

Genesis 1–11 and Beyond

Intro

What's past is prologue (Shakespear, *The Tempest*)

The Kingdom of God

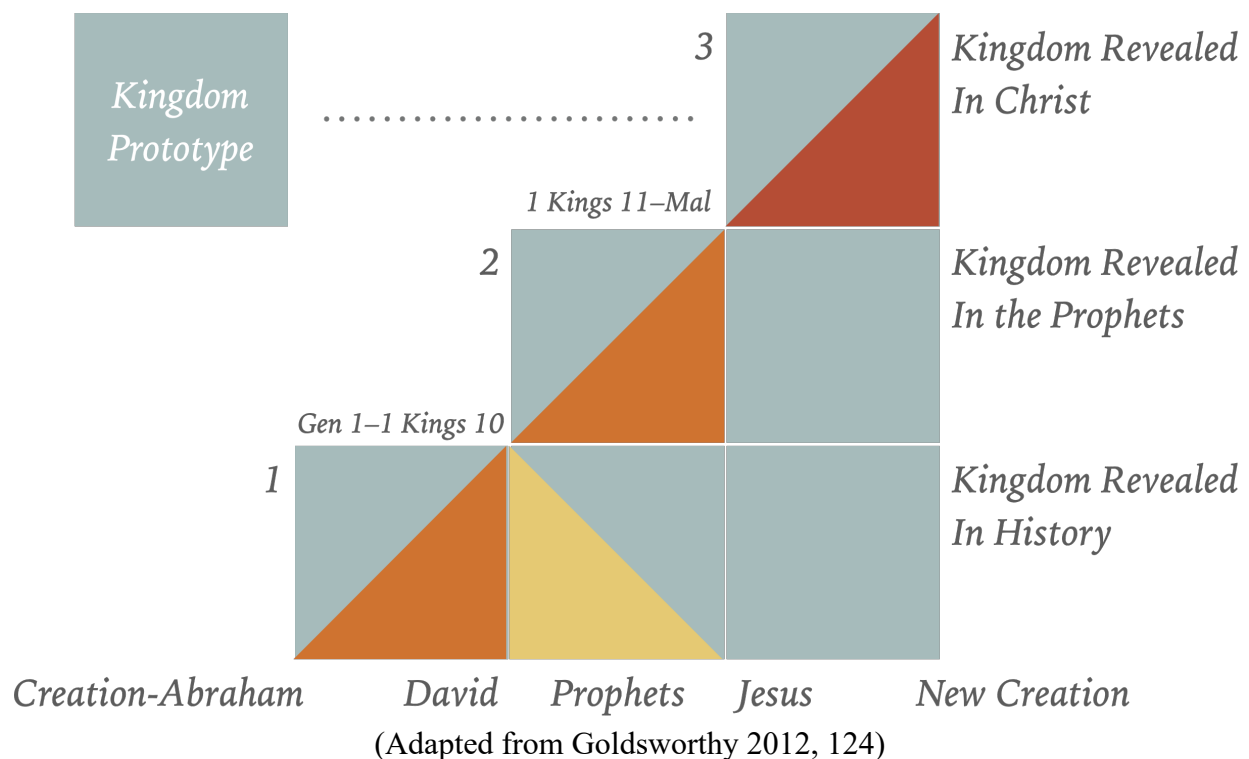
“The People of God, in the place of God, under the rule of God” (Goldsworthy 2001, 99)

1. Creation

- God's Sovereignty. God creates out of his own will, powerfully, just by speaking words.
- Adam and Eve. Humanity was created to enjoy God's blessing and relationship. They serve as vice-regents and mediators between God and creation.
- The Garden. The place where the people of God enjoy God's presence.

2. Fall

- The people are sent out of the garden
- The beginning of worship offerings and “calling on the name of the Lord” (Gen 4) .
- We see the consequences of living away from God's rule and blessing.



The Pattern of the Kingdom

GOD	MANKIND	WORLD	
GOD	ADAM AND EVE	EDEN	Kingdom pattern established
GOD	ABRAHAM'S DESCENDANTS	CANAAN	
THE LORD	ISRAEL	CANAAN	Kingdom revealed in Israel's history
THE LORD	DAVID'S LINE	TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM	
THE LORD	FAITHFUL REMNANT	NEW TEMPLE AND JERUSALEM	Kingdom revealed in prophetic eschatology
JESUS CHRIST			Kingdom revealed in Jesus
TRINITY	THOSE WHO ARE "IN CHRIST"	WHERE CHRIST IS	
TRINITY	GOD'S PEOPLE IN HIS PRESENCE	NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH	

(Goldsworthy 2001, 232)

3. The promise

- People: Abraham
- Place: Promised land
- Rule: Blessing to all the families of the earth

The Kingdom Expectations

People:

Son of a woman — descendant of Abraham — The People — Son of David — Messiah — Jesus
Gen 3:15 Gen 12:1–3 Exod 4:22 2 Sam 7:14 Psa 2 Matt 4

— Church — New Creation
Eph 2 Rev 21

Place:

Eden — Tabernacle — Temple — New Temple — Jesus —
Gen 2 Exod 40:34 1 Kings 8:10–11 Ezra 3:11–13 John 1:51; 2:19

— Church — New Creation
Eph 2 Rev 21
(1 Peter 2)

Rule:

God — Humanity — People — Son of David — Jesus — Church

Implications

1. The Scriptures are not *primarily* about us. That is, the flood narrative is not about our having the faith of Noah, but about God providing a faithful servant by whom humanity can be saved (cf. David and Goliath).
2. God's plan involves all humanity.
3. Worship is not confined to a place