

## Chapter 3: Major Biblical Themes / Chapter 3E: Two People Groups

- I. **Series Theme Verse:** (Matthew 6:10) “Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.”
- II. **Review: Chapters 1, 2, & 3** (See Titles for Chapters 4 to 15 at Bottom of Page 2)
- A. Chapter 1: The Primacy of the Kingdom. Surveyed that the KOG is the Central Concept of All Scripture.
- B. Chapter 2: KOG Defined in Twelve Statements:
- C. Chapter 3: Major Biblical Themes:
1. Covered: Plenary Infallibility; Eternal Decree (Is. 46:9-10); Covenant Defined; Covenant Theology
  2. Today: Two People Groups
  3. Upcoming: Dominion, Creation, Kingdom, Redemption, Restoration, Enemies and Christ
- III. **Two People Groups:** The People of Light vs. The People of Darkness (A Major – Whole Bible – Theme)
- A. Adam & Eve: The Essence of their Temptation and Sin: The Pride or Deception of Mistrust & Rebellion.
1. “Indeed Hath God Said?” Doubting God’s Word is Trusting Your Own. (Pride, Mistrust)
  2. “God knows ... You will be like God, determining for Yourself Good & Evil” (Doubting God’s Intent) (Doubting God’s Character, Intentions, and Eternal Decree) (Mistrust is Trusting Ourselves: Pride) “Grace working through faith (trust)” yields “The obedience of faith (trust)” (Rebellion is Self-Trust)
  3. Eve was Deceived & Adam Rebelled: Both involve Both (Mistrust in God is to Trust Oneself)
  4. The Inevitable Start of Two People Groups: People of Light (Trust) vs. People of Darkness (Pride) (John 3:33) Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. (Explain: Resets his seal)(ESV)
- B. Cain, Able & Seth: The Birth (Genesis) of the Two Peoples (See also Matthew 23:35 & Luke 11: 51) (Genesis 4:3-10) <sup>3</sup> So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground. <sup>4</sup> Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering; <sup>5</sup> but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? <sup>7</sup> If you do well, will not *your countenance* be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.” <sup>8</sup> Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” And he said, “I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?” <sup>10</sup> He said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to Me from the ground.
1. Cain brought Self-righteousness vs. Abel brought the Blood of Atonement (Explain)
  2. “Sin is Crouching at Your Door... but ...” We can only Master is by “Grace working through Trust”
  3. Able becomes the 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Human Type (Foreshadowing) of Christ. (The Younger Brother) (Hebrews 11:4) By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks. (Hebrews 12:24) ... and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. (ESV) Three ways Jesus Blood speaks a Better Word (Covenant Promise):
- a. Involuntary vs. Voluntary: (See John 10:15-18)
  - b. Abel’s Blood Cries for Vengeance vs. Christ Blood Cries Forgiveness (Ramifications)
  - c. Abel’s Blood Shed on the Ground vs. Christ Blood Sprinkled on Our Hearts & Lives (Mystery)
4. Cain becomes the Federal Head of the People of this World. Self-Salvation; 3-Fold Enmity; Pride
  5. Seth becomes the Federal Head of the People of YHWH. (See Genealogies: Adam / Abraham / Christ) (Genesis 4:25-26) Adam had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him Seth, for, *she said*, “God has appointed me another offspring in place of Abel, for Cain killed him.” <sup>26</sup> To Seth, to him also a son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then *men* began to call upon the name of the LORD. (Gen. 5:21-24)

C. The Process Begins Again: Noah – Shem to Abraham vs. Noah – Ham to Nimrod / Babel (Gen. 10 & 11) (Genesis 11:4) Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”

D. Abraham to Moses: People of God bring Reconciliation, Redemption & Blessing to People of Darkness (See Genesis 12:1-3); (See Exodus 19:4-6); Etc. (Discuss: The Prophets & Their Themes)

E. Biblical Metaphors for the People of God: The People of ... \_\_\_\_\_ (Mixed Metaphors)  
Light, Lampstand; Redeemed or Ransomed; The Lord Special Treasure; Peculiar People; Vineyard; Bride; Mother (The Woman of Rev 12); City of God; City on a Hill; Jerusalem; Zion; Mount Zion; Mountain of the Lord; House of God; Temple; Tabernacle; Planting of the Lord; Children of Israel; Jacob; People of the God of Abraham; Moon; Church (Ecclesia); Chosen Ones; Holy Dwelling places of the Most High; Vessels of Mercy; A City Not Forsaken; Your Chosen Ones; Your Nation; Holy Nation; Your Inheritance; People for Your Own Possession; Olive Tree; Fig Tree; God’s Field; Etc.

F. Emperor States of Mesopotamia & the Fertile Crescent: Sumer, Babel, Egypt. Medes, Persians, Etc.  
1. Man-centered Salvation in this World via the Socialistic, Paternal State; Planned Economies, Etc.  
2. Totalitarian: Emperor Worship, Idol-Worship, Polytheism & Humanism, Persecutor of God’s People  
3. Claims of State & Loyalty to State over the Rights or Freedoms of Men. (Slavery Rampant)  
4. Idolatry: Fertility Cults: Baal (Including Cutting), Asherah, Molech, Male & Female Cult-Prostitutes

G. Biblical Metaphors for the People of Darkness / Satan: (See Galatians 1:4) The People of ... \_\_\_\_\_.  
Darkness; Captives; Enslaved; Idol-Worshippers; This World; Evil One; Satan; Enmity; Forsaken; Not A People; Vessels of Wrath; The Whore; Egypt; Tyre; Babylon; Sodom; Kingdom of this World

H. The Pagan Emperor State as the Embodiment of Darkness, Satan & the Kingdom of Man (This World)  
1. Sumer (Shinar); Tower of Babel; Ur of the Chaldeans  
2. Egypt: Pharaoh Worship (Type of Satan); Enslavers of Hebrews; Worldly Power, Vainglory, Wealth  
3. Various Pagan States Near the Promised Land: Canaanites; Moab, Edom, Philistines  
4. Chaldeans, Babylonians, Assyrians, Medes, Persians; Greeks; Romans  
5. Romans in the New Testament: The Incarnation of Satan & his opposition to the Lord & His people

**5. Upcoming: Chapter 3F(ff): Major Biblical Themes Continued:** Redemption, Creation, Dominion, Restoration

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**The Kingdom of God Series – 15 Chapter Titles** (2 Notes: Subject to Change; Most Chapters Multiple Weeks)

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Chapter 11: Cross and Kingdom (Who Is the Greatest?)

Chapter 12: Current Concepts that Conceal the Kingdom (Why Has the Kingdom Been Ignored?)

Chapter 13: Seek First the Kingdom (Defense That Generates Offense)

Chapter 14: Our Priorities (Rebuilding Age-Old Foundations; Restoring His Church; Making Disciples)

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