

2. THE PATTERN OF THE KINGDOM (EDEN)

GENESIS 1:1-2:25

INTRODUCTION

- **One book... about the kingdom of God**

Mark 1:14-15, "After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

- **The kingdom of God =
God's people in God's place under God's rule and blessing**
- **An overview of our overview¹**
 1. The pattern of the kingdom
 2. The perished kingdom
 3. The promised kingdom
 4. The partial kingdom
 5. The prophesied kingdom
 6. The present kingdom
 7. The proclaimed kingdom
 8. The perfected kingdom

1. GOD IS THE AUTHOR OF CREATION

- **Genesis 1**
- **John 1:3, Colossians 1:16**

¹ Thanks to Vaughan Roberts (*God's Big Picture*) and Graeme Goldsworthy (*Gospel and kingdom*) for this outline

2. GOD IS THE KING OF CREATION

- Psalm 95:3-7
- Exodus 20:4-6, Revelation 4:11

3. HUMAN BEINGS ARE THE PINNACLE OF CREATION

- Genesis 1:27

4. "REST" IS THE GOAL OF CREATION

- Genesis 2:1-3

5. THE PATTERN OF GOD'S KINGDOM IN EDEN

The kingdom of God	<i>The pattern of the kingdom</i>
<i>God's people</i>	Adam and Eve
<i>God's place</i>	The garden
<i>God's rule and blessing</i>	God's word; perfect relationships

GROUP BIBLESTUDY

Look at Genesis 1:1-25

- What are the repeated words and phrases?
- What do they tell us about:
 - How God made the world?
 - What God made?
 - God the creator?

Look at Genesis 1:26-31

- Can we work out what being in God's image means?

Look at Genesis 2:1-25

- What made the 7th day different from the previous 6?
- What are we told about the relationship of
 - God and human beings?
 - Man and woman?
 - Human beings and creation?

Look at Revelation 22:1-5

- What are the similarities with the garden of Eden?

HOMEWORK

Please read Genesis 3 for next week

RECOMMENDED READING

The Bible – read it!

Bible overview books:

Vaughan Roberts, *God's Big Picture*

Christopher Ash, *Remaking a broken world*

Don Carson, *The God who is there*