

# Bereans Bible Institute

## Module X – The Kingdom of God

### Lesson 1 – The Promised Seed of the Abrahamic Covenant

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#### I. The proper approach to the subject.

A. The term “Kingdom of God” is not correctly understood by most Christians.

1. Amillennialists – Kingdom now, Christ reigning over His churches, based on allegorical interpretation of the prophets
2. Dispensationalism – Heaven as the future destiny based on Platonism & divorcing the prophets from Christianity

B. The Kingdom of God should be understood from a Jewish perspective, based on progressive biblical revelation.

C. Jesus proclaimed the “Kingdom of God” from the beginning of His ministry. Jesus used the OT covenants and prophecies (understood literally) as the foundation of his preaching.

D. Jesus said the “Gospel of the Kingdom” would be preached in all the world before the end comes (Matt. 24:14).

#### II. The overthrow of the original creation

A. Satan in the garden of Eden (Ezekiel 28)

1. Satan sinned originally in the garden of Eden by tempting Eve
2. Satan sought to exalt himself (Isaiah 14:13-14)
3. Satan tempted Eve (you shall be as gods) with his own lust for power
4. Both Satan and mankind expelled from the garden

B. The first promise of the Kingdom – the “Seed” of the woman crushing the serpent’s head.

C. The “Seed” came through Seth, down to Noah, down to Abraham.

#### III. The Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 22)

A. God promised him a son which was fulfilled with Isaac

B. He promised him that his descendants would be slaves in Egypt but that he would deliver them in the 4th generation

C. He promised him that his “seed” would become as numerous as the stars in the sky and he would be the father of many nations.

D. He promised him that through his seed all nations would be blessed

E. He promised him that Abraham himself along with his seed would inherit the land of Canaan from the Nile to the Euphrates as a permanent possession.

F. Abraham did not receive any of his inheritance while still alive (Acts 7:5)

G. The permanent Land inheritance awaits the resurrection.

H. Abraham’s ‘Seed’ will possess the gates of their enemies (prophecy of Kingdom)

I. Gen. 27:26-29 The promise passed on to Jacob by Isaac – nations and kings will bow down to his ‘Seed’ (prophecy of the Kingdom)

J. Gen. 49:8-10 Jacob passes the promise through Judah, the ‘Seed’ who will be King.

1. The LXX reads: “A ruler shall not be fail from Judah and a leader from his thighs until He come for whom it is reserved and he is the expectation of nations.”
2. Young’s Literal Translation: “The sceptre turneth not aside from Judah, And a lawgiver from between his feet, Till his Seed come; And his is the obedience of peoples.”

3. Gen. 49:11 – binding his donkey ... (Zech. 9:9 & Matt. 21:1-9) fulfilled by Jesus on Palm Sunday.