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Fig. 1. God's K-I-N-G-D-O-M Story through Images

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|  | Paradise enjoyed |  | Blessing to all nations (promise-fulfillment) |
|  | Fall, sin, rebellion |  | Giving of the law |
|  | Exile; paradise lost |  | Penal substitutionary atonement |
|  | Waters of judgment |  | Conquest; kingdom established |
|  | Patriarchs |  | Saving/atoning work of Christ |
|  | Much offspring (promise-fulfillment) |  | Fires of judgment |
|  | Land, home, rest (promise-fulfillment) | | |

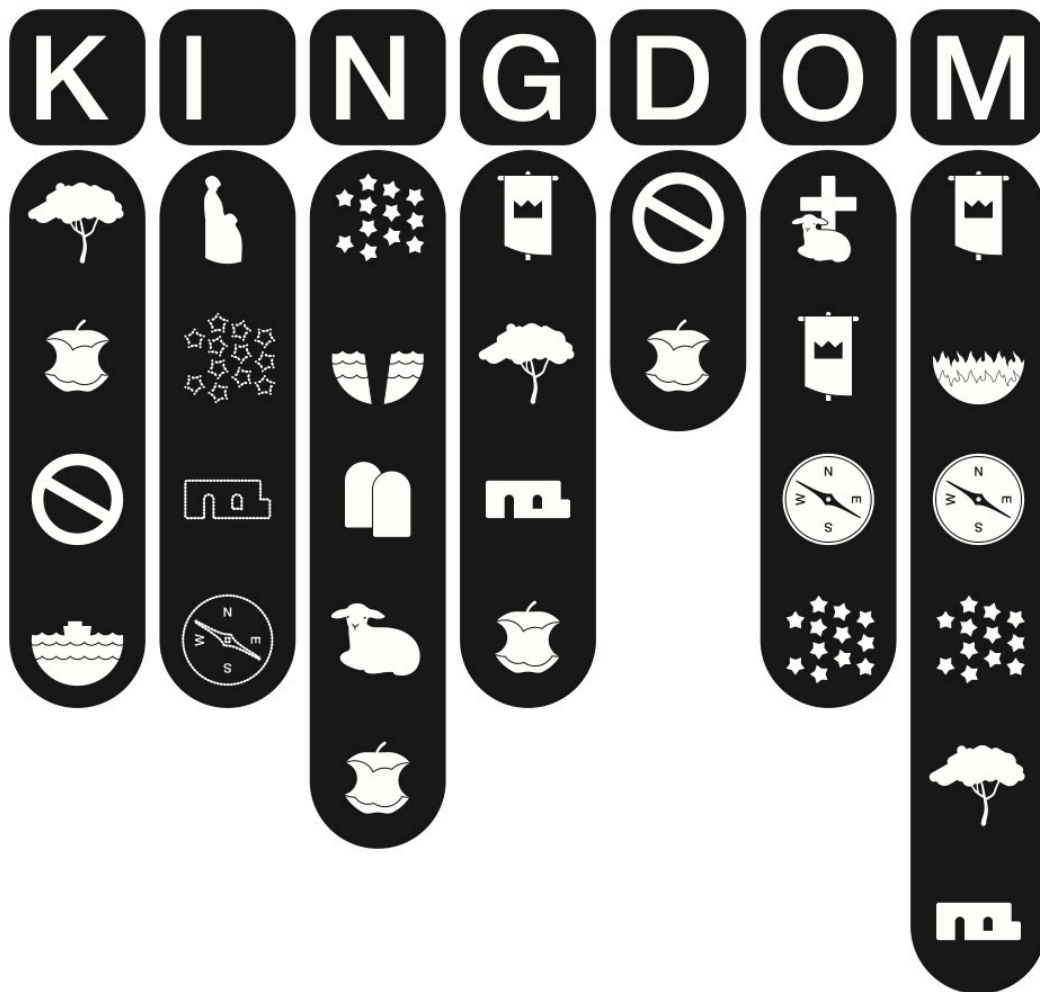


Fig. 2. God's Kingdom-Building Program at a Glance

OT Narrative History	1. Creation, fall, & flood (ca. ? B.C.)	K	
	2. Patriarchs (ca. 2100–1850 B.C.)	I	
	3. Exodus, Sinai, & wilderness (ca. 1450–1400 B.C.)	N	
	4. Conquest & kingdoms (united & divided) (ca. 1400–600 B.C.)	G	
	5. Exile & initial restoration (ca. 600–400 B.C.)	D	
NT Narrative History	6. Christ's work & the Church age (ca. 4 B.C.–A.D. ?)	O	
	7. Christ's return & kingdom consummation (ca. A.D. ?–eternity)	M	

Fig. 3. The Writings at a Glance

Law (Established)	Prophets (Enforced)		Writings (Enjoyed)	
	Former	Latter	Former	Latter
Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Joshua Judges 1–2 Samuel 1–2 Kings	Jeremiah Ezekiel Isaiah The Twelve	Ruth Psalms Job Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Songs Lamentations	Daniel Esther Ezra-Nehemiah 1–2 Chronicles
<i>Narrative</i>	<i>Narrative</i>	<i>Commentary</i>	<i>Commentary</i>	<i>Narrative</i>
K-I-N	G			D

Fig. 4. The Law at a Glance

THE LAW: THE OLD COVENANT ESTABLISHED	
<i>(Yahweh as Savior)</i>	
Genesis	Prologue to God's Universal Kingdom: The Need for and Provision of Universal Blessing
Exodus	King Yahweh and His Global Purpose through Israel: God's Presence and Israel's Salvation and Mission
Leviticus	Holy Yahweh and the Need for Holiness: Pursuing God through His Sanctifying Presence and Promises
Numbers	Faithful Yahweh and His Unfaithful People: Learning to Wait and Follow amidst Seasons of Discipline
Deuteronomy	Israel's Constitution: A Call to Lasting Covenant Relationship and Its Eschatological Realization

Fig. 5. The Prophets at a Glance

THE PROPHETS: THE OLD COVENANT ENFORCED	
<i>(Yahweh as Sovereign)</i>	
FORMER (Narrative)	
Joshua	Yahweh's Covenant Faithfulness and the Call for Israel's Covenant Faithfulness
Judges	Israel's Covenant Faithlessness and Need for God's Kingship
1-2 Samuel	The Importance of Honoring Yahweh and the Davidic Kingdom Hope
1-2 Kings	Covenant Failure, Kingdom Destruction, and the Hope of Kingdom Restoration
LATTER (Commentary)	
Jeremiah	Israel's Lack of Covenant Loyalty and the Eschatological Promise of Covenant Loyalty
Ezekiel	Israel's Loss of God's Presence and the Eschatological Promise of His Spirit
Isaiah	Israel's Rejection of God's Kingship and the Eschatological Promise of His Universal Kingdom
The Twelve	Israel's Spiritual Unfaithfulness and the Eschatological Promise of Divine Faithfulness

Fig. 6. The Writings at a Glance

THE WRITINGS: THE OLD COVENANT ENJOYED	
<i>(Yahweh as Satisfier)</i>	
FORMER (Commentary)	
Ruth	Prelude Affirming the Kingdom Hope of Yahweh's Redeeming Grace through the Line of David
Psalms	Hope for Those Delighting in and Submitting to God's Kingship through His Word and Messiah
Job	Hope for Those Fearing God for Who He Is, Not for What He Gives or Takes Away
Proverbs	Hope for Those Acting Wisely—Who Fear God, Turn from Evil, and Live in Light of the Future
Ecclesiastes	Hope for Those Fearing and Following God in Pleasure and Pain Despite Life's Enigmas
Song of Songs	Hope for Those Celebrating Human Sexuality in the Context of Marriage
Lamentations	Hope for Those Remaining Confident in God's Reign and Faithfulness to His Own
LATTER (Narrative)	
Daniel	The Promise of God's Universal Kingdom Reiterated
Esther	The Preservation of God's Kingdom People Realized
Ezra-Nehemiah	The Restoration of God's Kingdom People and Land Foreshadowed
1-2 Chronicles	Yahweh's Universal Kingship and Kingdom Promises Affirmed