

God's Big Picture

Genesis 1-2: The Pattern of the Kingdom

1. The purpose...

- The Bible is God speaking to people about Jesus, who deals with human sin
- The theme of the Bible is God's kingdom:
God's people in God's place under God's rule and blessing

2. Archaeology

3. The pattern of God's kingdom (Gen.1-2)

- God makes the world
- God is the king of the world
- Humans are at the top of creation
- Rest is the goal of creation
- The pattern of the kingdom:
God's people (Adam and Eve)
in **God's place** (the Garden of Eden)
under **God's rule** ('all this to eat but not that tree)
and so enjoying
God's blessing

4. Implications and applications...

- Implication 1: God is at the centre of the world
- Implication 2: Humans are created in God's image to rest with God
- Implication 3: Where is the rest?
- Application 1: The meaning of life?
- Application 2: The purpose of work/rest?
- Application 3: People are made in God's image