



OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY: NUMBERS AND DEUTERONOMY



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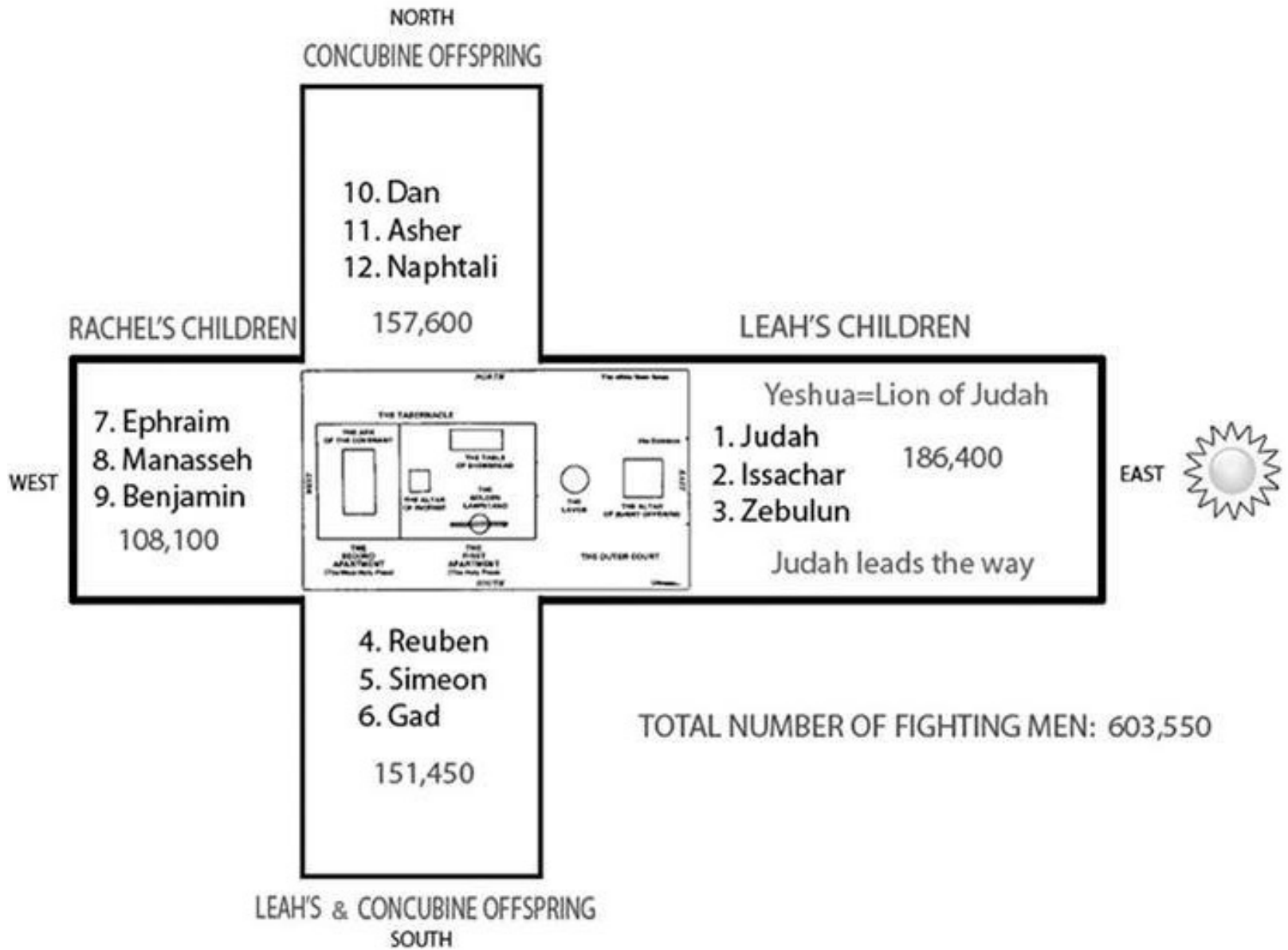
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Numbers- The Basics

- **Author-** likely Moses
- **Time period-** apx. 1400 BC
- **Purpose:** 38 years of Wilderness Wanderings
 - Rebellion and Obedience
 - Repentance and Blessing
- **Overall division of the book**
 - Chapters 1-25: 1st generation in the Wilderness
 - Chapters 26- 36: 2nd generation in the Wilderness
- **Main characters/events**
 - **Census taken x 2**
 - **Moses, Joshua, Caleb**
 - **Nazarite Vow**
 - **Balaam, King Balak and a talking Donkey**
 - **Korah, Dathan, and Abiram**

Census # 1- Why?

- **Numbers 1:1-5**
 - God tells Moses to take a census!
 - List every man by division (tribe) who is > 20 yo and able to serve in the army
 - God tells them specifically WHO from each tribe and does NOT place the tribes in order of birth, but by who is their mother!
 - TOTAL = 603,550 men
- **Judah is the largest (v 27)**
 - Just over 186K
 - Faithful later
 - Lineage of Jesus
- **Levi is excluded (v 46-50)**
 - The priestly tribe
 - **Responsible for the Tabernacle and offerings.**
 - **Chapters 3-4: Tribes:** Clans: Gershonites, Kohathite and Merarites



The 12 Tribes from Numbers 1

1. Reuben – See a son
2. Simeon – Harken and listen
3. Judah – He shall be praised
4. Issachar – He will bring a reward
5. Zebulun – Dwelling
6. Ephraim – I shall be doubly fruitful
7. Manasseh – Causing him to forget
8. Benjamin – Son of my right hand
9. Dan – Judge
10. Asher – Happy
11. Gad - My invader
12. Naphtali – My wrestling

Stringing the meanings of these names into a paragraph, you get:

See a son. Harken and listen! He shall be praised. He will bring a reward. Dwelling {with me} I shall be doubly fruitful, causing {me} to forget {the troubles of my past}. Son of my right hand, judge happily the invader who wrestles {with you/me}.

The Nazarite Vow

The Nazarite Vow- *Numbers 6:1-21, Judges 13:5-7,16:17, Amos 2:11-12*

- Voluntary pledge of special service to God
- Jewish oral law suggests 30 days
- Sacrifice certain aspects of your life for the duration of the pledge:
 - Abstain from wine/ drinking any alcohol (v. 3)
 - Cannot come near a corpse, even if close family member- you would become unclean (6:6- 7)
 - After time ended, had to present burnt, sin and peace offerings at the temple (6:13 - 21). Then shave their head and burn the hair, then return to normal life.
 - First person specifically mentioned as being a Nazarite is Samson (Judges 13:7, 16:17). He was dedicated from birth, along with Samuel and John the Baptist (Luke 1:15)

The Priestly Blessing

²² The LORD said to Moses, ²³ “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: ²⁴ ““The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.”’ ²⁷ “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

Wanderings and Prophets

- The Journey from Mt. Sinai to Kadesh- Barnea
- Aaron and Miriam speak against Moses, the most humble man on earth
 - Lord comes down in a Pillar of Cloud
 - Why are you NOT afraid to speak against my servant Moses? (11:8)
 - The anger of the Lord burned against them
 - Cloud lifts and Miriam's skin became leprous
- Moses intercedes again
 - Miriam is outside camp x 7 days, then comes back into the camp



LEAVE
MT. SINAI

LOTS
OF
COMPLAINING
+
PUNISHMENTS

The Spies: Chapters 13-14

- **The Lord tells Moses to send out some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites!**
- **12 Spies went out for 40 days**
 - Caleb from tribe of Judah/ Joshua (Hoshea) from tribe of Ephraim
 - A single cluster of grapes is carried by 2 men on a pole
 - YES, milk and honey, BUT descendants of Anak
 - CALEB silences the people and says, “We should go up and take possession for we certainly can!”
 - Other 10 spread a bad report! The people are GIANTS... we saw Nephilim!
 - Whining, complaining and murmuring and again Moses intercedes for the people
 - No one in the 1st generation will go into the promised land
 - Strikes down many people and the 10 nonbelieving spies with a plague!
 - You will wander 1 year for each day you were there!



Korah, Dathan, and Abiram

- Leaders of 250 rebellious men who again oppose Moses; Moses intercedes for them!
- Challenges occur to see if they will die or Moses will die
- Ground splits apart, earth swallows them, their households, all their possessions
- They go to “the realm of the dead” and fire consumes the 250 men
- Numbers 16:46
 - Plague begins and Moses sends Aaron with incense to stand between the living and the dead
 - Aaron the High Priest goes near dead bodies to save the living

Importance to us:

- By leading the revolt against God’s divinely appointed leaders, Korah was actually revolting against God Himself
- The rebellion demonstrates the grim consequences of usurping the authority of God and of those whom He has chosen to be leaders of His people.
- Exalting themselves above Moses and the people
- **Numbers 17:8-10** Aaron’s rod blossoms
- **Jude 1:11**



Speak to the Rock for water!

Numbers 20:6-8

- ⁶ Moses and Aaron went from the assembly to the entrance to the tent of meeting and fell facedown, and the glory of the LORD appeared to them. ⁷ The LORD said to Moses, ⁸ “Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink.”

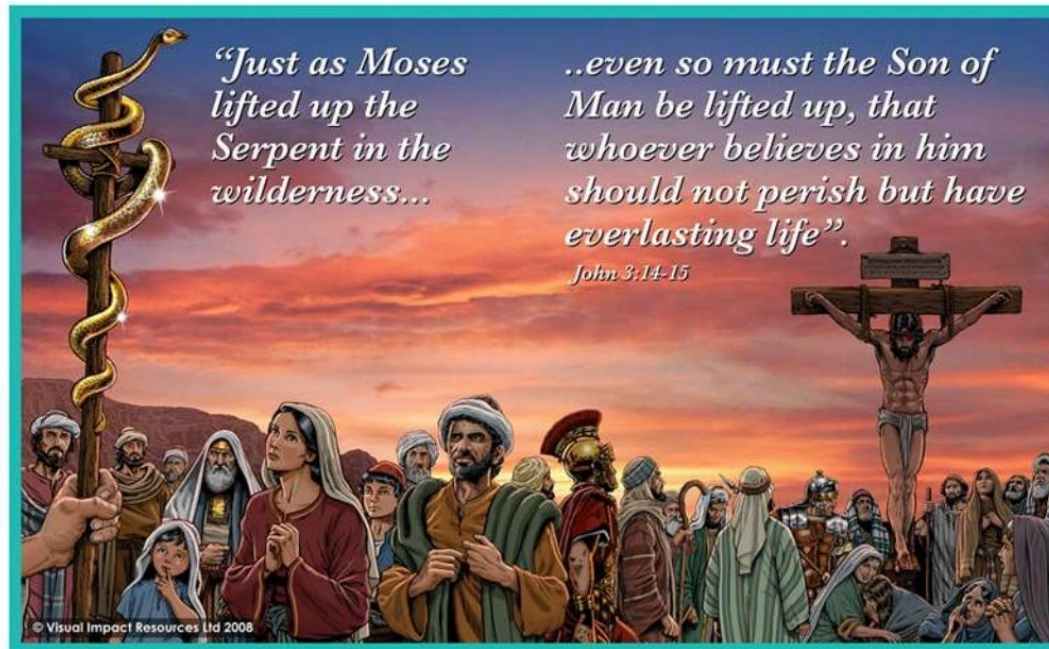
- Moses hits the rock to get water



- Aaron is taken to the top of Mt Hor and dies

The Bronze Snake

- The people grow impatient AGAIN! No bread, no water...
- The LORD sends venomous snakes that bit people and many died!
- People came to Moses, “We have sinned....”
- Moses put the snakes away
- Prototype of Jesus: Numbers 20:8/ John 3:14-15



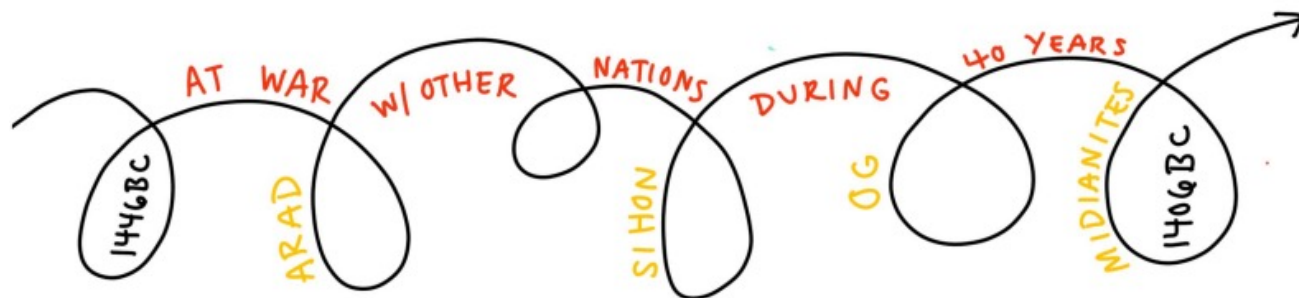
Balaam/ King Balak

- Balaam summoned by Moabite King Balak to curse the Israelites and he will be paid well for doing this
- God gives Balaam visions and says do NOT curse the Israelites
- Back and forth 3 times
- The Lord opens the donkey's mouth



- Balaam now finds his own mouth unable to curse the Israelites and instead of cursing Israel, he blesses them and curses their enemies!
- 7 Oracles of blessing
 - The 4th oracle: A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel. He will crush the foreheads of Moab, the skulls of all the people of Sheth.
- Phinehas spears the Israelite man and Midianite woman- and the plague ends

Chapters 25-36



JOSHUA + CALEB ONLY ONES ALLOWED TO ENTER
THE PROMISED LAND (THE LAND OF MILK + HONEY)

27:12-22

→ CHOSEN TO REPLACE MOSES AFTER DEATH

CH 32-36 INHERITANCE OF TRIBES

→ ALL TRIBES OF ISRAEL ASSIGNED LAND
LEVITES: SET APART AS PRIESTS

- WILL LIVE AMONG OTHER TRIBES CH 35
- SPECIAL RULES FOR LEVITES CH 3-8, 18



1 Cor. 10:1-13

¹ For I **do not want you to be ignorant** of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they **all passed through the sea**.

² They were all **baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea**.

³ They **all ate the same spiritual food** ⁴ **and drank the same spiritual drink**; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

⁵ Nevertheless, **God was not pleased with most of them**; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these **things occurred as examples** to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.

⁷ Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.”

⁸ We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died.

⁹ **We should not test Christ, as some of them did**—and were killed by snakes.

¹⁰ And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

¹¹ These things happened to them as examples and were written down as **warnings for us**, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.

¹² **So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!**

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted^l beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Romans 11:22

²² Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off.

- The severity of God is seen in the death of the rebellious generation in the wilderness, those who never entered the Promised Land.
- The goodness of God is realized in the new generation. God protected, preserved, and provided for these people until they possessed the land. This reminds us of the justice and love of God, which are always in sovereign harmony.

Jesus and The Holy Spirit

- *Romans 15:4: For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.*
- The way the Tribes are “shaped” when they travel
- Numbers 16: Aaron comes between death and life of the people
- Numbers 19: ... the sacrifice of the red heifer “without defect or blemish” prefigures Christ, the Lamb of God without spot or blemish who was sacrificed for our sins.
- Numbers 21: The bronze snake on a pole
- Numbers 24: Balaam’s 4th oracle speaks of the star and the scepter who is to rise out of Jacob- a prophecy of Christ who is called the "morning star" in Rev. 22:16
- Sin, repentance and grace over and over in the book
- Judgement does come

Deuteronomy- The Basics

- Author- likely Moses
- Time period- apx. 1200-1300 BC
- Greek “Deuteros”- Second Message- renewal of the first
- A Summary of all that God has revealed thus far
- Main characters/events
 - Moses and the Israelite people
- Division of the Book into 3 Sermons
 - Chapters 1-4
 - Chapters 5-28
 - Chapters 29-30

Sermon # 1

Chapters 1-4

- LEAVE MT. SINAI
- APPOINT TRIBE LEADERS
- SPIES SENT OUT
- REBELLION
- WANDERING
- DEFEAT AMORITES
- DEFEAT BASHONITES
- DIVIDE LAND
- MOSES DENIED PROMISED LAND
- COMMANDS OBEDIENCE
- NO IDOLATRY
- HONOR THE LORD
- ESTABLISH CITIES OF REFUGE

TRIBE	CITY
REUBENITES	BEZER
GADITES	RAMOTH
MANASSITES	GOLAN

- **3:25-** Moses asks God again- can I go into the Promised Land, please??
- **3:28-** Commission Joshua, encourage and strengthen him, for HE will lead the people across and cause them to inherit the land
- **4:32-39**
The Lord is GOD
- **4:41-43**
Cities of refuge

Sermon # 2

SERMON #2 (CHAPTERS 5-28)

MOSES REVIEWS THE LAWS

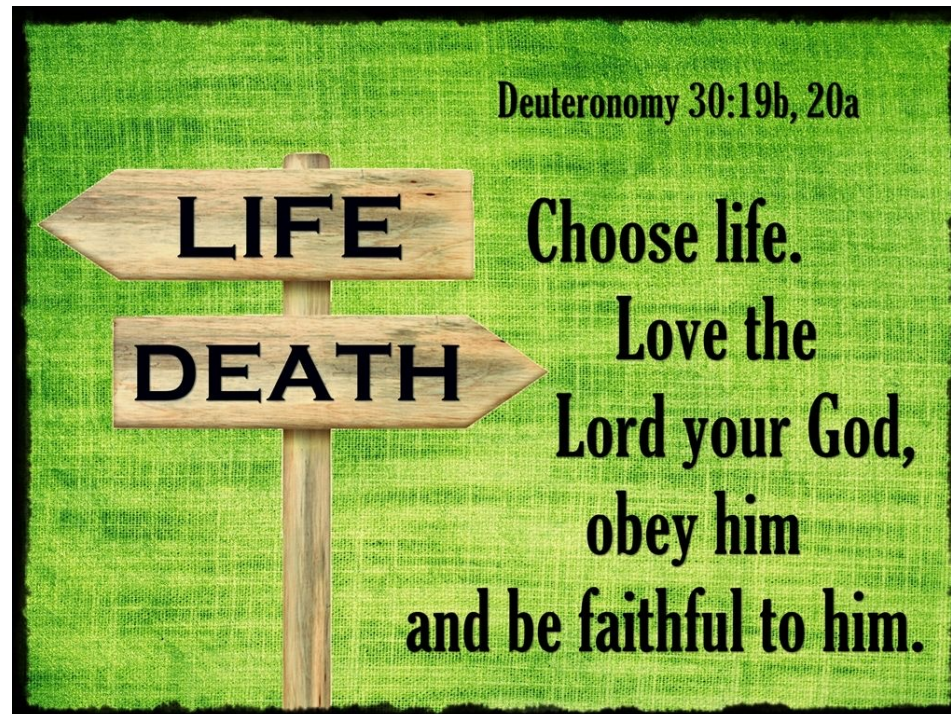
- ① THE 10 COMMANDMENTS (CH 5)
- ② LOVE THE LORD (CH 6)
- ③ RULES FOR DEFEATING NATIONS (CH 7, 20)
- ④ DO NOT FORGET THE LORD (CH 8)
- ⑤ FEAR THE LORD (CH 10)
- ⑥ OBEY THE LORD (CH 11, 27-28)
- ⑦ RULES FOR WORSHIP (CH 12-13)
- ⑧ MISC RULES (CH 14-15, 17-19, 21-25)
- ⑨ CELEBRATIONS (CH 16)
- ⑩ OFFERINGS (CH 18, 24)



Sermon # 3

SERMON #3 (CHAPTERS 29-30)

• RENEWAL OF GOD'S COVENANT



Final Chapters of the Pentateuch

- **Joshua will become the new leader**
- **Reading of the Law after Year of Jubilee is over**
- **Predicts Israel's future rebellion**
- **Song of Moses**
- **Blessings for each Tribe**
- **Moses' death- he was not sick or feeble**
 - **Moses was taken to the top of a mountain and looked over the land and the people**
 - **34: 5-6- He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor; but no man knows his burial place to this day**
 - **Jude, v 5-9**
 - **The Mount of Transfiguration**
 - **1 of the 2 Witnesses in Revelation?**
- **Joshua was filled with the Spirit of Wisdom**

Estimated Schedule of OT Survey

- *January 4 - Overview*
- *January 11 – Cancelled*
- *January 18 – Cancelled*
- *January 25 – Genesis*
- *February 1- Exodus and Leviticus*
- *February 8 – Numbers and Deuteronomy*
- **February 15 – Joshua, Judges, Ruth**
- **February 22 – 1 and 2 Samuel**
- **March 1 – Kings and Prophets**
- **March 8 – Ezra and Nehemiah**
- **March 15 – SPRING BREAK- NO CLASS**
- **March 22 – Job and Psalms**
- **March 29 – Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon and Lamentations**
- **April 5- Isaiah and Jeremiah**
- **April 12- Ezekiel, Daniel**
- **April 19 – Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah**
- **April 26 – Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk**
- **May 3 – Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi**

**ALL dates are ESTIMATES
depending on weather and
pace of previous classes!**