



Kingdom Come

Recovery from Royal Ruin

SESSION 2

GOD NARROWS HIS PLAN

Scripture Focus

Gen. 12:1–3; 17:6; 49:1–12

BuildUP Theme LEARN DOCTRINE

God advanced His kingdom plan by narrowing the bloodline through which the King would come.

Measurable Response

Students will see Jacob's prophecy as an integral part of God's Kingdom plan.

Memory Verses

"The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples" (Gen. 49:10).

Session Summary

Adam and Eve's sin both disqualified them from ruling over the earth and made ruling impossible in that God cursed the earth. Adam and Eve could no longer subdue the earth. Weeds, pests, and thorns made growing food difficult. Animals and the weather eventually became violent and unpredictable, making the world a dangerous place to live.

After promising the Seed of the woman would come to defeat the serpent, God made a covenant with Abraham, promising him a land and a worldwide blessing. Jesus is the worldwide blessing. He came to earth as a man and died on the cross to offer salvation to the world.

God also revealed that Abraham would be the father of many kings. Later, God narrowed His plan for a royal line. Abraham passed his Covenant to his son Isaac and grandson Jacob. Jacob blessed his son Judah. The blessing revealed that a scepter would not depart from Judah until the One to Whom it belonged arrived. Jesus is Shiloh, the One to Whom the scepter belongs. He will one day return with His scepter to rule the world. Jesus will restore the rule and order lost when Adam sinned against God.

Measuring Growth

Look for the following indicators that your student understands the implications of God's promises to Abraham and then through Jacob.

1. My student believes Jesus fulfilled God's promise to bless the world through Abraham.
2. My student believes Jesus will return to earth to rule with Judah's scepter.
3. My student anticipates Jesus' return by faithfully serving Him now.

Additional Memory Verses

Genesis 12:1–3; Galatians 3:7–9.