Core Seminars—Old Testament
Class 3: “Promised Kingdom of God”
Genesis 12-50

Context

- Historical Context
- Redemptive-Historical Context

Theme

God is making a gracious covenant with one man and his descendants which will bless the entire world. In this covenant God has promised to be their God and that they will be His special people, that they will live in the place of His choosing, and that they will enjoy a unique relationship with Him, under His rule.

The Kingdom: God’s people in God’s place under God’s rule

A Study Outline for Genesis 12-50

I. Genesis 11:27-25:11*
   God’s promises to Abraham & sons, Isaac and Ishmael
II. Genesis 25:12-18
   Ishmael’s descendants
III. Genesis 25:19-35:29
   God’s promises to Isaac & sons, Jacob and Esau
IV. Genesis 36
   Esau’s descendants
V. Genesis 37-50
   God’s promises to Jacob & sons; focus on Joseph

*Notice that the longer sections, I, III, and V, focus on the lineage through which the Savior will come, while section II and IV are brief excursuses.
God’s People – Genesis 12:2-3, 15:1-6

- Faith

Is Isaac the Seed?

- Is Esau the Seed?...Or is Jacob?

Election – Genesis 25:19-34

God’s Rule – Genesis 15:7-21

- Covenant

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Vassal

- Grace

Is Joseph the Seed?