

GENESIS... *The Story of Beginnings*

- Beginning of our Universe, Planet earth & Humanity
- Beginning of God's relationship with Mankind, made in His image (Genesis 2)
- Beginning of man's struggle with God (Genesis 3)
- Beginning of God's Land & People Covenant with Abraham, Isaac & Jacob (Genesis 15)
- Beginning of Israel's sojourn in Egypt (Genesis 47:27,28)

EXODUS... *The Story of Israel's Rescue by & Relationship with God*

- God's call & commission of Moses (Exodus 3,4)
- God's deliverance of Israelites from Egyptian slavery (Exodus 5-14)
- God's provision & protection on the journey to Sinai (Exodus 15-19)
- Nearly 1 full year with God at Mt Sinai... getting to know God! (Exodus 19-40)
- God's Covenant Law for relationship with His people (Exodus 20-23)
- Tabernacle designed, fabricated, assembled & anointed by God's Presence (Exodus 25-40)

LEVITICUS... *The story of holy relationship with the only Holy God*

- Reality of mankind's sinful nature & sinfulness in contrast with Holy God
- Holy roles of High Priest & Priests & Levites
- Holy worship of Holy God
- Holy Festivals and their potential impact on Israel
- The price of defiling Holy & Holiness laws

NUMBERS... *The story Records & Rebellion in Relationship with God*

- Record of how many men age 20+? (first census; Numbers 1)
- Record of the "tent city plan of God" with God Present & living by families (Numbers 2)
- Record of the important role of the Levites in the Israelite community (Numbers 3,4)
- Second Passover, this one at Sinai (Num 9) & Departure from Sinai (Numbers 10)
- Record of God's orderly plan for entire nation relocation, over and over (Numbers 10)
- Record of Rebellion against God at the threshold of the Promised Land (Numbers 13,14)
- Record of 40 years of desert wandering & death; yet provision by God (Numbers 15-36)

DEUTERONOMY... *The story of Moses' summary of Israel's journey & farewell*

- A priority on REMEMBERING... because forgetting is natural and dangerous
- A priority on UNDERSTANDING... because life is learning and applying truth
- A priority on MENTORING the next generations... because lunacy is ignoring the lessons learned by previous generations
- A priority on COMMITMENT to God, His truth, His ways, His Lordship... Life God's way!
- A priority on PREPARING to leave the desert, enter and occupy God's Land

JOSHUA... *The story of the Next Generation entering & occupying God's Land*

- A successful leadership transition from Moses to Joshua (Deuteronomy 31-Joshua 1)
- A miraculous crossing of the Jordan River, similar to the Red Sea (Joshua 3,4)
- A renewal of the Covenant through circumcision (Joshua 5)
- Conquering Jericho, learning hard lessons of disobedience & presumption (Joshua 6,7)
- Strong resistance of many people groups already in the land (Joshua 8-12)

- Division of the Land of God's Promise by tribal inheritance (Joshua 13-19)
- Cities of Refuge & cities for Levites strategically located throughout Israel (Joshua 20,21)
- Final farewell challenge from Joshua (Joshua 23,24)
- NO succession plan to a new single leader... will the people follow God?

The Land of God's Promise...

- God's Land Covenant first made with Abraham (Genesis 15:18-21)

Specific land area / occupied by 10 people groups. What does it mean? _____

- God's Land Covenant repeated to Isaac, not Ishmael (Genesis 17:19-21 / 26:2,3)

Why Isaac and not Ishmael? Where did Ishmael go? _____

- God's Land Covenant repeated to Jacob, not Esau (Genesis 35:11,12)

Why Jacob and not Esau? Where did Esau go? _____

- God's Land Covenant reaffirmed by Joseph to Jacob's descendants (Genesis 50:24)

Why did neither Jacob nor Joseph lead the Israelites back to the Land of God's Promise?

300+ years of Egypt slavery + desert wanderings before finally Israelites ready for God's Land!

- God's Land Covenant repeated to Moses for the Israelites. (Numbers 34)

Why was Moses not permitted by God to enter the Land with the Israelites? (Deuteronomy 32:48-52)

- God's Land Covenant DISTRIBUTED by Joshua to Israelite tribes. (Joshua 13-19)

Why this sacred work of land distribution done at the Tabernacle at Shiloh? (Joshua 18:1-10)

Why special cities for Levites rather than a large tribal territory? (Joshua 18:7 & 21)

Why cities of refuge? (Numbers 35 & Joshua 20)

Conclusion: What do we learn about God and HIS dealings with His people . . .