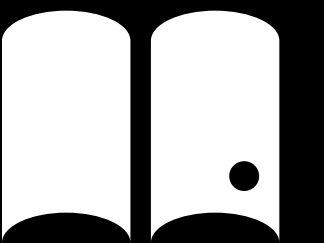


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If you want to know how an Old Testament passage relates to the Kingdom of God, find out where it's quoted in the New Testament and read it in that context.



Creation

Genesis 1-3

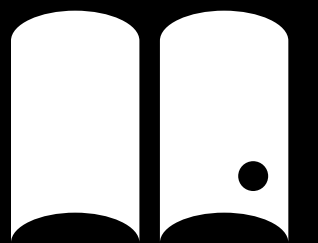
God rules through his WORD

- “Let there be Light” (Gen 1:3)
- Asserting the Authority of Yahweh
- He speaks and stuff is

Humans have two roles

- Live under God’s rule
- Rule with God (Gen 1:28)

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The Fall

Genesis 3:1-6

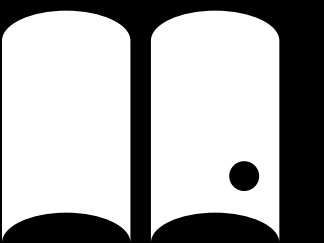
God's rule is rejected

- Doubt of God's Word (Serpent, v1)
- Denial of God's Word (Serpent, v4)
- Rejection of the God's Word is rejection of God's rule

Whole notion of 'rule' is changed

- Rule is tyranny
- Creation order reverse - we are ruled by creation
- Desire for rule of own life - hatred and envy

Oppression, Subversion, Conflict



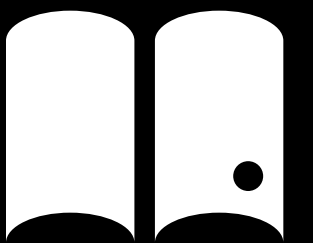
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Obey God's Word:

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Reject God's Word:

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Abraham & Law

Genesis 12 - Deuteronomy

God rules through a promise

- The promise of a Nation (Gen 12:1-3)
- The promise of a King (Gen 17)
- Abraham acts according to the promises (Gen 12:4)

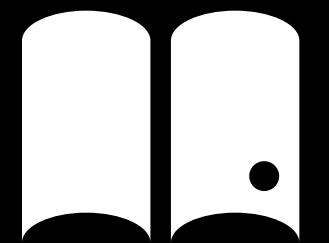
God begins to re-establish His Rule through His Word

- Liberation from Egypt because of Promise to Abraham (Ex 2:25)
- Word given in form of Law - to govern God's people
- Law given to redeemed people, not to redeem (Ex 20:1-2)
- Law given to bless, not restrict

God's Rule through His Word



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Israel

Judges

In the promised land

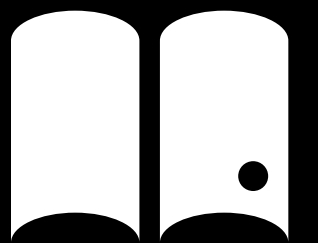
- God rules through his Word (Law): Obedience leads to blessing
- Reject God's law : Reject God's Word : Reject God's rule (2:11-15)
- Lord has pity : raises up Judges

Key points on the Judges:

- God was with them (2:16-18) - Unqualified
- While the Judge lived, Israel prospered, delivered from enemies (2:19)

Israel has no King, everyone does what is right in their own eyes
(21:25)

- Oppression, Subversion, Conflict



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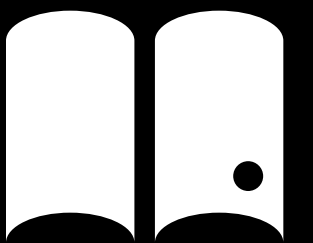
1 Samuel - 1 Kings

God rules through His King

- People ask for a King : another rejection of God's rule (1Sam 8:4-7)
- The King is to rule under God's rule (Deut 17:18-20)
- Prophets given to guide the King : God's rule through His Word

David, the Anointed King

- David wants to build a house for God - Temple (2Sam 7:1-3)
- God is going to build a house for David - Dynasty (2Sam 7:4-17)
- David's family goes astray - Dividing of a family
- David's descendants go astray - Dividing of a Nation (1Kings 12-16)
- God's promise to David remains: David's line continues in Southern Kingdom despite its sin. (1Kings 15:1-4)



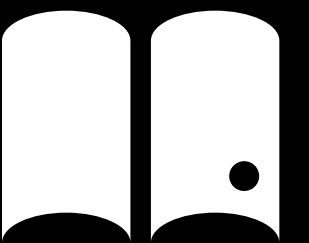
Zoom In: The Shadow of the Serpent

Israelites in Oppressive Rule - Exodus 1

- People of God Prospering (1:7)
- Pharaoh is Shrewd (1:10)
- Serpent is crafty (Gen 3:1)

David and Goliath - 1 Samuel 17

- David is anointed one (Messiah)
- After he is anointed King - fights Goliath
- Goliath wears armour of scales (17:5)
- Reflecting the serpent of Gen 3
- Foreshadowing Christ



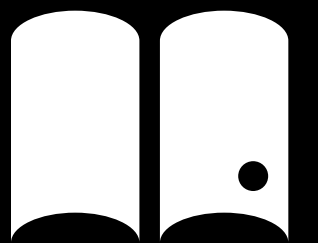
Decline into Exile

2 Kings

God rules through the prophetic Word

- Joshua to 2 Kings - former Prophets
- Focus of narrative is not kings but, the Word of God through prophets (Must listen to Samuel, Nathan, Elijah etc)
- Pattern of conflict between king and prophet - each time Word of God is proven to be sovereign
- 2 Kings warnings of Deuteronomy unfold
- King Manasseh - point of no return (2Kings 21)
- God brings exile on the people (2Kings 21:10-15)

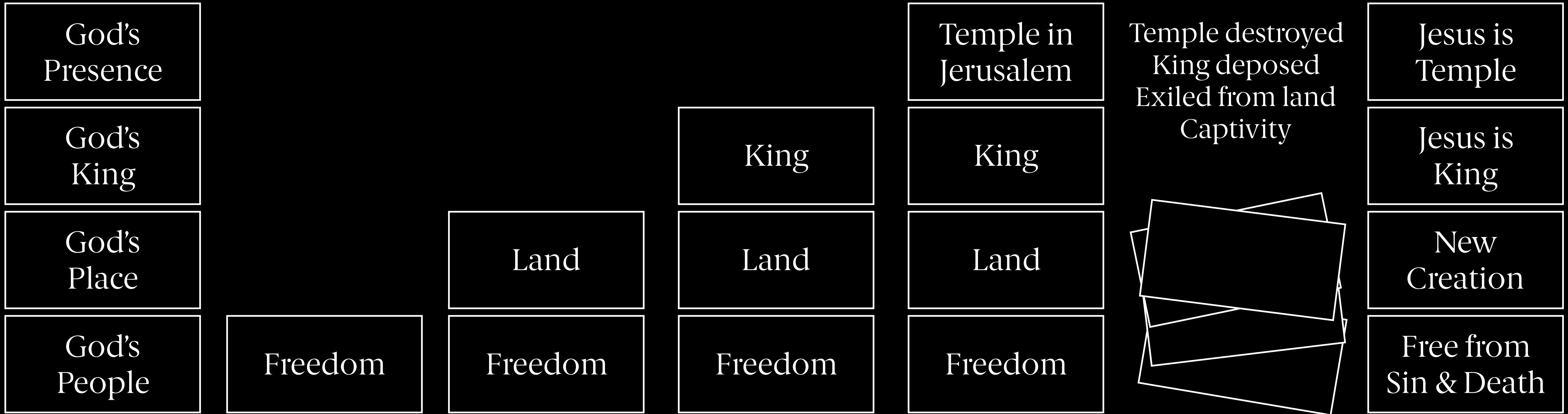
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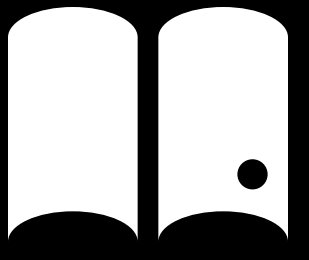
From Genesis to 2 Kings

PROMISE

FULFILLMENT



Genesis → Exodus → Joshua Judges → 1 & 2 Samuel → 1 Kings → 2 Kings → New Testament



Prophecy

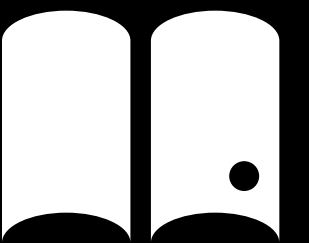
God will rule through a Coming King

1. The promise of a Coming Kingdom

- Restore Israel and make pre-eminent (Ezekiel 36)
- Judgement against the enemies of Israel (Isaiah 24)
- Day of the Lord (Zephaniah 1)

2. The Promise of a coming King

- Raise up a new David (Isaiah 9:6-7)
- Rule over all nations
- Shepherd King (Ezekiel 34:23-24)



Jesus

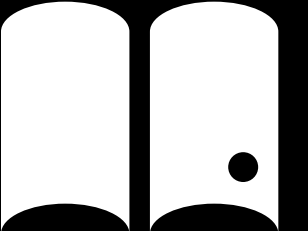
Matthew - John

The Promised Saviour-King

1. God's Kingdom has come

- Jesus announces the coming of God's Kingdom and need to repent (Mark 1:15)
- Jesus begins to re-establish God's Rule through His Word (The Gospel, Mark 1:15)

2. God's King has come

- Jesus is Son of David, promised King, anointed one (Messiah) (Luke 1:31-33)
- Resurrection places Him as Lord and King - undoing the subversion of the Fall 

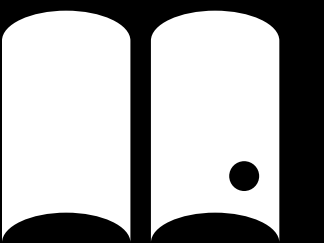
The Church

King Jesus rules through the Gospel

- Authority has been given to Jesus (Matt 28:18-20)
- He is King and WILL reign forever (Rev 11:15)

Church has two Roles:

- Live under the rule of Jesus through living by His Word - The Gospel
- Proclaim that He is King and will reign through preaching the Gospel
- Mirrors of Gen 1-2 (Under His rule and rule with Him)



New Creation

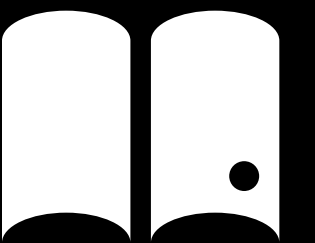
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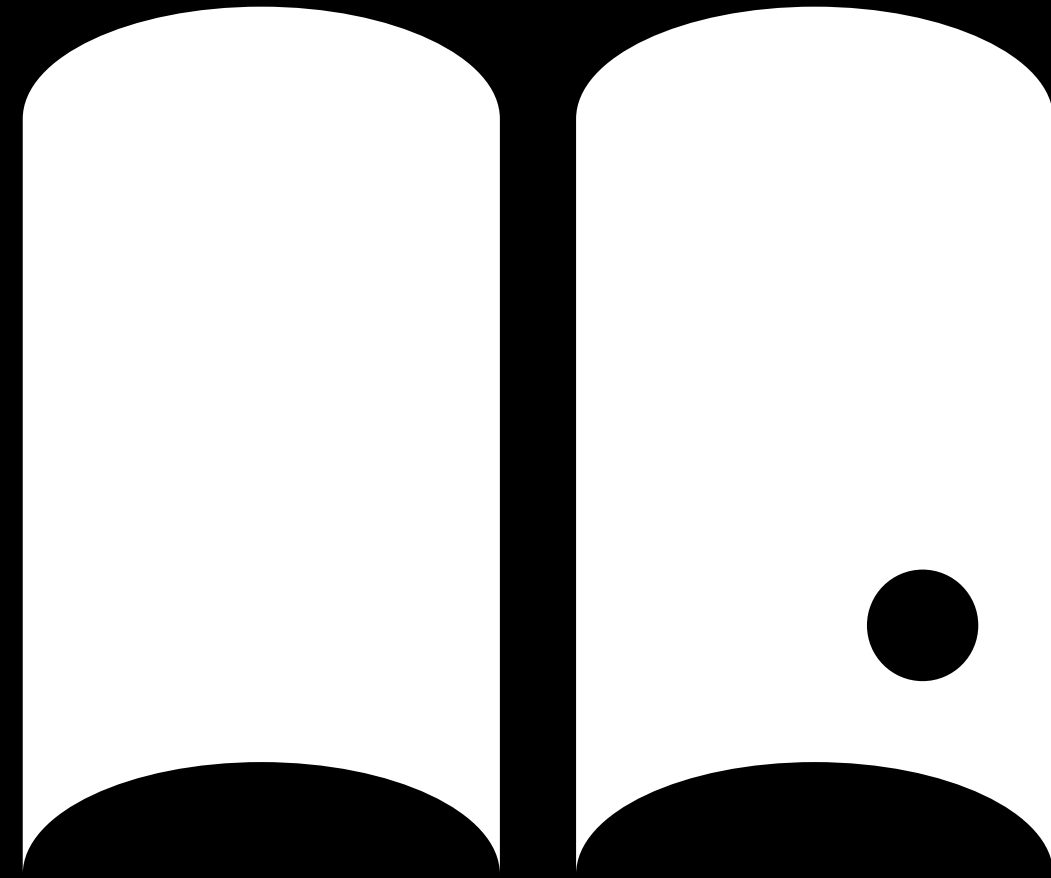
God rules forever and ever

- Revelation 5:1-5 : King Jesus is Triumphant
- Revelation 11:15 : Reigns forever
- Revelation 21-22 : Life under God's rule

God's People : Under God's Rule : Ruling With God : Forever

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