



Old Testament Gleanings

From Paradise to the Promised Land
(Genesis – Deuteronomy)

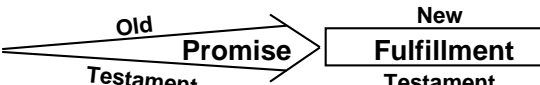


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The Bible is ultimately one book with one Author that reveals one, unfolding story



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Jesus is the central figure of the unfolding story
(c.f. Luke 24:44)




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Unifying Theme of the Bible

- ❖ *God's establishment of His Kingdom*

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



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

Then God said, "Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over everything that moves on the earth."

And God created man in His own image; the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

And God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the birds of the sky, and over everything that moves on the earth." (Gen. 1:26-28)

And the Lord God planted a garden toward the east in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed... Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to serve it and guard it. (Gen. 2:8,15)



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

- man enjoyed God's blessing and presence under His rule in the "sanctuary" of Eden
- man, as God's image-bearer, was to rule, fill and subdue the earth



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2. The Kingdom Perished (*almost*)

➤ *Genesis 3-11*

- man failed to rule for God, and instead rebelled against God resulting in death and banishment
- followed by "dark ages" – 2,000 years of virtually no outward kingdom expression



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

Now the Lord said to Abram,

"Go forth from your country,
And from your relatives
And from your father's house,
To the land which I will show you;

And I will make you a great nation,
And I will bless you,
And make your name great;
And so you shall be a blessing;

And I will bless those who bless you,
And the one who curses you I will curse.
And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

(Genesis 12:1-3)



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

- *to Abraham – an irrevocable kingdom promise*
- "seed" – a great multitude/great nation
 - "land" – an everlasting possession
 - "blessing" – salvation to the nations

The foundational promise of the Bible!



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Fulfillment in Jesus

- *Jesus is the greater seed of Abraham who brings ultimate salvation-blessing to the nations and the inheritance of a greater land*