The Biblical Story;  SETTING:  Man to Rule in Israel over the Gentile Nations

The purpose of God was that man rule over God’s universe and ultimately over His Nation, Israel who would rule over the Gentiles.

The Antagonist:  Satan became a serpent  Genesis 3:1

Satan became a serpent in order to reverse the rule of God over man over the animals. Now an animal would rule over the man.
The Conflict: Genesis 3:1-6

Satan becomes the ruler of this world. Man is ruling and representing Satan. God has proclaimed that He will now judge the world with death for the original creation has been taken under the rule of the antagonist, Satan.

The Plan: Genesis 3:15

Now God prophesies that He is going to judge the Old Creation through His New Adam, the Christ, the Messiah and this Christ will rule over a New Creation. Thus, the story begins. Now the Old Testament is waiting for the revelation of this New Adam to appear.
The Promise of an Obedient Ruler
Gen. 3:15

Adam

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Then in Genesis 12:1-3, God creates a nation, Israel, who will come from Abraham. This nation will rule over the Gentiles and will be the nation from whom the New Adam will rule. This Genesis 3:15 Messiah will be the King over Israel. He will deliver the nation, be their Passover Lamb, and rule over the Gentiles.
Creation Of the Nation

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The Old Testament: Looking for the New Adam; the King of Israel

Throughout the Old Testament, God will assign rulers to rule over Israel and over the Gentiles. One by one they will attempt to fulfill the role of Genesis 3:15 and obey God perfectly. One by one they will fail to obey God as Satan deceives them, and thus the reader waits for the ultimate Ruler who will fully obey God and will give up His life for the sake of the nation and the world.

Looking for the Genesis 3:15 Ruler: Judges and Kings

- The failure of Adam to rule and the prophecy of a New Adam
- Noah delivers the righteous and implements judgment on the unbelievers but fails as he plants a garden and drinks of the fruit and is naked and ashamed
- The failure of the Judges serve their own self-interest instead of God’s
- David is the Great King of the Old Testament but takes another man’s wife and murders him.
- Solomon takes the Kingdom to its height but intermarry’s with the Canaanites and worships their gods.
- All the subsequent Kings who rebelled against God,

No one could measure up to the obedience required of the Ruler of Israel who would represent God.
The Equipping of the Nation to be the Mediator of Blessing to the Gentiles

When Israel was chosen to be the National Mediator of God's blessing; the ruler over the Gentile nations, God would not leave them to their own talents to perform this high function. He was going to equip them and give them things that the Gentiles did not have. Thus, throughout the Old Testament from Genesis 12 to 1 Kings 11, God is equipping Israel to be that unique nation.

- **Delivering** them from Egypt (Exodus)
- **Giving them the Law** so they would know how to represent Him (Exodus)
- **Dwelling with them** in the tabernacle so all could see that it was this God that delivered them (Exodus)
- **Giving them the Land of Canaan** from which they would rule the world (Numbers, Joshua).
- **Putting a Genesis 3:15, Davidic King, on the throne** to represent God to the nation (1 Samuel to 1 Kings 11).
The Fall of the Nation: Disobedience of the potential Genesis 3:15 Kings and the Genesis 12:1-3 Nation to Represent God

Finally the nation is established in Canaan and King Solomon is on the throne. The enemies are subdued and all is well. But Solomon, like Adam, desires the women of the Canaanites and decides to worship their gods. And thus, like Adam, he fails along with the nation to represent God.

But it is not only Solomon, but the kings that follow. Many of them degrade to idolatry as well as intermarriage. The abominable practices of the Canaanites are adopted by Israel. Just as God had told Israel that if they intermarried and assumed their despicable practices that they would be exiled out of the land, so He promised that He would do that.

Yet while the nation is failing, nevertheless the promise of the ultimate King still continues in the Seed of David, the Seed of the Woman.
THE PLAN OF GOD (GENESIS 3:15 AND THE PROPHETS)

As was seen earlier, God would promise to do several things that would rectify the situation regarding His rule through the nation Israel and through man.
Exile of the nation into Gentile lands: The Times of the Gentiles. Since Israel loved the Gentile nations and their gods, He would send them into exile in their lands as the Gentile nations would come and conquer them. All their equipping (deliverance, God’s dwelling, the land, the king) would be removed and they would be like all the other nations.

They would be under the rule of four Gentile kingdoms before they would be restored to their kingdom under the ultimate King, the Son of Man, who would come in the final kingdom and destroy the kingdoms and establish God’s kingdom. These kingdoms would be:

- Babylon
- Medo-Persia
- Greece
- Rome – in two parts
A New Moses who would deliver Israel in a New Exodus: The New Adam, the Davidic King, would be a New Moses who would lead Israel out of this Gentile dominion and destroy them. He would appear and establish that He would be the One who was from God and would deliver them. He will arrive in the final kingdom to announce that He is ready to deliver them.

The Ultimate Passover Lamb: For the New Exodus to occur, the Passover Lamb must be sacrificed. Thus, this Davidic King, according to Isaiah 53 would die for the sins of the nation and also for the world. Without the acceptance of the Passover Lamb there would be no deliverance. Thus, the Christ will appear and do signs to show them that He is this New Moses, and then He will die for their sins.
**A New Exodus:** The New Moses will be resurrected so that He can return and deliver the nation from the Gentiles and re-establish God's kingdom on earth. After He is resurrected He will delay His judgment so that men can believe in Him and represent the King in His absence. He will wait at the right hand of the Father until it is time to dominate the earth. Then He will return and in a great massive violent victory bring Israel back to Canaan from the Gentile lands, resurrect all the believers who have died and take them all into the kingdom.

Besides defeating Satan and his followers, He will resurrect the evil dead and send them all into the Lake of Fire forever.
The Delay of Judgment: The Church Age and the Tribulation

The time of this delay between His resurrection and His Second Coming is divided into two parts, the Church Age and the Tribulation Period.

The Church Age

During the period of the delay of judgment, God will establish the body called the church. This is the bride of His Son, Jesus, the Christ. They will be a group which is bonded together by believing in Him, awaiting the time when He will gather them to Himself. He will call them to Himself in what is called the "rapture" where the believers will ascend into heaven to join their Bridegroom, Jesus. If they are dead they will get restored bodies and if they are alive when He calls them, they will have their bodies changed in the air. They will then go to heaven where they will wait in their new bodies to return with the King to conquer the earth.
The Tribulation Period

Following the “rapture” of the church” and prior to the Second Coming there will be what is known as the “Tribulation”. This is a seven year period where God will bring Israel back to Himself as He will ultimately call them back to the land in a New Exodus and then will appear to save them, destroying Rome, and taking them into His kingdom.

The 1000 Year Kingdom on Earth: The Millennium

Following the King’s return and the destruction of all of the enemies of God, He takes the righteous into His Kingdom. He and His bride, the church, will live in Jerusalem. Saved Israeliites will, like before, live in the land of Israel. The saved Gentiles will live throughout the earth.

The Eternal Kingdom: The New Skies and Earth

Following the dominance of the King over the old earth, He will re-create a new universe; new skies and earth. All sin and corruption is now gone forever. A renewed City of
Jerusalem will be at the center of the earth. The Gentiles will visit Jerusalem to worship the King. All will be fulfilled as it was intended by God in the beginning.
Assignment #3

THE INDIVIDUAL RULE OF THE NEW ADAM
THROUGH THE NATION ISRAEL

Reading:
Revelation 12

Study Questions: Give answers from the Notes

1. Genesis 3:15 prophesied an ultimate New Adam for which the Old Testament began to anticipate. Who does God set up as potential New Adams, but who fail?

2. Name five things that God does to equip Israel as His unique nation so they could mediate His blessing to the Gentile nations?
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   2. 
   3. 
   4. 
   5. 

3. Specifically where is Jesus during the Church Age and the Tribulation (The Delay period) and what will He do at the end of the Tribulation period.

4. What event ends the Church Age?

6. What is the purpose of the Tribulation Period?

7. How long is the Kingdom right after Jesus returns to earth to save Israel?