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## **God's Big Picture week 2**

### **The Promised Kingdom**

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# The Kingdom of God

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# Glimmers of Hope....

And I will put enmity  
between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will crush your head,  
and you will strike his heel.'

Gen 3:15

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# Glimmers of Hope....

Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. *Gen 4:15*

At that time people began to call on the name of the LORD. *Gen 4:26*

Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away. *Gen 5:24*

# The Promised Kingdom

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight..... he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

*Eph 1:3-4, 9-10*

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# Covenants in the Bible

Covenant with Adam

Covenant with Noah

Covenant with Abraham

Covenant with Israel

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Behold, I intend to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spoke to David my father, saying, ‘Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, he will build the house for My name.’ <sup>6</sup> Now therefore, command that they cut for me cedars from Lebanon, and my servants will be with your servants; and I will give you wages for your servants according to all that you say.....”

<sup>7</sup> When Hiram heard the words of Solomon, he rejoiced greatly and said, “Blessed be the LORD today, who has given to David a wise son over this great people.” <sup>8</sup> So Hiram sent word to Solomon, saying, “I have heard the message which you have sent me; I will do what you desire concerning the cedar and cypress timber.... So Hiram gave Solomon as much as he desired of the cedar and cypress timber. <sup>11</sup> Solomon then gave Hiram 20,000 kors of wheat as food for his household, and twenty kors of beaten oil; thus Solomon would give Hiram year by year. <sup>12</sup> The LORD gave wisdom to Solomon, just as He promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a covenant.

1 Kings 5:5-8, 11-12

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# Adamic covenant

For I desire mercy, not sacrifice,  
and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.  
As at Adam, they have broken the covenant;  
they were unfaithful to me there.

Hosea 6:6-7

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# Noahic Covenant

But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark – you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. <sup>19</sup> You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. Gen 6:18-19

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‘I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you – the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you – every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood... And God said,

‘This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.      *Gen 9:9 -15*

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# Abrahamic Covenant

The LORD had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

'I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;

and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.'

Gen 12:1-3

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**Gen 15** After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

‘Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,  
your very great reward.’

<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, ‘Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?’ <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, ‘You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.’

<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him: ‘This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.’ <sup>5</sup> He took him outside and said, ‘Look up at the sky and count the stars – if indeed you can count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your offspring be.’

<sup>6</sup> **Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.**

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# Faith

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.

*Ephesians 2:8-9*

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He also said to him, 'I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.'

<sup>8</sup> But Abram said, 'Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I shall gain possession of it?'

<sup>9</sup> So the LORD said to him, 'Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.'

<sup>10</sup> Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. <sup>11</sup> Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him.

<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to him, ‘Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and ill-treated there. <sup>14</sup> But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterwards they will come out with great possessions. <sup>15</sup> You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. <sup>16</sup> In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.’

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking brazier with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, ‘To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates – <sup>19</sup> the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, <sup>20</sup> Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, <sup>21</sup> Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites.’

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Then the LORD said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? <sup>18</sup> Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him.<sup>19</sup> For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.'

<sup>20</sup> Then the LORD said, 'The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous <sup>21</sup> that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.'

*Gen 18:17-21*

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God said to him, <sup>4</sup> ‘As for me, this is my covenant with you: you will be the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. <sup>7</sup> I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. <sup>8</sup> The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.... Then God said ..... your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.

*Gen 17:4-8, 19*

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Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup> As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.' He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

<sup>18</sup> Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' <sup>19</sup> Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah's womb was also dead. <sup>20</sup> Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> This is why 'it was credited to him as righteousness.' <sup>23</sup> The words 'it was credited to him' were written not for him alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness – for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

*Rom 3:16-24*

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# Communion

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

<sup>20</sup> In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.'

*Luke 22:19-20*

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