

Covenant and Kingdom
Week 2 - The Kingdom Prototype
Genesis 2:1-20

- The Garden is **prototypical**
 - Establishes the pattern, imagery, means and modes by which God will accomplish His purposes
 - Ultimately, God is bringing forth a consummated kingdom after the pattern He established in Eden
- The Garden is a temple
 - Special presence of God where man draws near to Him and worships
 - Temple imagery - mountaintop location, rivers, trees (Tree of Life), precious metals/gems
- Adam was a priest
 - Role of a priest is to maintain/preserve holiness
 - Adam was to **keep** the garden (i.e. to **guard** - Gen. 3:24, Num. 3:8-10, 32)
 - Keep that which is holy from that which is profane
 - Adam failed as a priest - allowed the profane Satan access to the holy garden
- Adam was a prophet
 - Role of a prophet is to communicate fully and precisely the word of God
 - Given a special revelation from God beyond the light of creation
 - Responsible to communicate the word to both his wife and the serpent
 - Adam failed as a prophet - did not proclaim the word of God when it was attacked
- Adam was a king
 - Role of a king is to rule and defend, to extend the boundaries of the kingdom
 - When Adam completed his work, he would enter an eternal Sabbath rest - consummated kingdom
 - Responsible to defend the kingdom and those in it by defeating any enemies
 - Adam failed as a king - did not confront the enemy when he attacked the kingdom
- Eden establishes patterns which recur again and again, ultimately fulfilled by Christ
 - Perfect Son of God
 - Prophet, Priest, and King
 - Confronts and defeats the enemy on God's authority
 - Receives promised inheritance
 - Brings His people into eternal Sabbath
 - Gives the Tree of Life
 - Makes all creation a temple of God