

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

The Kingdom Lost
(Genesis 3:1-24)

The Kingdom of God

*God's people in God's place under
God's rule and blessing*

1. The Kingdom Modeled (Gen. 1-2)
 - man and woman in Eden ruling for God under His word and enjoying His provision and presence

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2. The Kingdom Lost (Gen. 3-11)
 - the entrance of sin and death into the world through man's rebellion
 - banishment from God's place of blessing

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The Consequences of Sin:

1. God and man
 - man hides from God – does not seek God; he is afraid of God
 - man is corrupted by his knowledge; God's presence brings exposure
 - man is driven out of God's special place of blessing and sentenced to death

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The Consequences of Sin:

2. Woman and man
 - the sentence on the woman involves a disruption of her appointed roles
 - the marriage relationship is negatively affected

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The Consequences of Sin:

3. Man and the land
 - this close relationship, which marked God's blessing, is now disrupted
 - this disruption ensures that man will not enjoy "rest" from his labors

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The Consequences of Sin:

- God's temporal judgments are means of calling man back to Himself
- These consequences are not isolated to Adam and Eve, but are imputed to the entire human race

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Glimmers of Hope:

1. The description of v24 anticipates the coming sanctuary of Sinai
2. God's provision for man in his yet fallen condition
3. Adam's expression of faith in naming his wife "Eve"

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Glimmers of Hope:

4. The promise of victory by the "seed" of the woman
 - refers to an ongoing battle with evil
 - ultimately, the individual "seed" ("he") will defeat the serpent (Satan)