

THE KINGDOM STORY

PART 1 THE STORY

In The Beginning:

Genesis 1:1-8 - Creation Narrative - “Good God makes a good world”

v. 26 - man, in God’s image, to rule the earth

- Humanity’s Job: “Be Fruitful/Multiply & Be In Charge Of Everything”
- God put a human as the king of this kingdom.

Genesis 2:7-10, 15-25 – Humanity’s story

How did we get to where we are today? → Genesis 3

Genesis 3:14-19 - consequences of the sin of man AKA “The Curse”

- battle between man & devil (3:14-15)
- pain for women in childbirth (3:16)
- relationship problems (misdirected desire) (3:16)
- earth cursed (3:17-18)
- pain, trial, out of Garden (19-24)
- death (3:19; 5:5)
- Relationship with God compromised (shame, fear, distance) (3:7-10, 24)

Separation between Heaven & Earth.

- Heaven is where God dwells, earth is where humans live and die.

In The End:

Revelation 20:1-3, 10 - destruction of the devil (dragon, serpent of old, devil, Satan)

Revelation 21:1-5a, 9-11a (beautiful description), 22-27 – Old passes away, things made new

RESTORATION, Dwelling place coming *down out of heaven* God coming to dwell on the earth again,

Revelation 22:1-5 - tree of life, no more curse. See God's face, reign forever.

What God originally intended in the beginning, He gets in the end.

- Man on the earth. The earth is paradise. In relationship & love with God.
- Devil defeated & destroyed (20:1-3, 10)
- “no more curse” (22:3)
- “no more mourning, crying or pain” (21:4)
- earth restored (21:1)
- healing, tree of life returns (22:2)
- resurrection, eternal life (21:4)
- Relationship with God perfected (21:3; 22:1-5)

Next Week: The Kingdom Journey: How do we get from God's plan in the beginning to the restoration in the end?

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