

# The Mission of God!

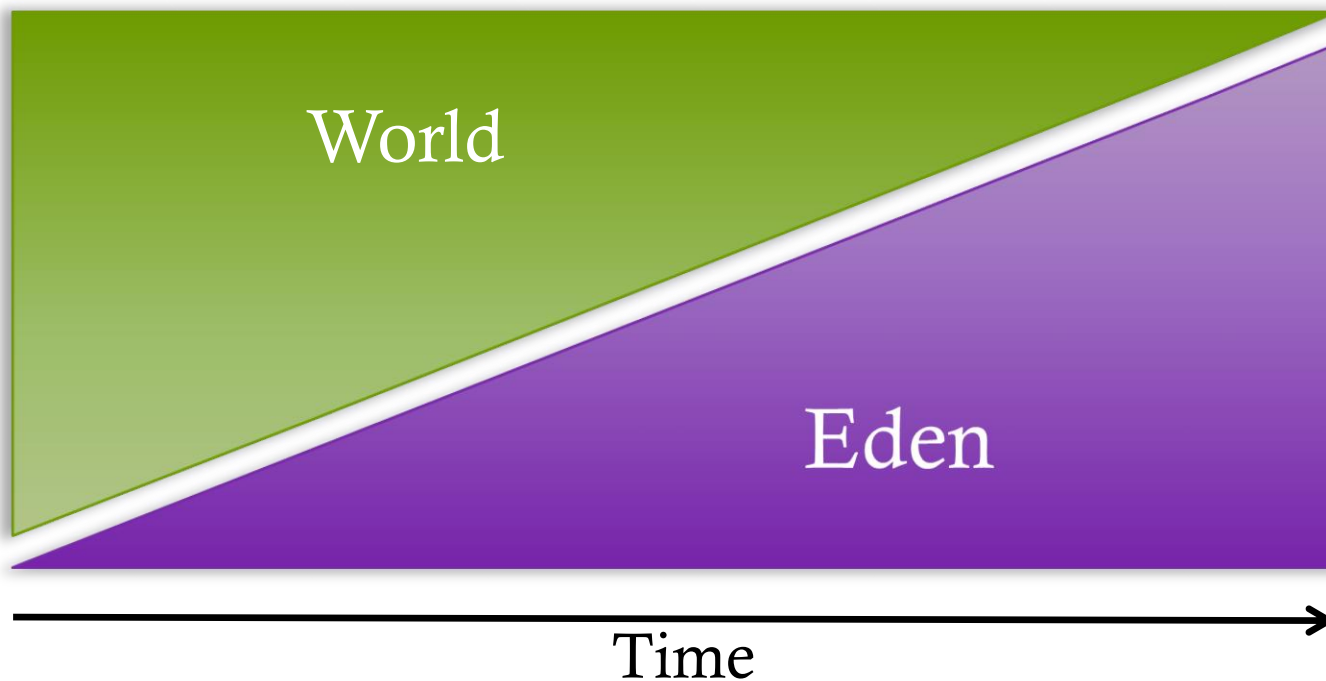
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Blessed *be* the God and **Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, just as He **chose us in Him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption **as sons by Jesus Christ** to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, **that** in the dispensation of the fullness of the times **He might gather together in one all things in Christ**, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.

Ephesians 1:3-10

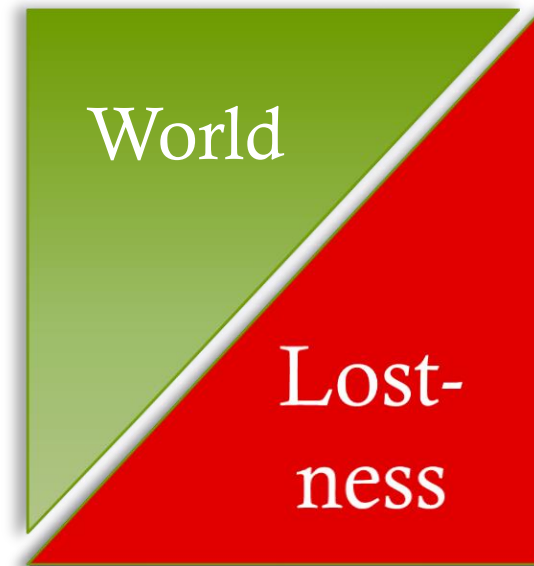
# Father's plan to fill the earth...



- ◆ Subdued
- ◆ Fruitful
- ◆ Glorious
- ◆ Through His Children

# Independence Day

- ◆ Children - Adam & Eve
- ◆ “Did God say?”
- ◆ Who’s your father?
- ◆ A lost world



# Learning to trust God again...

Lostness

Israel

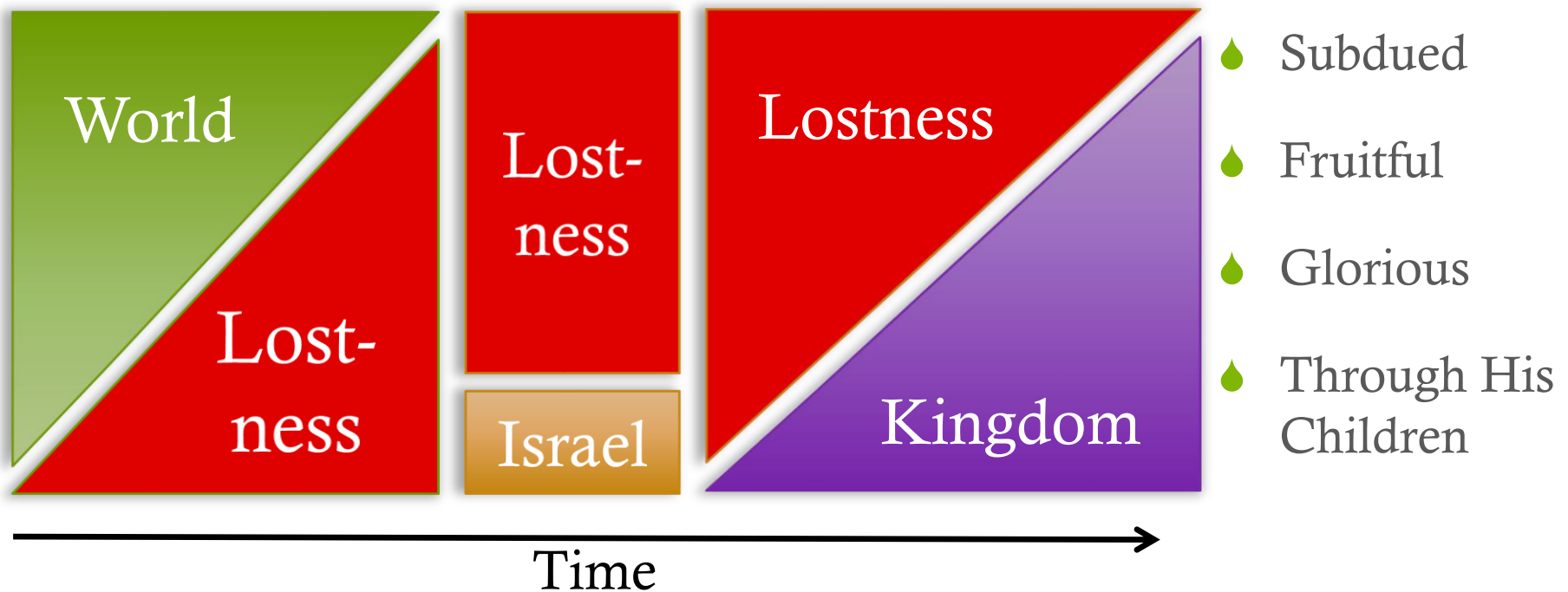
- ◆ Abraham & Sarah
- ◆ To bless the world
- ◆ Through trust...
- ◆ ...but needed to be children

# The kingdom comes via empowered children

- ◆ Son of God
- ◆ Father revealed
- ◆ Reconciled us to God
- ◆ Children born by the Spirit
- ◆ Partnership restored



# To fill the earth...



# A good summary of the gospel

1. God **Fathered** us and wants to Father us all
2. We chose **independence**
3. Jesus **reconciles** us back to the Father
4. The Spirit **empowers** us! When we trust Him we are empowered by the Spirit to work with God to save the world