



The Bible's Story (pt 2)

From Paradise to the Promised Land
(Genesis – Deuteronomy)



The Bible's Story

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



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Unifying Theme: The Kingdom of God

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

Jesus is the central figure of this unfolding story



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1. The Kingdom Patterned (Gen. 1-2)
2. The Kingdom Perished (Gen. 3-11)
3. The Kingdom Promised (Gen. 12ff)
 - an irrevocable promise to Abraham of a seed,
land and blessing



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The Kingdom in Part (Exodus...)

1. The Exodus

➤ *Pattern of Redemption*

- represents the condition of sinners and the nature
of God's redemptive-saving work
- this pattern finds its ultimate fulfillment in Jesus



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The Kingdom in Part (Exodus...)

1. The Exodus

➤ *Passover*

- pattern – trust in the blood (death) of a substitute is
the means of deliverance from God's judgment
- Christ is our Passover sacrifice (1 Cor. 5:7)

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The Kingdom in Part (Exodus...)

2. The Law (torah)

➤ Purpose

- to define Israel as God's "holy nation" – a type (outward picture) of God's kingdom
- faithfulness to the covenant was an expression of love for God on the basis of His redemption

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The Kingdom in Part (Exodus...)

2. The Law (torah)

➤ central feature – *the tabernacle*

- God's dwelling among His people
- God's separateness (holiness) from His people
- Demonstrated the way of approach to God



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The Kingdom in Part (Exodus...)

3. The Failure

➤ *rejection of the land* (Numbers 13-14)

- the people reject the Lord and His purpose
- it exposed their idolatrous, unbelieving hearts
- they were not allowed to enter the promised land

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The Kingdom in Part (Exodus...)

3. The Failure

➤ *kingdom perspective*

- shows man's unbelief and rebellion is all-pervasive
- highlights the need for a better covenant with a better mediator

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Fulfillment in Jesus

- ##### ➤ *Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant on the basis of a greater sacrifice securing a greater redemption and a greater inheritance*