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"THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

Genesis 1:1 & Galatians 5:22

(Part 1)

** The definition of the word "Kingdom"...

English: The *PLACE* of a king. Hebrew and Greek: The *ACTIONS* of a king. (*God's actions in creation.*)
(*Man's actions over God's creation.*)

1. **God's original design for the Kingdom of God: Genesis 1:27-28**

God created man in His own image and sets him over all creation to "tend it and keep it" under God's authority. Be fruitful and multiply and extend the Garden of Eden over the entire globe.
We were intended to have a face to face relationship with our Creator.

2. **Man's rebellion against God and His design: Genesis 3:1-24**

Man trusts his own wisdom, submits to sin's "reign" and the "black dog's rule" his heart. He crowns Satan as the god of this world... God demonstrates His grace toward mankind and banishes them outside the Garden of Eden to the East. *1 John 2:16 Adam: Eyes & Flesh. Eve: Eyes & Pride.*

3. **Man's design of the kingdom: Genesis 4:1-17**

Cain distrusts God and murders Abel and is banished further East of Eden into the land of Nod (*Wandering* in Hebrew) and STILL doesn't trust God and builds the first "city of blood" with protective walls around it and names it "Enoch", after his son. (*Distrust=Faithlessness*)

4. **Man's design increases in violence: Genesis Chapter 4-10**

Lamech (murderer) -> Ham -> Cush -> Nimrod (*Rebel* in Hebrew) A mighty hunter and the first king mentioned in the Bible. He built the Tower of Babel (Babylon), Nineveh and 2 other walled "cities of blood" that became a metropolis like Dallas/Ft. Worth.

5. **Man's design attempts to recreate the lost conditions of the Garden of Eden: Genesis 11: 1-9**

Open rebellion against God's commands (1:28): **1.** Built cities to avoid dispersing over the globe. **2.** Built walls around the cities to replace the protection of God. **3.** Built towers to reach Heaven (made of bricks coated with tar to be waterproof in case of another flood) to replace the face to face relationship with God. **4.** Built menageries with many animals and the Hanging Gardens of Babylon may have been here. Thus man attempts to provide for himself protection, food, water and beauty in an attempt to recreate the conditions of the Garden of Eden as a HUMAN kingdom instead of a DIVINE kingdom.

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6. **God begins His new pattern of the kingdom: Genesis Chapters 12-15**

Yahweh makes a covenant with Abraham through FAITH based on khesed (loyal covenant love)... God's, NOT man's! Why not man's? (Genesis 8:20-21) Because of the presence of the "black dog" in the heart of man, the intentions of his heart are only evil from his youth... we have NO khesed! God gives Abram the ultimate blessing in Genesis 12:1-3.

7. **God gave the Torah through Moses: Exodus 20:2-17**

Partly to help His people live lives pleasing to Him and partly because of the lie humans believed in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:4-5), God gave the Law to demonstrate to humans that they could NOT be holy enough through their own actions to be in the presence of Yahweh (Galatians 3:24-25).

8. **Moses prophesy's of a greater Prophet and Priest: Deuteronomy 18:15-19**

Moses, through whom the Law came, prophesy's of a Prophet and Priest greater than himself sent from Yahweh. He will speak the Words of Yahweh and that if anyone does not listen to Him, Yahweh will destroy them. (Acts 3: 22-24)

9. **Hark the herald angels sing: Luke 1:30-33**

The second person of the Godhead, Jesus, takes on human flesh, permanently, to become the fulfillment of God's Word and the Mosaic prophesy... Genesis 3: 15 (mutually fatal blows); Hebrews 1:1-2 and 7:25 (God's final Prophet and High Priest); Matthew 27:27-30 ("Are you the king of the Jews?"/ scarlet robe/crown of thorns/scepter/lifted up (*on the cross*)/ glorified (*resurrection*))

10. **Jesus ascends to Heaven: John 16:7 and Hebrews 4:14**

Jesus sent the third person of the Godhead to indwell His believers, PERMANENTLY and assumes His new role as High Priest making intercession for those He has saved to KEEP them saved.

11. **Power from on High: Romans 8:11**

The indwelling and empowering Holy Spirit gives revitalized life to our mortal (DEAD not Human) bodies in order that we can accomplish His will and purpose on earth.

12. **Control from on High: Galatians 5:22**

The actions of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords through a newly created Adam (human in Hebrew) when we submit ourselves to the reign of God in us.

13. **The Kingdom of God: Matthew Chapters 5-7**

The actions of the Spirit-led believer in the Kingdom on earth until the real Kingdom comes.

14. **SUMMARY:**

The ministry of the Holy Spirit working through humbled and submitted believers to the church and other human beings is the Kingdom reign on earth (before the Millennium)... just as Jesus was the reign of God the Father when He walked the earth (Matthew 4:17), we are to follow His example... not FOR salvation, but BECAUSE of salvation!

We were saved to serve here on earth until the Kingdom rest comes. (Matthew 23:11; Mark 10:44-45; Luke 22:24-26; John 13:16-17)

15. **Post Script:**

The Real Kingdom of God: Revelation 21:1-9

The jealousy of the LORD for His bride will make this occur.
(Isaiah 9:7)

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LEADER'S ADDITIONAL POINTS

- 1) Day 1: Genesis 1:3-4; Day 3: 1:9-10; Day 4: 1:11-12; Day 5: 1:14-18; Day 6: 1:20-21
"And God saw that it was good." Is mentioned on each day when there was the creation of things usable by humans in order to flourish.
- 2) Day 2: Genesis 1:6-8 The firmament/expanse/heavens or RAY-QIA in Hebrew means "hammered into shape" (**not directly usable by humans, thus no mention** of "And God saw that it was good".) The RAY-QIA is part of what opened in Genesis 7:11
- 3) Lights in the heavens for Signs, Seasons, Days and Years... What does this mean?
Signs: Joshua prays and the sun and moon stand still; the Wise men follow Jesus' star.
Seasons: Growing seasons calculated.
Days: Hebrew Feast Days will be calculated.
Years: Hebrew Jubilee calculated; Human years calculated.
Our Creator is a God of order, NOT chaos!
- 4) The Triune Godhead creates humanity MALE and FEMALE in order to be complete, in their image, to co-rule over the creation.
- 5) God blesses animals 1:22 and people 1:28 and tells them to be fruitful and multiply.
- 6) God saw that creation was VERY GOOD when man was created as His image bearers.
- 7) The statement "evening and morning" (YOM in Hebrew=24 hour day) IS NOT used in reference to the 7th day... Why not? (There is NO END to God's eternal Sabbath rest.)
- 8) Humans were NOT created "EX NIHILO" (out of nothing). Adams created from dirt, like the animals, and God "breathed life into his nostrils". *Breath* means *Spirit* in Hebrew and Greek. See Genesis 1:2 and 2 Timothy 3:16. Eve taken from man's side (Bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh).
- 9) *Eve* means *Life-Giver* in Hebrew. Helper... It was impossible for Adam to obey God's commands by himself or even with Eve... they needed children and multiple families in order to tend and extend the boundaries of the Garden over the whole globe.

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Part 1 Review

Adam and Eve's sin occurred in their minds and hearts through the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and the pride of life (possessions) **BEFORE** eating the fruit!

Trusting Satan's words more than God's Word. Desiring knowledge and possession of the creation rather than the Creator! Beautiful scenes like Yellowstone Park, should make us worship God **NOT** nature.

Eve was deceived, but Adam's behavior was thought out and calculated. He failed to act as the "head" of the wife and her protector. He should have rebuked the snake as the Image-bearer and "king" of the earth, thus saving Eve and ALL OF US through correction! Now, however, we all trust our own wisdom. This is why we are instructed to "die to self" in **Romans 6:11-12** and "do not lean on your own understanding" in **Proverbs 3:5-6**.

BTW... **Ephesians 5:23** presents man as the savior of the wife and that we should give ourselves even unto death for her. The man directs the family as the head directs the body. These actions allow and cause the wife to respect, honor and love her husband. This has NOTHING to do with being an OVERLORD!

