



Kingdom of God 1

Week 2: The Kingdom in the Old Testament (1)

Pictures and Promises of the Kingdom

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Pictures of the Kingdom

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What are the Pictures?

- **Used by God to**

Show us his character

Reveal the glory of his Kingdom

Foreshadow his plan for history



Pictures as a map for history

- A map is a marker, but not the real thing
- Points in a direction, useful for following clues

The Promised Land

Is a Physical Place -

- God's promise to Abraham (Gen 12:1-2)
- God's revelation to Moses (Exodus 3:8)
- David conquers the promised land (2 Samuel 8)

Is a Spiritual Place -

- Freedom from oppression (Exodus 2:23-25)
- Liberation from enemies (Exodus 15:13-16)
- Prosperity, comfort and condolence (Psalm 80:8-10)

Exodus – God Intervenes

The Burning Bush (3:1-6:29) - Revelation of the Divine Name



The Plagues (6:29-12:30) – Spiritual Battle



Crossing the Sea of Reeds (12:31-14:31) – Military Battle



The Song of the Sea (15:1-17) – Celebration of liberation



Kingdom Confession (15:18) – Declaration of God's reign

Covenant – God Relates

- **The Sinai Covenant is a Kingdom covenant**
Kingdom creates Covenant
- **Parallels to other treaties of the day**
New kind of suzerainty treaty
- **Enabled Israel to understand the nature of their relationship to Yahweh**

Monarchy – God gives Victory

- **2 Samuel 7: David wants to build a house to God, and God builds one for him!**
- **Psalm 2 : Parallel between earthly and heavenly Kingdoms**
- **1 Kings 4: The peace, grandeur, prosperity and wisdom of Solomon's reign**

The Pictures from an OT View

David:

"Oh Lord Almighty, God of Israel, I have been bold enough to pray this prayer because you have revealed that you will build a house for me – an eternal dynasty!" (2 Samuel 7:27)

"The LORD said to my Lord, 'Sit in honour at my right hand until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet'" (Psalm 110:1)

Isaiah:

"He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever." (Isaiah 9:7)



A Kingdom Understanding of the Old Testament

These past actions are just a taste of what God is going to do – but they will follow the same path!

Our own Expectations...

What does God reveal about himself through these Pictures?

He is present and involved

He uses incompetent and unqualified people

He is full of patience and mercy

He never does it quite the way you expect!

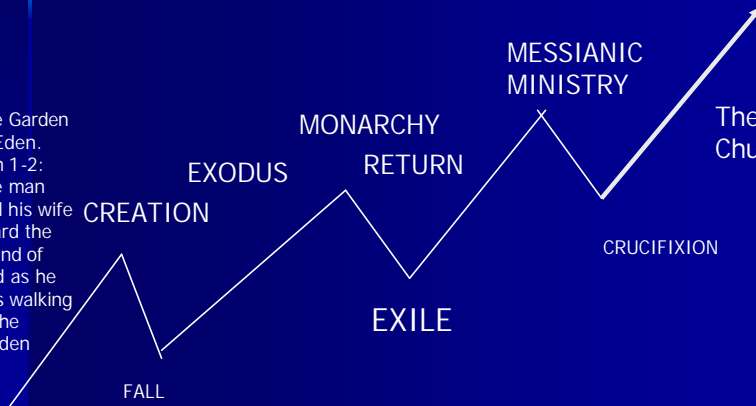


Pictures and Promises of the Kingdom

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The Kingdom Hermeneutical Trajectories

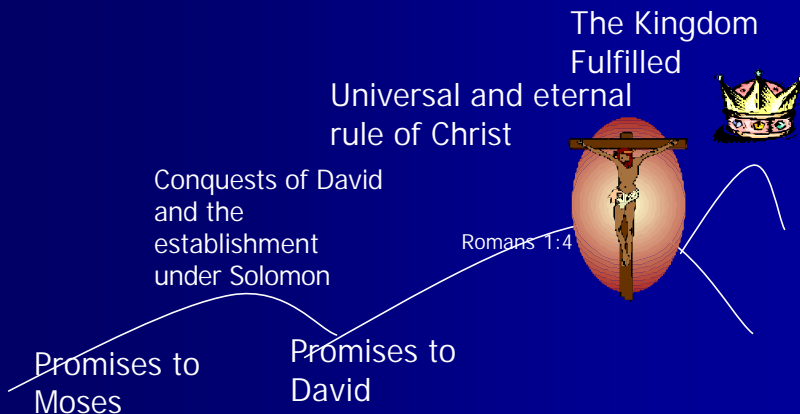
The Garden of Eden. Gen 1-2: The man and his wife heard the sound of God as he was walking in the garden



New Earth and New Heaven Revelation 21-22.

Now the dwelling of God is with men and he will live with them. Rev. 21:3

The Kingdom – Horizons of Prophetic Fulfilment



Comparisons between Exodus and the Monarchy

Exodus

- God responds to the cries of His people. Exod. 3:9,6:5
- The Kingdom announcement inherent in the Divine Name. Exod. 3:14
- The Kingdom intervention through Spiritual and Military Battle. Exod. 7-10
- The Kingdom Song of Liberation. Exod. 15

Davidic Monarchy

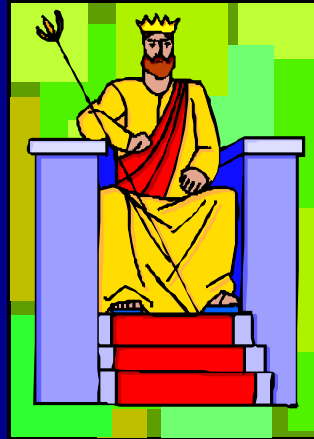
- God responds to the request for a King. 1 Sam. 12
- The prophetic promise of the kingdom 2 Sam. 7, Ps. 2
- The Kingdom wars of David 2 Sam. 8
- The Golden Age of the Kingdom - Solomon 1 Kings 4

Kingdom – Promises to David

- house – House 2 Sam. 7:5-7, 11-16
- name – Name 2 Sam. 7:9,13.
- Kingdom 2 Sam. 7:12-16
- **And this was fulfilled when
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The Kingdom – Davidic Monarchy Psalm 2

- **The rule of God opposed**
 - rebellion of the Kings of this world v.1-3
- **The Lord responds**
 - by installing His king vv.6-7
- **Universal Rule**
 - Rulership extends to the World. v.8
 - Total supremacy. v.9



The Kingdom – Solomon's Reign

- Kingdom Celebration
- Kingdom Prosperity
- Kingdom Peace



Kingdom- Davidic Monarchy - Conclusions

- This Kingdom has a Spiritual dimension.
- Kingdom involves growth and 'Big' thinking.
- The Kingdom is a huge concept.

