



GOD'S BIG PICTURE – BIBLE STUDY UNIT 1 - THE PATTERN OF THE KINGDOM (GENESIS 1-2)

Read Genesis 1:1-2:3

What are the repeated words and phrases?

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What do we learn about God?

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What do these verses tell us about God's creation?

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What are we told about human beings?

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What made the 7th day different from the rest?

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Read Genesis 2:4-25

What is the relationship?

- God and humans?

- Man and woman?

- Human beings and creation?



Reflection

How does the teaching of Genesis 1-2 differ from other worldviews in society?

How does it challenge your thinking and behaviour?

What could you do this week to enjoy God as the creator and enjoy rest with him?



GOD'S BIG PICTURE – BIBLE STUDY UNIT 2 - THE PERISHED KINGDOM (GENESIS 3)

Read Genesis 3

The serpent

How do we see Satan using the same tactics today?

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The sin

What did Adam and Eve do wrong?

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The consequences

How do we see sin damaging relationships in Genesis 3 and today between:

- Men and women

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- Human beings and creation

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- Human beings and God

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What signs of hope can be seen in this chapter?

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How can we be encouraged by this hope?

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GOD'S BIG PICTURE – BIBLE STUDY UNIT 3 - THE PROMISED KINGDOM (GENESIS 17:1-8)

Read Genesis 17:1-8

1. What is a covenant? (v2, 3, 7)

God confirms his covenant by repeating his promises.

List them under these headings:

- People

- Land

- Blessing

Genesis 15:6 describes Abraham's response to God's promises

Put it in your own words

2. How is that a model for us (see Gal 3:6-9)?

3. What would have been hard for Abraham?

4. When is it hard for us to believe God's gospel promises?

5. Why is it easier for us than Abraham?



GOD'S BIG PICTURE – BIBLE STUDY UNIT 4 - THE PARTIAL KINGDOM 1 (EXODUS 19 + 20)

Read Exodus 19: 4-6



What has God already done for Israel?

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What role does God want the Israelites to play in the world?

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How does this relate to his promises to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3?

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What must the Israelites do to fulfil the role?

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Read Exodus 20:1-17

Group the commandments into different categories

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Why do they begin as they do (v1-3)?

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How does God's law reveal:

- Our sin?
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- Our Saviour
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- God's standards?
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Choose one or two commandments you find especially challenging

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What will obedience look like in practice?

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How does the gospel of Christ help us do this?

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GOD'S BIG PICTURE – BIBLE STUDY UNIT 5 - THE PARTIAL KINGDOM 2 (2 SAM 7:1-17)

Read 2 Samuel 7:1-17

What are the different stages in the narrative?

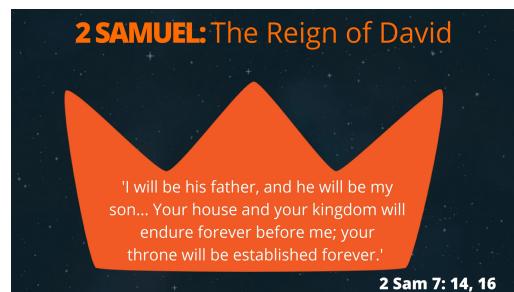
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How will God act in fulfilment of his promises to Abraham in Genesis 12?

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What does God promise concerning the coming king (v11b-16)?

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How does Jesus fulfil these promises?

Matthew 1:1

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Mark 12:35-37

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John 2:18-22

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Romans 1:1-4

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How should we respond to king Jesus?

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GOD'S BIG PICTURE – BIBLE STUDY UNIT 6 - THE PROPHESIED KINGDOM (HOSEA 1-3)

Read Hosea 1-3

What are the different stages in the relationship between Hosea and Gomer?

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What does God want the Israelites to learn about their sin from Hosea's marriage?

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What do the children's names teach them about God's judgement?

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What hope is there? (look for echoes of the promises to Abraham and David)

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What do we learn about God from this passage?

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What impact should these chapters have on our lives?

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GOD'S BIG PICTURE – BIBLE STUDY UNIT 7 - THE PRESENT KINGDOM (LUKE 1:67-80)

Read Luke 1:67-75

What do these verses imply about the situation before Christ came?

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What do we learn about salvation?

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How should God's people respond to salvation?

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Read Luke 1:76-79

What more do we learn about salvation?

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What are the implications for our lives?

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GOD'S BIG PICTURE – BIBLE STUDY UNIT 8 - THE PROCLAIMED KINGDOM (2 COR 4)

Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

When are we tempted to use 'shameful ways' or 'distort the word of God' in evangelism?

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What can we learn from Paul's example?

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What response should we expect?

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Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

Explain verse 7 in your own words

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To what extent do v8-12 reflect your experience of evangelism?

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Read 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

What do these verses tell us about what we can expect now, in this present age?

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What will we receive in the age to come?

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What difference should this hope make to us now?

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GOD'S BIG PICTURE – BIBLE STUDY UNIT 9 - THE **PERFECTED** KINGDOM (REV 21+22)

Read Revelation 21:1-8

What images are used to describe the perfected kingdom?

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How do they build on previous passages in the Bible?

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What will life be like in the perfected kingdom?

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Read Revelation 21:22-22:5

What features of the perfected kingdom are described here?

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God's rule and blessing

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Close with praise and intercession in the light of what you have learnt