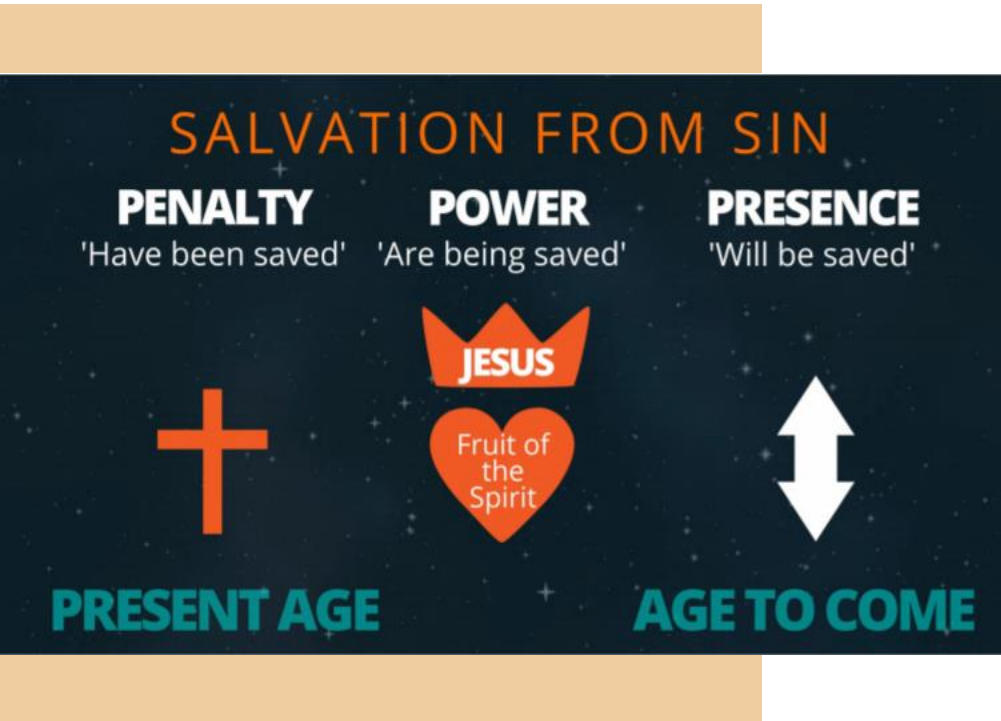
²⁸ “And it shall come to pass afterward,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹ Even on the male and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

³⁰ “And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire
and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon
to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ³² And it shall
come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be
saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as
the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom
the LORD calls.



THE HOLY SPIRIT



BRINGS NEW BIRTH

- 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.' **John 3:3**
- We need to be 'born of the Spirit' **John 3:5**
- The spirit opens our eyes to understand the gospel and moves us to repentance and faith
- All Christians have the Spirit living within them **Rom 8:9**



EQUIPS US TO SERVE CHRIST

- Enables believers to witness to Christ
- Equips us for ministry - gifts to build the church I **Cor 12:7**



PRODUCES HOLINESS

- **Rom 8:13**
- **Gal 3:14**

John 3:3-5

³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.



Romans 8:9

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.



I Corinthians 12:7

⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.



Romans 8:13

¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live



Galatians 3:14

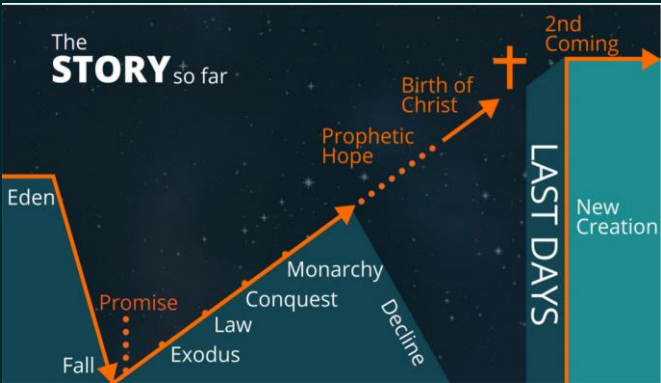
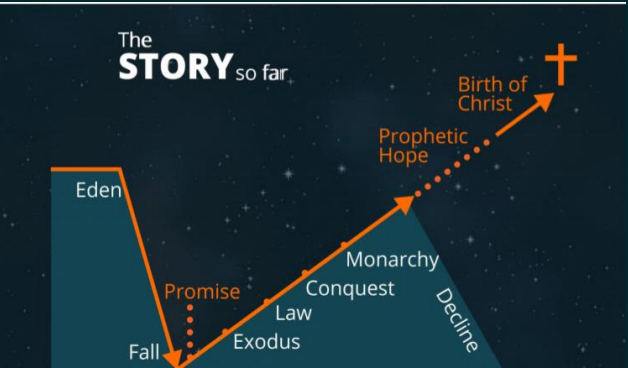
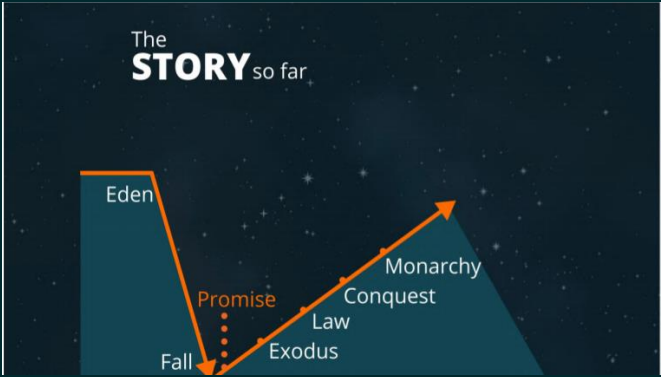
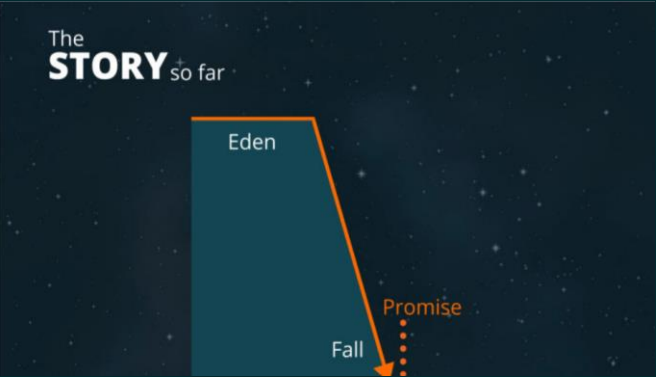
¹⁴ so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith



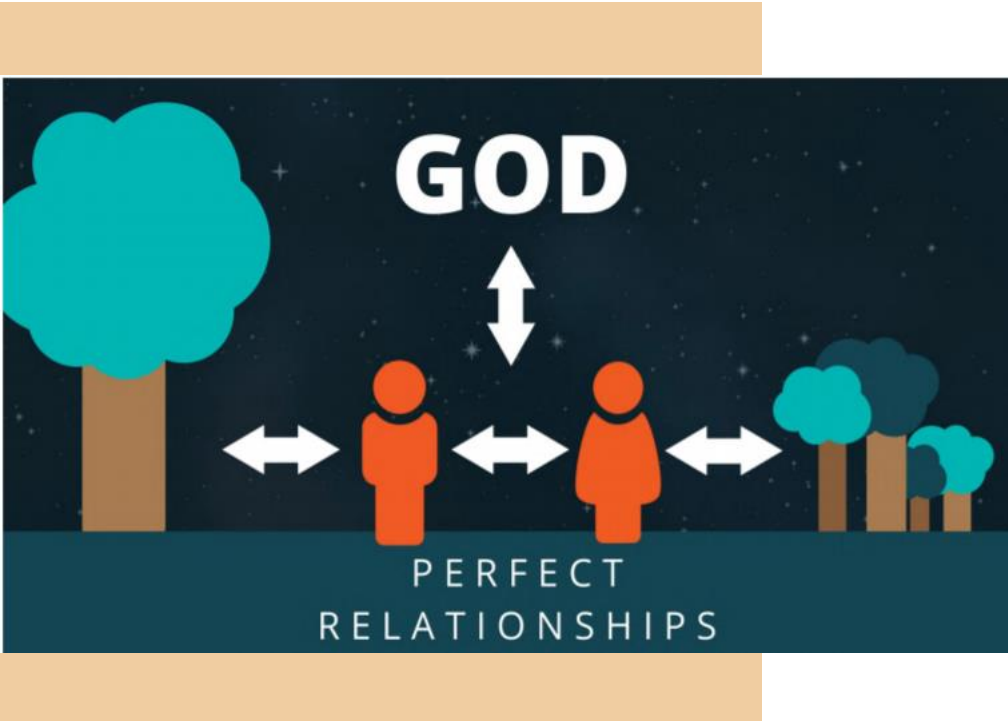
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THE NEW CREATION



✓ HUMAN BEINGS AND CREATION

- Rev 22: 1-2

✓ HUMAN BEINGS

- The new Jerusalem
- Rev 21:9-10

✓ GOD AND HUMAN BEINGS

- Rev 21:3

Revelation 22:1-2

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.



Revelations 21:3-10

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”...⁹ Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,



PERFECTED KINGDOM: BOOK OF REVELATIONS

VISIONS

- DIVINE JUDGMENT

- Seven seals
- Seven trumpets
- Seven bowls

FINAL JUDGMENT

- THE JUDGMENT OF

- Babylon **Rev 17:5; 18:2**
- The beast and the false prophet **Rev 19:20-21**
- Those whose names are not in the book of life **Rev 20: 5**

NEW CREATION

- 'A new heaven and a new earth' **Rev 21: 1-4**
- PERFECT RELATIONSHIPS
 - Human beings and creation **Rev 22: 1-2**
 - Human beings
 - The new Jerusalem **Rev 21: 9-10**
 - God and human beings **Rev 21: 3**

Revelations 17:5

⁵ And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: “Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations.”



Revelations 18:12

¹² cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all kinds of scented wood, all kinds of articles of ivory, all kinds of articles of costly wood, bronze, iron and marble



Revelations 19:20-21

²⁰ And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. ²¹ And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.



Revelations 20:5

⁵ The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection.



Revelations 21:1-4

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”



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- *New Covenant: Holy Spirit*

- *Throne of God and the Lamb of God. Perfect blessing.*

THANK YOU!

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