



GOD'S BIG PICTURE – TALK OUTLINE UNIT 1 - THE PATTERN OF THE KINGDOM

GOD'S BIG PICTURE

INTRO

- The Bible
- God's Big Picture Course aims

ONE BOOK

66 books...

- ONE AUTHOR: God **2 Tim 3: 16**
- ONE SUBJECT: Jesus Christ **Luke 24: 27**
- ONE STORY: God's plan to save the world through Jesus



THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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THE PATTERN OF THE KINGDOM

GOD'S CREATION

- Gen 1: 1**
- God alone is eternal
 - At His word the universe came into being
 - God is creator, so rightful ruler of all
- Gen 1: 31** 'Very good'
- Matter matters
- Gen 1: 27-28** 'God created mankind in His own image'
- Mankind has dignity as those set apart
 - 'Fill the earth and subdue it'
- Gen 2: 2** CLIMAX 'So on the seventh day he rested from all his work'
- God 'rested'
 - God wants human beings to rest with him
- Gen 2: 4-25** 'A second complementary account, focusing on humanity'

PERFECT RELATIONSHIPS

God and human beings **Gen 2: 17**

Man and woman **Gen 2: 25**

Human beings and creation **Gen 2: 15**



KINGDOM of GOD	PATTERN of the KINGDOM
GOD'S PEOPLE	Adam and Eve
GOD'S PLACE	The Garden of Eden
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING	Perfect Relationships

Next study - The PERISHED KINGDOM

Now do the bible study for Unit 1



GOD'S BIG PICTURE – TALK OUTLINE UNIT 2 - THE PERISHED KINGDOM

GOD'S BIG PICTURE

RECAP

- The Bible: one book, one divine author, one subject, one story
- The theme: THE KINGDOM OF **GOD**
- The story so far: THE **PATTERN** OF THE KINGDOM - a series of perfect relationships



WHERE DID **EVIL** COME FROM?

- God is sovereign, holy and loving
- A rebellion in the angelic world, **2 Pet 2:4, Jude 6**

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 RELATIONSHIPS

Man and Woman

- Coverings to hide their nakedness **Gen 3: 7**
- Shame and squabbling **Gen 3: 16b**

Human beings and creation

- 'Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it' **Gen 3: 17**

God and human beings

- So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden' **Gen 3: 23**



THE **SPREAD** OF SIN AND DEATH

Gen 4 Cain murders Abel

Gen 5 Genealogy '...and then he died'

Gen 6 - 9 The Flood

Gen 11 The Tower of Babel

THE KINGDOM OF **GOD**

KINGDOM of GOD	PERISHED KINGDOM
GOD'S PEOPLE	No-one
GOD'S PLACE	Banished from Eden
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING	Disobedience and curse

Next study- The PROMISED KINGDOM

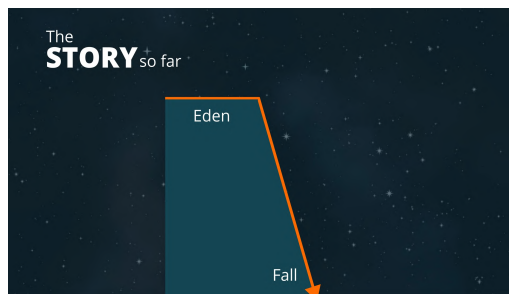
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GOD'S BIG PICTURE - TALK OUTLINE UNIT 3 - THE PROMISED KINGDOM

GOD'S BIG PICTURE

THE STORY SO FAR



Pattern of the kingdom:

- God's people
- God's place
- God's rule and blessing

Perished Kingdom:

- The Fall

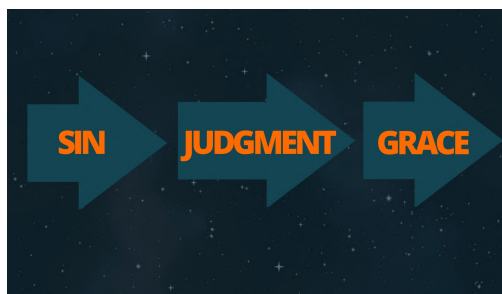
GOD'S ETERNAL PLAN

Eph 1: 10

WHY THE FALL?

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

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS



GRACE

- Promise of a saviour
Gen 3: 15, Rom 16: 20
- Protection of Noah's family
Gen 6: 8
Gen 6: 18 'Covenant', Solemn commitment, sealed in blood, given with a sign
Gen 9:15 Protection; covenant.

The COVENANT with ABRAHAM

- Genesis 11**
- Tower of Babel
 - Judgment by scattering of nations

PROMISES TO ABRAHAM

- Agenda for rest of Bible
- Seed of the gospel
- Fulfilled by Christ
'... Go to the land I will show you
I will make you into a great nation,

*and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
And all peoples on earth will be blessed by you.'*

Gen 12: 1-3

PEOPLE **Gen 12: 2; 17: 7**

LAND **Gen 12: 7; 17: 8**

BLESSING **Gen 12: 3**

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Abraham was justified by faith

Gen 15: 6

KINGDOM of GOD	PROMISED KINGDOM
GOD'S PEOPLE	Abraham's descendants
GOD'S PLACE	The Promised Land
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING	Blessing to Israel and nations

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Next study- THE PARTIAL KINGDOM

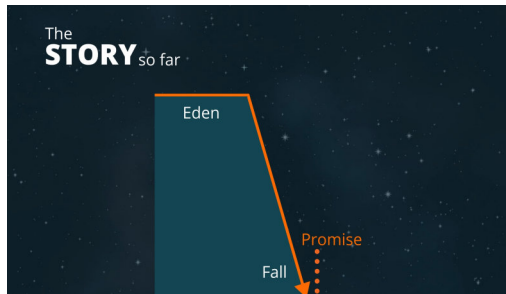


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GOD'S BIG PICTURE

THE STORY SO FAR

THE PROMISE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD



THE PARTIAL KINGDOM

Where we're going in unit 4 and 5

PARTIAL KINGDOM	
GOD'S PEOPLE	Genesis 12 - Exodus 18
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING	Exodus 19 - Leviticus
GOD'S PLACE	Numbers - Joshua
GOD'S KING	Judges - 2 Chronicles

GOD'S PEOPLE: GENESIS 12 - EXODUS 18

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 **Exo 12**

SALVATION BY CONQUEST **Exo 14**



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 law- The Ten Commandments **Exo 20**

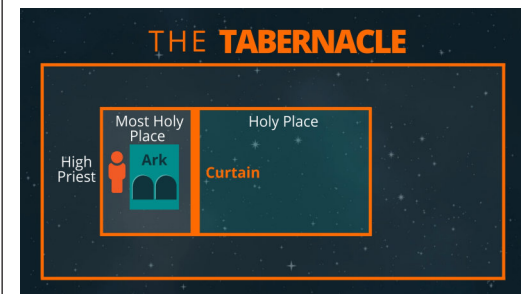
SALVATION COMES BEFORE THE LAW

- God's law reveals our sin **Rom 3: 20**
- God's law reveals our saviour **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



Now do the bible study for Unit 4

Next study- THE PARTIAL KINGDOM- Place and King

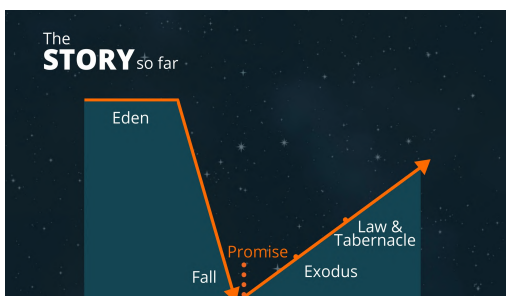


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GOD'S BIG PICTURE

THE STORY SO FAR

THE PROMISE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD



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

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**

GOD'S KING: JUDGES – 2 CHRONICLES

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 - 1 Kings 11

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**

1 SAMUEL: A False Start

- 'Appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have' **1 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

1 KINGS 1-11: Solomon and the Golden Age

- Promises fulfilled **1 Kings 8: 56**
- The king turns from God

KINGDOM of GOD		PROMISED KINGDOM
GOD'S PEOPLE		The Israelites
GOD'S PLACE		Canaan
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING		God's law and king

Now do the bible study for Unit 5

Next study- THE PROPHESED KINGDOM



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THE STORY SO FAR

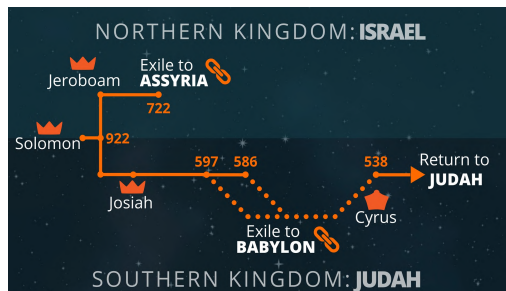


THE PROPHETS' ROLE

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

THE PROPHETS' CONTEXT

- Kingdom splits 922BC



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**

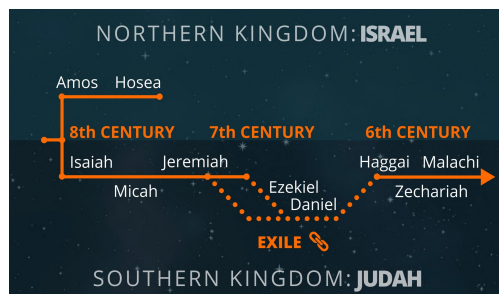
JUDAH

- 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**

THE PROPHETS' 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**

THE RETURN FROM EXILE

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

KINGDOM of GOD		PROMISED KINGDOM
GOD'S PEOPLE		New Israel including the nations
GOD'S PLACE		New temple = new creation
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING		New covenant & new king

Now do the bible study for Unit 6

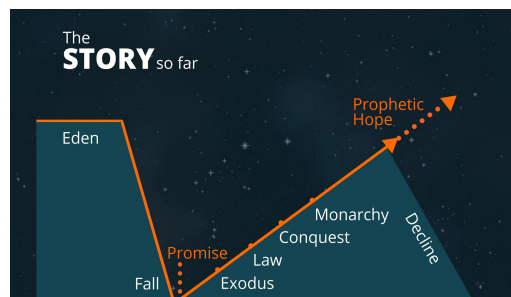
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GOD'S BIG PICTURE - TALK OUTLINE UNIT 7 - THE PRESENT KINGDOM

GOD'S BIG PICTURE

THE STORY SO FAR



THE NEW TESTAMENT GOSPELS

- Matthew, Mark & Luke - synoptic gospels, verbal parallels
- John - different style, unique material
- Complementary accounts of Jesus
- Same overall message...

JESUS IS THE FULFILMENT OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

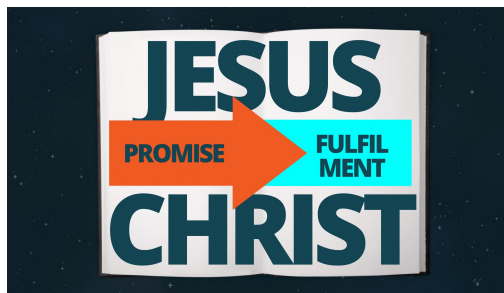
The start of Matthew: **1: 1**

The start of Mark: **1: 2-3**

The start of Luke: **1: 54-55**

The start of John: **1: 1; Gen 1:1**

2 Cor 1:20 Promises: Yes in Christ



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**

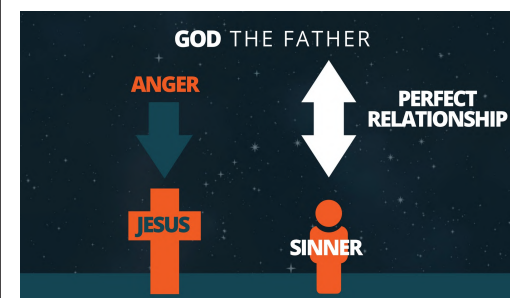
Resurrection blessings

- Life after death
- Eternal rest

THE CROSS: SALVATION THROUGH SUBSTITUTION

THE CLIMAX OF THE BIBLE

- **Mark 8: 31**
- God's wrath is satisfied or 'propitiated'
- **1 Pet 3: 18**



THE NEW COVENANT

- Forgiven, God is our father, fellowship with God by the Holy Spirit

KINGDOM of GOD	PRESENT KINGDOM
GOD'S PEOPLE	True Israel
GOD'S PLACE	True tabernacle, true temple
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING	True king, resurrection life

Now do the bible study for Unit 7

Next study- THE PROCLAIMED KINGDOM



GOD'S BIG PICTURE - TALK OUTLINE UNIT 8 - THE PROCLAIMED KINGDOM

GOD'S BIG PICTURE

THE STORY SO FAR



THE LAST DAYS

Kingdom 'now' but 'not yet' **Matt 25: 34**



THE REASON FOR THE 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

THE SPIRIT AT PENTECOST

- 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

THE WORK OF THE 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 **1 Cor 12: 7**

PRODUCES HOLINESS

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



A KINGDOM 'NOW' BUT 'NOT YET'

- 2 Cor 12: 9**
- Rom 8: 23**

KINGDOM of GOD		PROCLAIMED KINGDOM
GOD'S PEOPLE		The Church: believers from all nations
GOD'S PLACE		The Church: God's temple
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING		Relationship with God in the Spirit

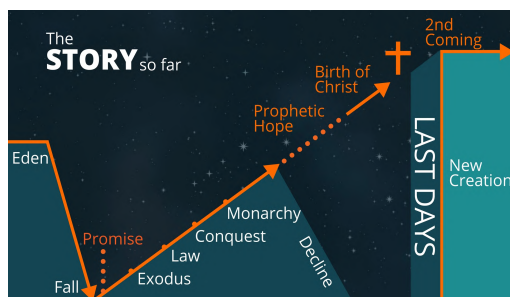
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Next study- THE PERFECTED KINGDOM



GOD'S BIG PICTURE

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THE BOOK OF REVELATION

'APOCALYPSE'

- Written by John- symbolism to convey meaning - 'unveiling'
- To strengthen believers by looking at Christ's kingdom

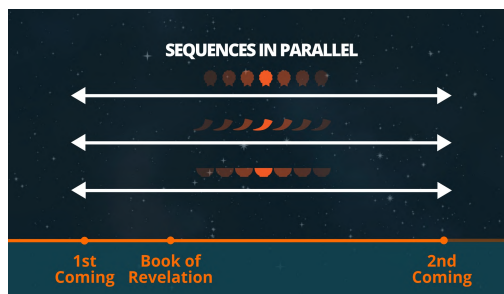
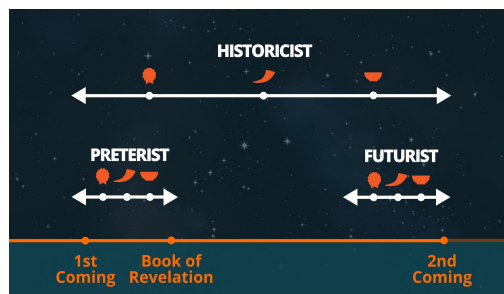
A THRONE IN HEAVEN

- God is in charge **Rev 4: 2**
- Jesus the lamb who died for us, suffered and triumphed **Rev 5:6**
- Demands worship **Rev 5: 13**

A SERIES OF VISIONS

DIVINE JUDGMENT

- Seven seals,
- Seven trumpets,
- Seven bowls



THE 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**

THE 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

KINGDOM of GOD		PROMISED KINGDOM
GOD'S PEOPLE		All nations
GOD'S PLACE		New creation
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING		Eternal blessing

'Come, Lord Jesus' **Rev 22: 20**

'The grace of the Lord be with God's people. Amen.'
Rev 22: 21

Now do the bible study for Unit 9