



The Journey
HOUSTON

The Grand Story of Scripture

Session 2 | Exposition: The Garden Kingdom and Its Fall (Gen 1-3)

OPENING DISCUSSION

Reflect on the beginning of Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” what implications does this verse have on how you see the world?

IMPORTANCE OF THE EXPOSITION

SETTING | GENESIS 1: THE COSMIC KINGDOM

Key verses:

- *“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”* (Genesis 1:1, ESV)
- *“And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good.”* (Genesis 1:3–4, ESV)
- *“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them.”* (Genesis 1:27-28, ESV)

SETTING | GENESIS 2: HUMANITY, THE RULERS

Key verses:

- *“The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, “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.””* (Genesis 2:15-17, ESV)
- *“Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.””* (Genesis 2:21, ESV)

CONFLICT & PLOT | GENESIS 3: THE FALL AND THE PROMISE

Key verses

- *But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”* (Genesis 3:1–5, ESV)
- *“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.”* (Genesis 3:15–16, ESV)

PREVIEW OF THE END

- *“Then the angel showed me.... on either side of the river, the tree of life... The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face...And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.”* (Revelation 22:1–5, ESV)

WORLDVIEW EXERCISE, Considering God’s Design (by Summit Ministries)

- **Creation/Ought** - How did God design this aspect of life in the Garden Kingdom?
- **Fall /Is** - How might sin and the brokenness of the world affect this aspect of life?
- **Redemption/Can** - How does the victory of King Jesus help us confidently pursue God’s design today?
- **New Creation/Will** - How does the future restoration of God’s Garden Kingdom give us hope and peace?

DISCUSSION

Think about the worldview exercise. What is one area of life you can apply this to? How might it compare to other stories of the world?

Homework: Read Chapter 2, “Covenant: God Makes a Promise and Establishes a People” from *Living God’s Word*

Bonus: Watch Session 2, “The Rule of Israel” from *The Biblical Story* video series and/or read the accompanying PDF.

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