

A close-up, low-angle shot of a sandy beach. The sand is golden-brown and textured. A long, dark shadow is cast across the sand from the right side, creating a strong contrast between light and shadow. The background is a soft, out-of-focus expanse of sand under a bright sky.

The Gospel According to Abraham

A King and a Kingdom

Abraham (Genesis 12, 15, 17)

Set against the backdrop of Creation and Fall, Abraham is seen as the divine answer to the problem of evil.

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The Gospel Story

The Gospel According to Abraham is the promise of...

- ◆ A People Who Know God
- ◆ A Place of Blessing
- ◆ A King and a Kingdom
- ◆ A Blessing to the Nations

A King and a Kingdom

“I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you.” (Genesis 17:6)

Creation

God's Kingdom

- ◆ God created the heavens and the earth and he reigns over all.
- ◆ God created man to live under his rule.
- ◆ God created man to rule the earth under God's authority.

God's Kingdom

God's kingdom, his rule, is characterized by blessing, peace, and life. It is...

...a kingdom of people who know God...

...a kingdom of people who live in a place of blessing.

Fall

Revolt

Man trusts the word of the serpent over the word of God and thereby rejects God's rule.

Rule in the image of...

The rulers of the earth are shaped by rule in the image of the serpent rather than rule in the image of God.

God	Serpent
Blessing	Curse
Peace	War
Life	Death

The Bible tells the story of God's redemption of creation - rescuing the world from oppressive rule in the image of the serpent and restoring it to the prospering rule of God.

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Redemption

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- ◆ Jesus-son of David, son of Abraham-will redeem God's people and reign on David's throne forever (Mat. 1, Luke 1)

New Creation

The End

In the end, God will reign forever over his people in a place of blessing. Once again there will be...blessing, peace, and life.

(Eze. 37, Rev. 21-22)