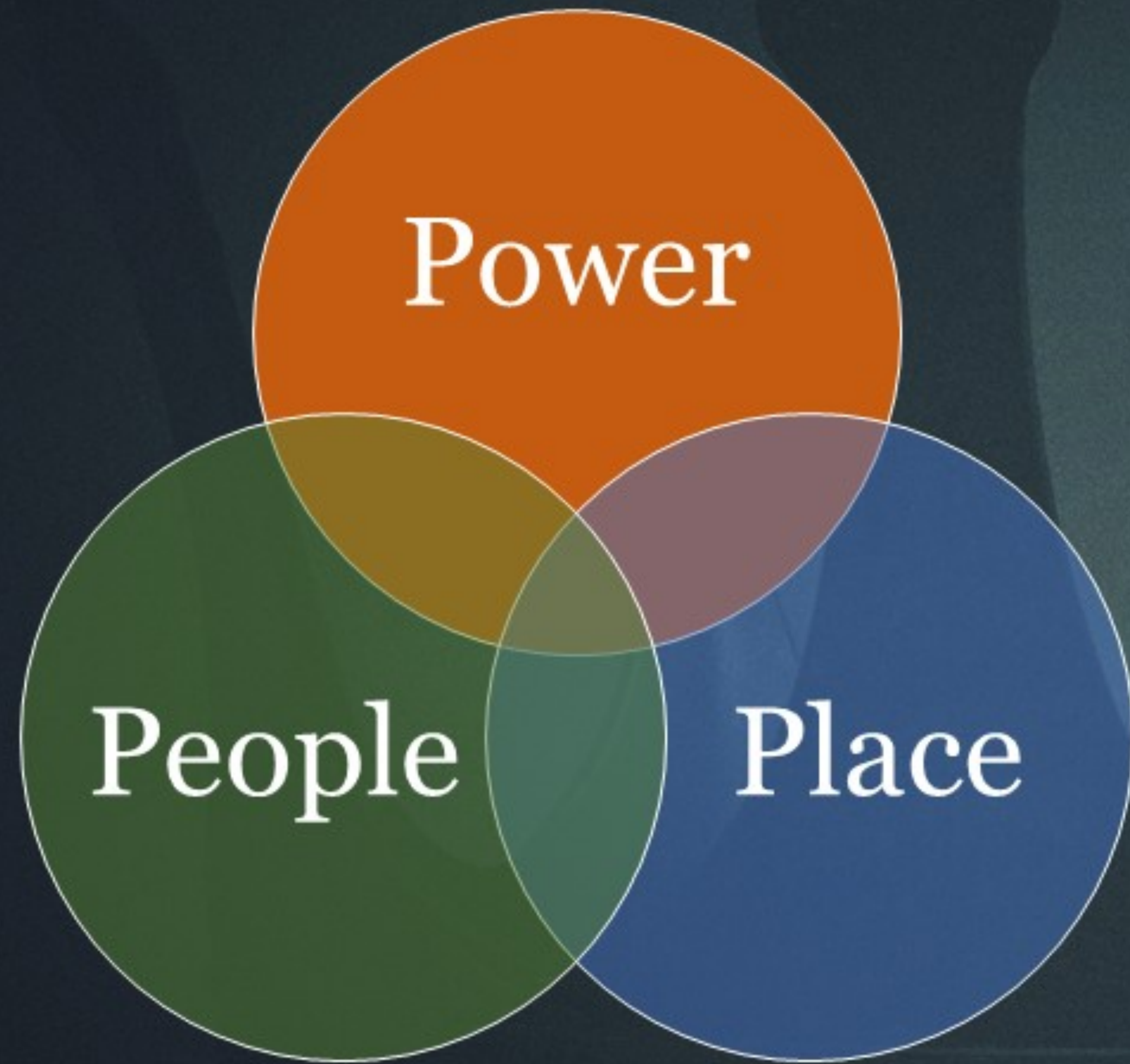


# The Kingdom

Kingdom Glory:  
Back to the Future

# Definition of Kingdom



“The kingdom is the King’s power over the King’s people in the King’s place.”

-Patrick Schreiner

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## A Glorious Future

**Fact 1: The resurrected Jesus is gloriously alive!**

**Revelation 1:12-18:** “Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, ‘Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.’”

## A Glorious Future

**Fact 2: King Jesus will return in glory to reign on the earth!**

**Revelation 19:11-16:** “Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”

## A Glorious Future

**Fact 3: God will make all things new!**

**Revelation 21:1-6:** “Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. And there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.’ Then He who sat on the throne said, ‘Behold, I make all things new.’ And He said to me, ‘Write, for these words are true and faithful.’ And He said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts’.”

## A Glorious Future

**Fact 4: God's servants will reign with Him forever!**

**Revelation 22:1-5:** “And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.”

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## **A Glorious Beginning**

### **God's creation was glorious...**

**Genesis 1:1-5:** “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.”

**Genesis 1:31(a):** “Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.”

## A Glorious Beginning

### Man was given dominion...

**Genesis 1:26-29:** “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’ And God said, ‘See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.’”

## A Glorious Beginning

### God planted a garden...

**Genesis 2:7-10:** “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads.”

## A Glorious Beginning

Man was given one prohibition...

**Genesis 2:15-17** “Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the Day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’”

## A Glorious Beginning

### God created woman from man...

**Genesis 2:18, 20(b)-23:** “And the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him... But for Adam there was no found a helper comparable to him. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said, ‘This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.’”

## **A Glorious Beginning**

### **Treason!**

**Genesis 3:1-7**

- Satan twists God's Word and tempts with pride, doubt and desire
- Eve was deceived, but Adam was deliberately disobedient

### **Curses!**

**Genesis 3:14-19**

- The serpent is cursed more than all animals
- Women will experience pain in childbirth and frustration in relationships
- The ground is cursed, and men will endure toil in their work, until death

### **Banishment!**

**Genesis 3:22-24**

- In grace, God would not allow people to live forever in their sinful state
- Outside the garden, Adam and Eve would experience a fallen world

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### 3) A Glorious Hope

The Kingdom would not be left corrupted-God promised His people-and creation-reconciliation and restoration through a Savior.

## A Glorious Hope

### The promise of a Savior...

#### **Genesis 3:15:**

“And I will put enmity  
Between you and the woman,  
And between your seed and her Seed;  
He shall bruise your head,  
And you shall bruise His heel.”



## A Glorious Hope

### Fulfilled through Abraham...

#### **Genesis 12:2-3:**

“I will make you a great nation;  
I will bless you and make your name great;  
And you shall be a blessing.  
I will bless those who bless you,  
And I will curse him who curses you;  
And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

## A Glorious Hope

Received by faith...

### **Genesis 15:5-6:**

“Then He brought him outside and said,  
‘Look now toward heaven,  
and count the stars if you are able to number them.’  
And He said to him,  
‘So shall your descendants be.’  
And he believed in the LORD,  
and He accounted it to him for righteousness.”

## **A Glorious Hope**

### **Through a covenant people...**

#### **Genesis 16:5-8:**

“No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”