



Biblical Theology

Class 4: The Story of Fall

Introduction

1. What is the Fall?

2. Where does fall occur in the Bible?

Romans 3:23

1 Timothy 6:9

Hebrews 4:11

Garden Paradise (Original Fall)

Genesis 2-3 – The Fall of Mankind

Paradise Promised (Israel Pre-Joshua)

Exodus 3 – Land Promised

Exodus 16-17 – Rebellion despite deliverance

Exodus 32 – Rebellion despite the law (Golden Calf)

Numbers 13-14 – Rebellion despite seeing what was promised (spies)

Numbers 16 – Rebellion despite godly leaders (Korah's rebellion)

Numbers 21 – Rebellion despite provision (bronze serpent)

Deuteronomy 9 – Rebellion, rebellion, rebellion

Paradise Seen (Israel after Moses)

Joshua 7 – Sin of Achan

Judges 2:1-5 – Israel's disobedience

Judges 2:11-16:31 – Cycle of Judges

Judges 17-21 – Downward spiral, morally corrupt

1 Samuel 2-4 – Eli's sons corrupt, even the priesthood

Kingdom Promised (Samuel to Solomon)

1 Samuel 8 – Kings Promised

1 Samuel 13/15 – Saul Compromised

2 Samuel 7 – Covenant with David

2 Samuel 11 – David Compromised

1 Kings 11 – Solomon Compromised

Kingdom Seen (Israel/Judah to Exile)

1 Kings 12 – Rehoboam's Folly

1 Kings 12:25 - 2 Kings 17 – Israel's Continued Fall

1 Kings 12 - 2 Kings 25 – Judah's Delayed Fall

Implications

What does all this tell us?

About man...

About God...

About theology...

Kingdom Renewed

Jesus brings the Kingdom of God and instead of taking (see Philippians 2:1-11) He comes as a servant to give His life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).

Jesus is humble, but He is King, the True King. The better Adam, Saul, David and Solomon.

His work ushered in the Kingdom of God. We live in this kingdom now while we wait for the final Kingdom

Paradise Renewed

Matt 3:13-4:11

Jesus passes through the Jordan, into the Promised Land, but goes into the wilderness, into temptation, but He does not fall.

Matt 26:36-46

Jesus enters a garden with the betrayer close at hand and faces temptation once again. But once again Jesus does not fall.

Jesus' pictures of paradise

Jesus as the Bread of life (see Gen 3:17-19 & Exodus)

Jesus as the Living Water (Exodus)

Jesus as the true rest

Jesus as the true vine

Kingdom Paradise (Consummation)

When Christ returns, He will usher in the final Kingdom, the perfect Paradise. Man and God dwelling together.

Revelation 21-22 Give the imagery of an impenetrable kingdom and a fruitful paradise