

Readings: Genesis 3; 4:1-8; 6:1-8; 11:1-9

The Big Idea: Satan sets up his kingdom in opposition to God's Kingdom. Man turns against his Creator and sin becomes a barrier to his relationship with God.

God's Kingship attacked - Gen 3-11

3:1-6 - Attacking the King's rule

- The tempter casts doubt on the King's character
- The tempter casts doubt on the King's rules
- The tempter points us to a false blessing
- The tempter presents us with a choice – who rules?

4:1-4 - Attacking the King's worth

4:5-6 - Attacking the King's people

6:1-6 - Attacking the distinctiveness of the King's people

9:18-23 - Attacking the King's blessings

11:1-9 - Attacking the King's judgment and rule

God's Kingship Ignored

- We sin when we respond to temptation
- We sin when we fail to think according to the King's Word
- We sin when we put anything before God - dethroning the King

Consequences of Rebellion

- **The Kingdom Crumbles**
 - Damaged relationship with God & with each other
 - Death, decay, suffering and work problems follow
- **The King Judges**
 - The King judges rebellion - always

Re-establishing God's Reign

- The King promises a Rescuer who will defeat Satan's kingdom, and provide a way back to God - Gen 3:15
- This Rescuer is pictured in different ways - serpent crusher, slain animal, Seth - head of a godly family line, ark - safe through judgment, coverer of disgrace
- Attack is not success. There is only one winner - Whose side are you on?
 - Don't try to cover up, accept God's covering
 - Go to the serpent crusher (Jesus) to defeat the serpent