

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

The Unfolding Story of the Kingdom of God

The Kingdom of God

“God’s people in God’s place under God’s rule and blessing”

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Kingdom Promised (to Abraham):

- God’s people – the seed of Abraham
- God’s place – the land of Canaan
- God’s blessing – His presence

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Kingdom Principles:

1. God brings about His kingdom in a manner that magnifies Himself as God
2. God’s power and electing mercy, not human effort, form His covenant people

Death & Redemption

Exodus 11:1-10

- announcement of the final plague – the death of the firstborn

Exodus 12:29-39

- the execution of the final plague

Exodus 12:1-28; 13:1-16

- the institution of two abiding ordinances

Death & Redemption

1. Passover Ritual

- sacrifice an unblemished lamb
- put blood from the lamb on their doorposts
- eat a meal of lamb, unleavened bread and bitter herbs; eat in haste

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1. Passover Ritual

➤ *Significance*

- Concept of substitution – the blood of the lamb saved them from death
- The firstborn of Israel were also under this judgment of death – only spared through God's provision of a lamb

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2. Consecration of the firstborn

➤ *the firstborn male of man and beast belonged to the Lord*

- every firstborn animal (except a donkey) had to be sacrificed
- every firstborn son had to be redeemed

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Kingdom Principle #3

➤ God provides redemption through His appointed substitute-sacrifice

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Forward-Directed (Jesus):

➤ *Jesus in His death is the fulfillment of the substitute Passover lamb*

- 1) Jesus' death (blood) delivers us from God's judgment of death
- 2) Jesus' death is the redemption price that purchased us for God