The Kingdom Could Only Be Restored by the Savior

From a perfect world to the great need of a Savior

God creates the universe, the earth, plant life, & creatures & it's good – <u>Genesis 1:1-25</u>

God creates human life in His image & it's very good – Genesis 1:26-31

Adam & Eve were called to rule God's kingdom – Genesis 1:28-30

Adam & Eve were tempted and broke the 1 law – Genesis 3:1-6

Adam & Eve try to cover their sin-but God covers them — Genesis 3:5,21

The curse resulted, & a Savior is first prophesied — Genesis 1:17-24

Our first step toward the Kingdom is to recognize our need for our King/ Savior/ Messiah/ Creator

But the world and its pleasures are vying for our allegiance:

1 John 2:15-16 (NKJV) ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world-the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.

Satan first used these areas to tempt, and he continues to use them...

1 Peter 5:8 (NLT2) Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

We must not only battle our evil desires, but the plot of the enemy to use these against us

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Genesis 3:6 (ESV) ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

The coming of our Savior King made more clear

God promises Abraham, that through his seed, all the nations will be blessed – Genesis 12 and 22

God confirms the coming king will be of Judah's tribe - Genesis 49

King David is confirmed to be the line of the Messiah – 2 Samuel 7

The Messiah is to be born of a virgin & would suffer — <u>Isaiah 7 & 53</u>

Daniel confirms the timeline to the coming King – Daniel 9

God makes it clear that salvation will only come from His Messiah. Jesus, our confirmed King, restores the Kingdom – Entire Gospel Story

The Victory is only sure for those who are born again

John 3:3 (NASB) Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

1 Corinthians 15:50 (NIV2011) I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

1 Corinthians 15:57 (NIV2011) But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.