

“The Kingdom of God!”



Part 1: “In the beginning, GOD!”

Genesis 1 - 11

Introduction: “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge”
(Hosea 4:6).

Jeremiah 9:23-24; II Peter 1:3 ... You need to know God and receive wisdom from His Spirit to understand His Word and all that He has revealed to us in it.

Satan’s temptation: “Question God’s truth and reject God as the Ruler over all things ... then YOU can BE GOD!!”

God’s purpose in creation was and IS to establish His eternal kingdom in a new heaven and a new earth, bringing salvation to all who believe in Him through His Covenant of Grace!

JESUS’ ministry and teaching was all about the kingdom of God.

Psalms 2:1-12: “I have set MY King on Zion, my holy hill!” (vs. 6).

Colossians 1:9-13; II Peter 3:10-13; ... “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever!” (**Revelation 11:15**).

I. God’s rule is declared ...

The most basic truth is that GOD is the main character in the “story” of the Bible, in the HIS-story of the world.

God is also the one and ONLY Ruler over ALL things!

John 1:1-5: “In the beginning was the Word ... All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made ...” (vss. 1-2; **Colossians 1:15-18**).

God in His glory, power and wisdom declares His rule by the very act of creation. HE is GOD!! (**Acts 17:24-25**)

When God’s reign is declared and acknowledged, everything is good.

II. God’s rule is challenged ...

Isaiah 14:12-14: “You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; ... I will set my throne on high ... I will make myself like the Most High ...’” (vss. 13-14; Ezekiel 28:12-19).

God’s rule was challenged ... but God was not overthrown !!

“Evil” is not a “thing” ... it is the action of challenging and rejecting God’s rule. It is the motive and attitude of a heart turned away from God and toward SELF!

Man now exists seeking to be his own ruler, yet finding it impossible to overcome the evil desires of the flesh (Genesis 4:1-12; 6:5).

All the attempts of mankind to explain man’s behavior through “psychology,” the study of the mind, fall short because they fail to acknowledge God’s reign.

The only place to find hope is in this truth: God is still reigning !

III. God’s rule is affirmed ...

God is still ruling and is working all things together to accomplish HIS purpose!

Genesis 3:15 ... God makes the first promise of salvation: “He shall bruise your head !”

Genesis 6-9 ... As mankind spread out on the earth God determined to reaffirm His rule in an unmistakable way: the FLOOD.

Genesis 6:8: “Noah found favor (grace) in the eyes of the Lord.”

Mankind was determined to make a name for themselves, but GOD was still ruling, moving all things toward His desired end.

God chose one man, Abram, from the line of Shem, Noah’s son, and made a Covenant of Grace with him and his descendants.

This knowledge is **life-changing** because the only way you can receive it and believe this truth is through the testimony of the Holy Spirit teaching you through God’s Word.

Our mission: “We exist to proclaim the reign of Jesus Christ over ALL things; glorifying and enjoying God, now and forever!”