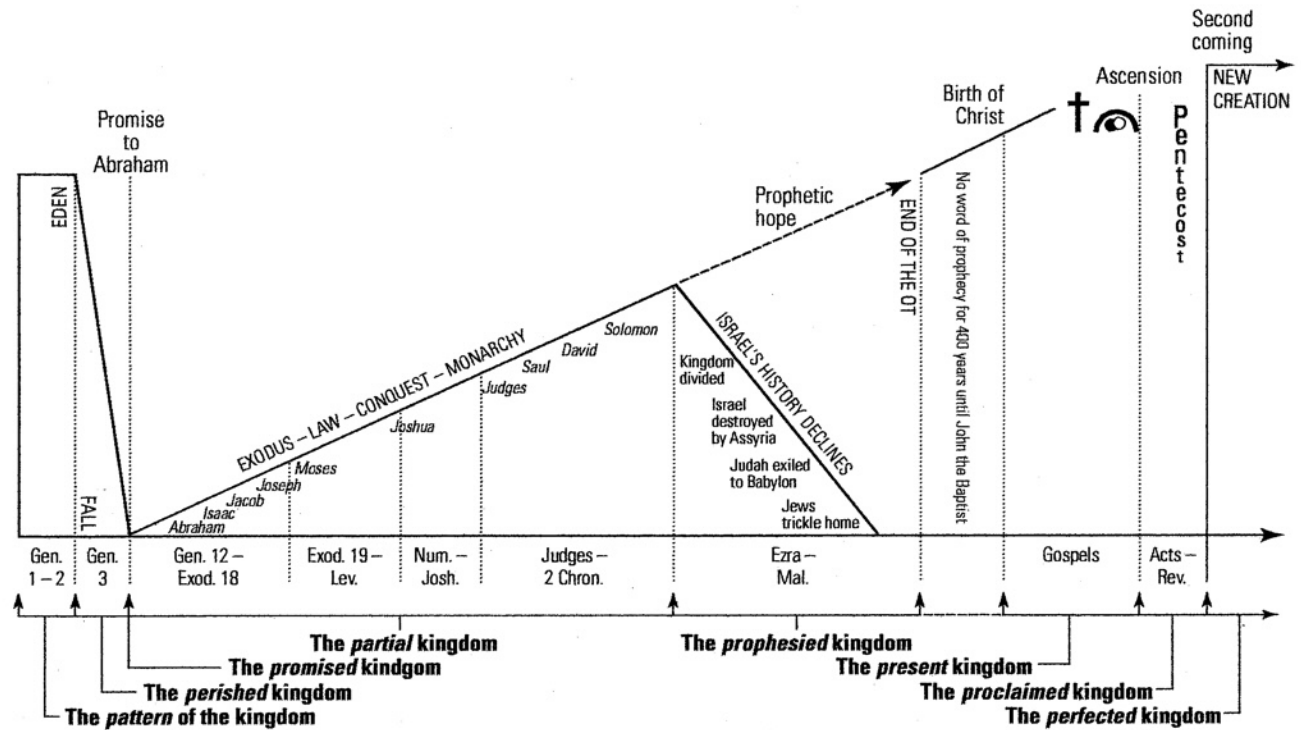


- Gn12 – **GOLDSWORTHY: THESE PROMISES POINT TO AN ULTIMATE FULFILLMENT THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY BY THE SUPERNATURAL WORK OF GOD. IT'S NOT SOMETHING WITHIN THE CONTROL OF MAN, NOR IS IT SIMPLY A MATTER OF NATURAL EVENTS ...** Must understand **Gn12** beyond only pertaining to Israel ... Promise of people, land, and blessing = God's Kingdom ... In God's mind, only One particular Person can bring this promise to its intended fulfillment ... This is what the NT reveals (**Gl3:16, Ep1:9-10**)
 - **Gn15** – God repeats the covenant of **Gn12**, and seals the covenant with a ceremony ... Animals are cut in half, and the pieces form a walkway ... Both parties are to walk between the dead animals signifying that if one of them breaks the covenant, so they too will be torn apart ... A manifestation of God appears as does the Word of the Lord (Jesus), and He assumes the responsibility of both parties ... Meaning, if the covenant is broken, God would assume the penalty of death ... God is guaranteeing Abraham **Gn12** will be fulfilled – people, place, blessing ... When time of fulfillment arrived, the innocent Son of God is beaten and nailed to a cross ... Upon Him is placed every sin and curse ... He assumes our guilt, punishment, and wrath ... He dies for us ... So that in Him and by Him and through Him we can be forgiven and reconciled with God, and live as His people in His Kingdom under His leading enjoying His everlasting blessing (**Gn12** guaranteed fulfillment)
- Jesus the Perfect Adam ... Adam's creation was totally God ... He's the first son of God, made in His image and called to demonstrate God's likeness in creation ... Adam is the Head of humanity ... In relationship with God, he's expected to fully obey God ... 'Do this and live; don't do this and die' ... When Adam is faced with temptation, he fails, and this failure ushers in sin ... As a result, the consequence of sin falls upon all of creation – **Rm5:12**
 - Jesus' birth breaks the natural pattern ... He has both a human and divine nature ... He is the Son of God, and perfectly demonstrates God's likeness in all forms ... Faced with temptation, Jesus succeeds ... At His baptism, God speaks over Him His good pleasure ... Jesus perfectly obeys the Father ... Perfectly upholds His standard ... Represents what it means to walk with God, to be empowered by the Holy Spirit, to live as God's child ... **FERGUSON: JESUS UNIDID EVERYTHING ADAM DID AND DID EVERYTHING ADAM FAILED TO DO** ... This is why He's the sufficient sacrifice for our sins – **2Co5:21, Rm5:19, Co1:20-22** ... Christ is the Head of a new humanity
- Jesus the True Israel ... **WRIGHT: JESUS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD HIS OWN MISSION IN TERMS OF THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PROPHETIC HOPE OF THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL. THIS WAS NO LONGER SOMETHING FUTURE, BUT A PRESENT REALITY THROUGH THE ARRIVAL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN HIS OWN PERSON** ... In Christ establishing a new humanity, He embodies the true people of God, thus He is the true Israel – the perfect fulfillment of what that has been foreshadowed ... It is this new humanity, that He creates, that becomes the people of God's Kingdom ... There's only 1 covenant people of God
 - Matthew's gospel – 10 prophecies fulfilled by end of Ch4 alone ... Jesus begins His ministry by deliberately calling together 12 men to be His disciples ... He goes through the land demonstrating that God's Kingdom has come – the promise of salvation has arrived ... He's calling out the remnant God has been preserving ... Christ perfectly fulfills the responsibilities and role that OT Israel failed to uphold ... After resurrection His disciples are charged to be His witnesses among the nations, teaching people who Jesus is and what He's accomplished ... They're to live as people of God's Kingdom while spreading the gospel of God's Kingdom
- The Kingdom of God is present now ... Every miracle, supernatural event, healing – signs that God's Kingdom has broken through and the enemies reign has been defeated ... Every person who by faith enters salvation and eternal life through Christ is proof that God's Kingdom is present and victorious (**Co1:13**) ... We gather to worship a risen King ... A King who now reigns on the throne ... We serve a Kingdom not of this world ... And yet, the full extent of the Kingdom is coming, and we await this expectantly

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