

The Four Monarchs

Romans 5:12-21

Reigned – Dominance or widespread influence, the exercise of sovereign power as by a monarch.

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The Reign of Sin

5:12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

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The Reign of Death


Genesis 2:7 Then the Lord God formed a man^[a] from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Footnotes:

a. *The Hebrew for man (adam) sounds like and may be related to the Hebrew for ground (adamah); it is also the name Adam (see verse 20).*

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Genesis 2:17 “but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

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3:6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

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Psalm 51:5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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The Reign of Grace

¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

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²⁰ The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, ²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Reign of Life

In Adam

Ruin (v9)

Sin nature (12,15,21)

Separation from God (18)

Condemnation (18)

Death (12,16,21)

In Christ

Rescue (v8)

Righteousness (18)

Relationship (11,19)

Justification (18)

Eternal life (17,21)

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¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!