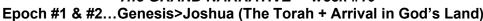
Adult Bible Fellowship Sunday 28 September, 2025 "The GRAND NARRATIVE" week #10





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 (Numbers10)
- 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)

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- 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 32:452)
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 . . .