

## Gleanings from the Pentateuch

*The Unfolding Story of the Kingdom of God*

## The Kingdom of God

### God's Kingdom Purpose:

*God is forming a people to live in His place enjoying His presence under His rule and blessing*

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### 1. Kingdom Patterned (Gen. 1-2)

- Creation of the earth and the creation of man in the image of God
- Man enjoyed God's limitless blessing and His presence, while ruling for God in Eden

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### 2. Kingdom Perished (Gen. 3-11)

- due to man's rebellion and corruption, he was banished from Eden and subjected to death
- "dark ages" – 2000 years of no outward kingdom expression

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### 3. Kingdom Promised (Gen. 12- 50)

- to Abraham – an everlasting covenant
  - "blessing" – to the nations
  - "seed" – a multitude (great nation)
  - "land" – everlasting possession

*This is the foundational promise of the Bible!*

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### 4. Kingdom Pictured (Exodus...)

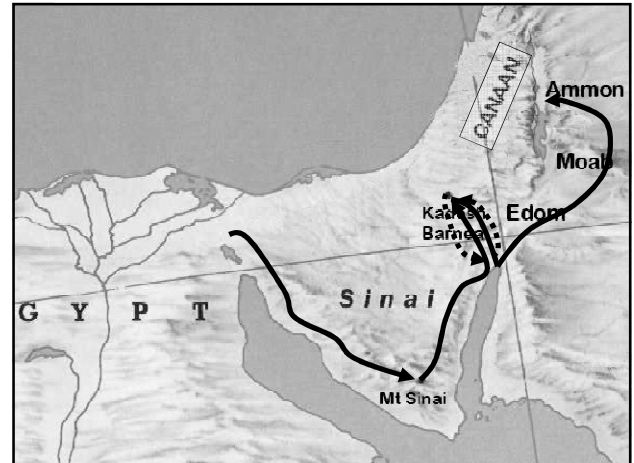
- Formation of Israel as a holy nation in which God uniquely dwells
- Covenant at Sinai (*Law of Moses*) – the covenant that established Israel as a holy nation

*The Law foreshadows Christ and His fulfillment of the kingdom promises*

## Book of Deuteronomy

### “Covenant Renewal”

- Not a “second law” but a renewal of the previous covenant made at Sinai
- Not a mere repeat of the covenant but an exposition and application of it by Moses



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### 1. The Occasion

- A. The new generation of Israel was days from entering the promised land of Canaan
- B. Moses was days from his death – he would not enter Canaan with Israel

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### 2. The Theology

➤ *it is written in the form of a “covenant” emphasizing God’s kingship and the people’s obligations*

- The covenant is rooted in the unmerited love of God
- The laws of the covenant are expressions of His love
- Obedience is the expression of the people’s love

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### Overarching Principle

➤ *as those in covenant with God, our response of love to His unmerited love is our obedience and glad-submission*

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### 1 John 5:3

“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.”