

## The Old Testament

Q: What things sometime get in the way of Christians who try to read and study the Old Testament? Which of these have been obstacles in your own personal Bible study time?

Dr. Martin Luther:

“There are some who have little regard for the Old Testament. They think of it as a book that was given to the Jewish people only and is now out of date, containing only stories of past times.” [Luther’s Works, American Edition, 35:235]

“I beg and really caution every pious Christian not to be offended by the simplicity of the language and stories frequently encountered there, but fully realize that, however simple they may seem, these are the very words, works, judgments, and deeds of the majesty, power, and wisdom of the most high God.” [Luther’s Works, American Edition, 35:236]

### The Old Testament is God’s own Word

† 2 Timothy 3:16 (14-17)

† 2 Peter 1:20-21

It still speaks today

Q: What makes the doctrine of inspiration so important? Is the Bible absolutely true? What does that mean for us today?

Q: Suppose someone believes the Scriptures are inspired by God and absolutely true, but that same person never reads or studies the Bible? What does that say about that persons faith?

### God speaks both threats and promises in his Old Testament Word

The Old Testament is not all Law and the New Testament is not all Gospel

Threats:

† Genesis 4:6-7 [to Cain]

† Genesis 6:7 [before the flood]

Promises:

† Genesis 3:15 [protoevangel-first gospel]

† Gen 6:8

† Exodus 34:6

### The Old Testament is a Library of Books

#### Unity between the Old and New Testaments

- the just will live by faith...Habakkuk 2:4 || Romans 1:17
- ...believed God...credited as righteousness...Gen 15:6 || Romans 4:3, 11, 20-24; Galatians 3:5-9; (James 2:20-24)

Different words and phrases to express similar themes and ideas

turn/return (OT) || repentance (NT) [Deuteronomy 30:1-3 || Luke 3:3ff]

Attachment of promises to visible symbols-rainbow, tabernacle/temple, serpent on the pole || water (baptism), bread & wine (Lord’s Supper)

**For next time: Read Genesis 1-9**

## Genesis 1-9

### The Creation [Ch1-2]

- Gen 1:1 In the beginning...
- Gen 1:2 the earth was formless and empty...
- Gen 1 |1| |6| |9, 11| |14| |20| |24, 26| And God said...
- Gen 1 |5| |8| |13| |19| |23| |31| And there was evening, and there was morning...

Q: Did God create the World in six-24hr days?? [see also Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15 (the phrase, “on the Sabbath” occurs 51 times in the NKJ of OT/NT)]

Q: How does evolution fit into the picture? Or does it?

Gen 2:7 Adam [אָדָם] = man  
ground (NIV/NKJ) [אֲדָמָה]

Gen 2:23 woman [אִשָּׁה] (also can mean wife)  
man [אִישׁ] (also can mean husband)

Q: What was the purpose of the woman?

Q: Why might some say that the creation account determines ones later understanding of the Bible?

- Chapter 1 gives a telescopic view of the creation, Chapter gives the microscopic view

### The Fall and its Consequences [Ch3]

- The nature of temptation-mislead, deceive, draw away from God’s Word

Q: Is it possible that something sound Christian, but not be? How?

Luke 4:1-13 The temptation of Christ

- The nature of sin-make excuses, accuse others, refuse responsibility

Q: What was so bad about what Adam and Eve did? What sins do people-even Christians-try to minimize today? Are “little sins” important? Explain

Q: How does what one believes about the fall affect one’s understanding/belief about Baptism?

Gen 3:15 the promise in the midst of a curse [John 13:18 (Psalm 41:9) ; Romans 16:20]

Gen 3:20 Eve [חַוָּה, Ζωή] (living, life)

## Creation vs. Evolution

Significant differences still exist within Christendom today. Even within Lutheranism, we find this to be true. While researching the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) web page ([www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)) for a comparison between the ELCA and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), I came across this statement under the heading “Frequently Asked Questions”: “The ELCA doesn’t have an official position on creation vs. evolution...” These words may or may not surprise many, but for any “Christian” church to state this as an official position on a teaching so clear in Scripture, this kind of interpretation is tantamount to a denial of God’s Word, and even a denial of the Christ of Scripture itself [see Genesis 1 & 2, 5:1-2, Exodus 20:11, 31:17; Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 148; Isaiah 45.8-10, 12; Mark 13:19; 1 Corinthians 11:9; Hebrews 11:3; Revelation 10:6]. Also, this statement does not parallel the historical lutheran position, which we still profess, teach, and confess, that Scripture interprets Scripture.

The differences which exist between the LCMS, ELCA, Methodists, Baptists, Assembly of God, and other Christian denominations continue to prohibit a true and honest confessional unity with them. This in no way is to cast doubt on their or our salvation, but IT IS to say that differences of confession cannot be ignored, overlooked, or simply passed over. Believing as if matters of teaching/doctrine don’t matter or glossing over the articles of faith demonstrate not only an incorrect understanding of what it means to be a member of a certain denomination, but also an unfaithfulness to oneself and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

## Genesis 1-9 (cont.)

Genesis → Greek word meaning beginning or origin. Title of the 1<sup>st</sup> book of the Bible comes from the Greek Septuagint, not from the Hebrew OT. The Hebrew title is, “in the beginning.”

### Cain and Abel [Ch4]

Gen 4:1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore *Cain*, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD." [NKJ]

❖ Cain → means *acquire*

Gen 4:2 Then she bore again, this time his brother *Abel*. [NKJ]

❖ Abel → means *breath* (the same root word is used in Ecclesiastes 1:2 for “meaningless/vanity”)

Gen 4:6-7 <sup>6</sup>So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? <sup>7</sup>"If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." [NKJ]

Q: What was the sin that Cain committed? Why was he angry?

Gen 4:25 And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him *Seth*, "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed." [NKJ]

❖ Seth → name probably means *granted/compensation*

### The Family of Adam [Ch5]

Gen 5:1 This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. [NKJ]

❖ Toledoth (תּוֹלְדוֹת)/geneseos (γενέσεως) → Genealogy (NKJ)/account (NIV)

❖ תּוֹלְדוֹת → the root occurs about 39 times, 13 times in Genesis alone (see 2:4; 6:9; 10:1; 10:32; 11:10; 11:27; 25:12, 13; 25:19; 36:1, 9; 37:2)

Gen 5:3 And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son *in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth*. [NKJ]

Q: In whose *likeness* and in whose *image* is man born into now since the fall?

Gen 5:28-29 <sup>28</sup>Lamech ... had a son. <sup>29</sup> And he called his name *Noah*, saying, "This one *will comfort* us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed." [NKJ]

❖ Noah (נֹחַ) → means *rest*, but in the Hebrew, the word sounds like the word for *comfort* (נַחַם)

Gen 5: 32 And Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah begot *Shem, Ham, and Japheth*. [NKJ]

- ❖ Shem (שֵׁם) → means *Name*
- ❖ Ham (חָם) → means *father-in-law*, also *hot*; Ham was the one who saw his father's nakedness in Gen 9:22
- ❖ Japheth (יָפֶֿתֿ) → may be related to the root for *open*; Concordia Self-study Bible writes, "Japheth sounds like the Hebrew for extend" (p20, p<sup>27</sup>)

### Noah & The Flood [Ch6-9]

Gen 6:5-6<sup>5</sup> Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD was *sorry* that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. [NKJ]

- ❖ Sorry (נָדַח) → same word in the Hebrew as "relent" in today's OT reading (Jeremiah 26:13)

Gen 6:8 Noah found grace

Gen 6:18 "But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark -- you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. [NKJ]

Noah did what God said...Gen 6:22, 7:5; 8:18

God blessed Noah...Gen 9:1, 7 [Genesis 1:28]

Gen 7:4 Genesis 7:4 "For after *seven* more days I will cause it to rain on the earth *forty days and forty nights*, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made." [NKJ]

Q: What other references do we have in Scripture to seven days? To forty days and forty nights?

Gen 8:22 "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease." [NKJ]

Q: How long will these things last?

Gen 9:6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man. [NKJ]

Q: Does this truth still hold? (see Matthew 26:52; Romans 13)

God establishes his covenant...Gen 9:9, 11

Gen 9:12-13ff<sup>12</sup> And God said: "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: <sup>13</sup> "I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. [NKJ]

Sign of the covenant...also Gen 9:17

Q: To whom does this covenant refer? (see also Gen 9:16)

God will remember...Gen 8:1; 9:15

{The Tower of Babel//Abram-Ch11}

Gen 11:8-9 <sup>8</sup> So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth. [NKJ]

Gen 11:10-32 This *is* the genealogy [Toledoth (תולדות)/geneseos (γενέσεως)] of Shem

- ❖ Abram is the son of Shem
- ❖ Abram → means *exalted father*

**For next time, read Genesis 12-27**

[Genesis 12-27]

Abram → exalted father

- ◆ Sarai → *princess*

Blessing: [General]...Gen 24:1, 35  
of descendants...Gen 12:2-3; 15:4-5; 17:2-7, 16; 18:17  
Through Ishmael...Gen 16:10; 17:20; 21:13, 18  
of land...Gen 12:7 15:7, 13-16, 18-21; 17:8; 24;7

Abraham believed God...Gen 15:6

- ◆ Melchizedek → *my king is Sedek/King of Righteousness* [Gen 14:18-20]
- ◆ Hagar → *flight* [Gen 16]
- ◆ Ishmael → *God will hear* [Gen 16]
- ◆ Abraham → *father of many* [Gen 17]
- ◆ Sarah → *noblewoman/gentlewoman* [Gen 17]
- ◆ Circumcision → *literally means to be cut off* [Gen 17:9-14]  
Gen 17:10 This is *MY* covenant with you and your descendents after you...
- ◆ Sodom → *burning* & Gomorrah → *submersion*  
Abraham pleads 6x's; (50-45-40-30-20-10) [Gen 18:16-33]  
Their wickedness...Gen 18:20-21; 19:5, 13  
Destroyed...Gen 19:24-26
- Lot's descendants via his daughters...Gen 19:37-39
  - ◆ Lot → *covering*
  - ◆ Moab → *son of his father* (Father of the Moabites)
  - ◆ Ben-Ammi → *Son of my people* (Father of the Ammonites)

Abraham called a prophet by God...Gen 20:7

Abraham covenants with Abimelech (*My father is king*)... Gen 21:22-34  
Isaac covenants with Abimelech... Gen 26:26-31

Isaac → *he laughs* [Gen 21:1-7]  
Son of promise... Gen 17:16, 19; 18:10, 14; 21:2

Ishmael cast out... Gen 21:10-13  
Toledoth of Ishmael... Gen 25:12-18

Abraham tested... Gen 22  
Family of Nahor (Abraham's brother)... Gen 22:20-24

Isaac & Rebekah (→ *ensnarer*)... Gen 24  
From the Lord... Gen 24:50-52

Blessing through Isaac: [General]... Gen 25:11; 26:12-14  
(Through Rebekah (by brother & mother)... Gen 24:60)  
of descendants... 25:23; Gen 26:3-4; 24  
of land... Gen 26:3-4

Toledoth of Isaac... Gen 25:19-28

Esau → *hairy*; Edom → *red*  
Jacob → *he grasps the heel (he deceives)*

Jacob receives Esau's Blessing... Gen 27:28-29

Isaac blesses Jacob again... Gen 28:3-4

Blessing of land to Jacob... Gen 28:4

**For next time, read Genesis 27-50**

[Genesis 27-50]

Jacob → he grasps the heel (he deceives)

[Genesis 27~36]

Jacob receives Esau's Blessing... Gen 27:28-29

Isaac blesses Jacob again... Gen 28:3-4

Blessing of land to Jacob... Gen 28:4

{The dream... Gen 28:12-22}

Blessings of descendants... Gen 28:14 (seed is singular); 35:9, 11; 46:3; 47:27

Blessings of land... Gen 28:13, 15; 35: 12;

◆ Bethel → *house of God* [Gen 28:17, 19]

Seed is singular in these passages... Gen 3:15; 13:16; 15:5, 13; 16:10; 17:7, 10; 21:13; 22:17; 24:60; 26:4, 24; 28:14; 32:13; 48:11

<u>Leah</u>	<u>Zilpah</u>	<u>Rachel</u>	<u>Bilhah</u>
<sup>1</sup> Reuben ( <i>see, a son</i> )	<sup>7</sup> Gad ( <i>a troop/fortune</i> )		<sup>5</sup> Dan ( <i>judge</i> )
<sup>2*</sup> Simeon ( <i>one who hears</i> )	<sup>8</sup> Asher ( <i>happy</i> )		<sup>6</sup> Naphtali ( <i>my struggle</i> )
<sup>3*</sup> Levi ( <i>attached/joined to</i> )		<sup>11</sup> Joseph ( <i>may he add</i> )	
<sup>4</sup> Judah ( <i>praise</i> )		<sup>12</sup> Ben-Oni/Benjamin ( <i>son of my sorrow/right hand</i> )	
<sup>9</sup> Issachar ( <i>reward</i> )			
<sup>10</sup> Zebulun ( <i>honor</i> )			
*Dinah [Gen 34]			

[Gen 29:31-30:24; 35:18; 23-27]

◆ Mizpah → *watchtower* [Gen 31:44-54]

\*\*Jacob struggles with God & overcomes [Gen 32:24-32]

◆ Israel → *he struggles with God* (occurs over 2200xs in the OT after Gen 32:28)

\*\*see Gen 32:28 & 35:10... Your name will be Israel

◆ Peniel → *face of God*

Esau's descendants... Gen 36

Joseph → he will add

[Gen 37-50]

\*\*Joseph's two dreams (see Gen 27:28-29; 41:43, 44; 42:6, 9, 10; 43:26, 28; 44:14; 45:26; 50:18)

The sheaves bow down... Gen 37:5-7

The sun, moon, and 11 stars bow down... Gen 37:9-11

Joseph sold by his brothers... Gen 37:12-36

**\*\*Judah and Tamar...Gen 38**

- ◆ Perez → *breaking out*
- ◆ Zerah → *scarlet/brightness*

Joseph and Potiphar's wife...Gen 39

The Lord was with Joseph...v2-6, 9

Joseph in prison...Gen 39:20-40:23

The dreams of the Cupbearer and the Baker...Gen 40

Pharaoh's two dreams...Gen 41

The cupbearer remembers Joseph...Gen 41:9-13

Joseph interprets the dreams...Gen 41:25-32

Joseph placed as 2<sup>nd</sup> in command over Egypt...Gen 41:37-45

- ◆ Manasseh → *forget*
- ◆ Ephraim → *twice fruitful*

The Famine...Gen 41:54ff

Joseph's brothers go to Egypt...Gen 42-44

Joseph makes himself known...Gen 45 (v5, 7-8 "God sent me ahead of you...");  
50:20

Jacob blesses Joseph and his sons...Gen 48:15-16; 20

Jacob blesses his sons...Gen 49

Joseph's last words...Gen 50:24-25

Gen 50:24 And Joseph said to his brethren, "I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

**For next time, read Exodus 1-18**

## [Exodus 1-18]

### † Genesis 15:13-14 Bondage in Egypt foretold

Exodus -- *exit, departure* [title taken from the Septuagint (LXX); the Hebrew title is *these are the names of (1:1)*]

### The Setting

[Exodus 1-2]

The *sons of Israel* (NIV - *Israelites* ; NKJV - *children of Israel* ) are fruitful and multiply...Ex 1:7, 9, 12, 20 [see previous notes concerning blessings of descendants to Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob]

Pharaoh oppresses the people...Ex 1:10, 12-14, 16, 22 [\*Genesis 15:13-14]

- Moses -- *draw out* (Ex 2:10)

God hears the groaning of the sons of Israel...Ex 2:23-25

God remembers...Gen 8:1 (Noah); 9:15-16 (rainbow); 19:29 (Abraham); 30:22 (Rachel); Ex 6:5

### The Call

[Exodus 3-4]

- Horeb -- called the Mountain of God...Ex 3:1

The Angel of the Lord (Ex 3:2) was God (Ex 3:4)

The revelation and the promise...Ex 3:5-10

God's name...Ex 3:6, 14-17 ("I AM"); 4:5; 6:2, 6-8

Promise of land...Ex 3:8, 17; 6:4, 8; 13:5

Aaron to speak for Moses...Ex 4:10-16; 6:28-7:2

- Aaron -- *light bringer*

"Israel is My firstborn son"...Ex 4:22

### The 10 Plagues

[Ex 7:14-12:30]

<sup>1</sup>Blood (Ex 7:14-24) <sup>2</sup>Frogs (Ex 8:1-15) <sup>3</sup>Gnats/Lice (Ex 8:16-19) <sup>4</sup>Flies (Ex 8:20-32)

<sup>5</sup>Plague on livestock (Ex 9:1-7) <sup>6</sup>Boils (Ex 9:8-12) <sup>7</sup>Hail (Ex 9:13-35) <sup>8</sup>Locusts (Ex 10:1-20)

<sup>9</sup>Darkness (10:21-29) <sup>10</sup>Death of the Firstborn (Ex 11:1-12:30)

Pharaoh refuses to let the sons of Israel go/heart hardened...Ex 7:14, 16, 23; 8:15, 19, 32; 9:7, 12,

17, 34-35; 10:20, 27; 11:9-10; 13:15; 14:4, 8, 17

\*\*For what reason? Ex 9:16; 10:1-2; 11:9; 14:17-18

Egyptian magicians did the same...Ex 7:11-12 (snakes); 7:22 (<sup>1</sup>blood); 8:7 (<sup>2</sup>frogs)

God distinguishes between the sons of Israel and the Egyptians...Ex 8:22-23 (<sup>4</sup>flies); 9:4, 26 (<sup>5</sup>plague on livestock); 10:23 (<sup>9</sup>darkness); 11:7 (<sup>10</sup>death of firstborn )

### The Passover

[Ex 12:1-30; 13:3-16]

Passover: פֶּסַח (pesach) -- noun

(Ex 12:27) פָּסַח (pasach) -- verb

\*\*Note: Ex 12:1-3, 5, 12-13, **17**, 24-28 || 13:14-16

Restrictions:

No foreigner to eat of it...Ex 12:43

None of the bones to be broken...Ex 12:46

For the whole community...Ex 12:47

No circumcised may eat of it...Ex 12:48

- Ex 12:24-28 "And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever. "It will come to pass when you come to the land which the LORD will give you, just as He promised, that you shall keep this service. "And it shall be, when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' "that you shall say, 'It *is* the Passover sacrifice of the LORD, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.' " So the people bowed their heads and worshiped. Then the children of Israel went away and did *so*; just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. (NKJ)

### The Exodus

[12:31-42]

- The date of the Israelite's departure from Egypt is ~ 1446 BC

Length of time in Egypt - 430 yrs...Ex 12:40-41 [Gen 15:13]

The sons of Israel plunder the Egyptians...Ex 12:35-36 [Gen 15:14; Ex 3:21-22; 11:2-3]

{for summary of OT history from Abraham and following, see Acts 7}

- Ex 13:3 And Moses said to the people: "Remember this day in which you went out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out of this place. (NKJ)

## Crossing the Red Sea

[Ex 14]

The bones of Joseph taken...Ex 13:19 [Gen 50:25; Joshua 24:32]

The pillar of cloud and of fire...Ex 13:21-22

- And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night. He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people. (NKJ)

The Lord led...Ex 13:17-18; 14:1-4

- Red Sea -- literally *sea of reeds* (Ex 13:18)

God promised deliverance and delivers...Ex 14:4, 13-22, 24-31; 15:19

Song of deliverance...Ex 15:1-18, 21

## Journey to Mt. Sinai

[Ex 15:22ff]

Bitter waters made sweet (*w/ a tree*)...Ex 15:22-27

Marah -- *bitter*

Manna & Quail...Ex 16

gather enough for the day...Ex 16:4, 16, 18, 21

manna kept for coming generations...Ex 16:33

- manna -- *what is it?*

Water from the rock...Ex 17:1-7

- Massah -- *testing*
- Meribah -- *quarreling*

The Amalekites defeated...Ex 17:8-16 [see Gen 36:11]

- Joshua -- *the Lord saves*

Israel grumbles/complains/quarrels...Ex 15:24; 16:2-3, \*7-9; 17:2-3, 7

Moses receives advice from his father-in-law (Jethro)...Ex 18 (Note v13-23)

- Ex 18:18 "Both you and these people who *are* with you will surely wear yourselves out. For this thing *is* too much for you; you are not able to perform it by yourself. (NKJ)

**For next time, read Exodus 19-40**  
**{Notice esp. chapters 19-20; 24-31}**

[Exodus 19-32 (40)]

### At Mount Sinai

Ex 19:3-6 <sup>3</sup> And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: <sup>4</sup> 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. <sup>5</sup> 'Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth *is* Mine. <sup>6</sup> 'And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

### The Ten Commandments

Ex 20:1-2 <sup>1</sup> And God spoke all these words, saying: <sup>2</sup> "I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

The Ten Commandments...Ex 20:3-17

- Note: In the English, the verb forms, "You shall not....," are in the imperative (command) form. In the Hebrew, most of the verbs are not in the imperative [except v12 (4th commandment)], but in the imperfect, indicating ongoing action. In the Greek Septuagint (LXX), the predominant verb form used is future

Ex 20:18-19 Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw *it*, they trembled and stood afar off. Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die." (see Deuteronomy 18:15-22)

Ex 20:24 ...In every place where I record My name I will come to you, and I will bless you.

### God's judgments to be placed before the people

[Ex 21-23]

Hebrew servants...Ex 21:2-11

Laws of Justice and Mercy...Ex 23:1-9

Personal injuries...Ex 21:12-36

Sabbath laws...Ex 23:10-13 [ \* 31:12-17;  
35:1-3]

Protection of property...Ex 22:1-15

Social responsibility...Ex 22:16-31

Three annual Festivals...Ex 23:14-19

Ex 23:20 "Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared."

(Ex 23:21-30)

- Do not make a covenant with the surrounding people...Ex 23:32; 34:12, 15

Ex 24:3 So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments.  
 And all the people answered with one voice and said,  
 "*All the words which the LORD has said we will do.*"  
 (see also 19:8, 24:7)

Ex 24:8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words."  
 (see also Luke 22:20; Mark 14:24; Matthew 26:27-28)

### The Tabernacle

Offerings for...Ex 25:1-7; Ex 35:4-9 (see esp. v2 and following. Notice what the offerings were)

- Offerings given...Ex 35:20-29 [more than enough...36:4-7]

Ex 25:8 "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

Instructions for (25:10-27:21; 30) -- Fulfilled...36:8-38:20

The Ark	The Altar of Incense
The Table	Basin for washing
The Lampstand	Anointing oil
The Tabernacle	Incense
The Altar of Burnt Offering	
The Courtyard	
Oil for the Lampstand	

Instructions for the priestly garments (28) -- Fulfilled...Ex 39

Ex 28:2 "And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty.  
 (v40)

Consecration of the priests with anointing oil, blood, and offerings (29)

Exodus 29:42-45 <sup>42</sup> "...at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet you to speak with you. <sup>43</sup> "And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and *the tabernacle* shall be sanctified by My glory. <sup>44</sup> "So I will consecrate the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. I will also consecrate both Aaron and his sons to minister to Me as priests. <sup>45</sup> "I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God."

- ...I have commanded you...Ex 23:15; 29:35; 31:6; 31:11; 34:18; 35:1
- “as the Lord commanded”...Ex 28:22; 39:1, 7, 21, 26, 29, 31, **32, 42-43**; 40:16, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 32
- So Moses finished the work...Ex 40:33

### Idolatry-the Golden Calf [32-33:6]

Ex 32:4-6 <sup>4</sup> And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!" <sup>5</sup> So when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD." <sup>6</sup> Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. [see Ex 20:4-5; 24:3]

Moses intercedes for the people...Ex 32:11-14; 30-35

Ex 32:13 "Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit *it* forever.'"

### The Lord with His people

The Tent of Meeting...Ex 33:7-11

Exodus 33:14-17

<sup>14</sup> And He said, "My Presence will go *with you*, and I will give you rest."

<sup>15</sup> Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go *with us*, do not bring us up from here. <sup>16</sup> "For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who *are* upon the face of the earth."

<sup>17</sup> So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name."

The Lord passes in front of Moses...Ex 33:19-34:28

Ex 34:6 And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth

Ex 34:27 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write these words, for according to...these words I have made a *covenant* with you and with Israel."

The veil over Moses' face...Ex 34:29-35

Ex 40:36-38

<sup>36</sup> Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would go onward in all their journeys. <sup>37</sup> But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up. <sup>38</sup> For the cloud of the LORD *was* above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

**For next time, read Numbers 10-17; 20-25**

[Numbers 1-17; 20-25]

The book of Numbers:

In the Hebrew, the title is **בְּנֵי־בְרַר** [in the wilderness]

In the Greek LXX, the title is Ἀριθμοὶ [numbers]

### Israel at Sinai

The Census... Num 1-4

The men able to serve in the army, ages 20+... Num 1:3

The Levites appointed over the tabernacle and its furnishings... Num 1:49-53; 3

\*The Levite's work special to the Levites... Num 1:51; 3:10, 38; 18:7

Positioning of the different tribes around the tabernacle and while on the move... Num 3

...Yahweh (the Lord) commanded... Num 1:19, 54; 2:33, 34; 3:42, 51; 4:37, 49; 8:3, 20, 22; 9:5; 15:23, 36; 17:26; 19:2; 20:27; 26:4; 27:11, 22; 30:1, 2, 17; 31:7, 21, 31, 41, 47; 34:13, 29; 36:6, 10, 13 [Moses and/or the people]

#### The Aaronic Benediction

<sup>22</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>23</sup> "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: <sup>24</sup> "The LORD bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup>

The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." '

<sup>27</sup> **"So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them."**

[Numbers 6:22-27]

Offerings at the Dedication of the Tabernacle... Num 7

The Sons of Israel journeyed/encamped at the Lord's command... Num 9:15-23

### The Sons of Israel leave Sinai

<sup>35</sup> So it was, whenever the ark set out, that Moses said: "Rise up, O LORD! Let Your enemies be scattered, And let those who hate You flee before You." <sup>36</sup>

And when it rested, he said: "Return, O LORD, To the many thousands of Israel."

[Numbers 10:35-36]

### The Unbelief of God's People & God's Assurance

❑ Hardships... Num 11:1-3

Teberah → *burning*

❑ No Meat... Num 11:4-34

❑ Against Moses... Num 12; esp. v2, 6-9 [Miriam became leprous]

- Entering the Promised Land (10 of the 12 spies spread a bad report)...Num 13:27-33
- Not dying...Num 14

Moses intercedes:

<sup>17</sup> "And now, I pray, let the power of my LORD be great, just as You have spoken, saying, <sup>18</sup> 'The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.' <sup>19</sup> "Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now." <sup>20</sup> Then the LORD said: "I have pardoned, according to your word;  
[Numbers 14:17-20]

<sup>21</sup> "but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD -- <sup>22</sup> "because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice, <sup>23</sup> "they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it.  
[Numbers 14:21-23]

'According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for each day you shall bear your guilt one year, namely forty years, and you shall know My rejection.  
[Numbers 14:34]

- Their defeat by the Amalekites...Num 14:40-45
- The Korah incident...Num 16; see v 8-11 ["Why do you set yourselves above the Lord's assembly?"]  
The People blame Moses' for the death of the Lord's people...Num 16:41-50

The budding of Aaron's staff...Num 17

- No Water...Num 20:1-13 [Moses & Aaron didn't honor God in the sight of Israel; see 1 Corinthians 10:1-13]
- Against God & Moses...Num 21:4-9 [The bronze snake; see John 3:14]

Blessings spoken by Balaam...Num 22-24

"I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel, And batter the brow of Moab, And destroy all the sons of tumult.  
[Numbers 24:17]

Israel seduced by Moab...Num 25

Joshua to lead after Moses...Num 27:12-23

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses spoke to the LORD, saying: <sup>16</sup> "Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, <sup>17</sup> "who may go out before them and go in before them, who may lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the LORD may not be like sheep which have no shepherd."  
[Numbers 27:15-17]

**For next time, read Joshua 1-8; 23-24**

[Joshua 1-8; 23-24]

יהושע: ["Yehoshua"] - title of the book

- ◆ <sup>1</sup> After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying:
- ◆ <sup>2</sup> "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you <sup>(SING.)</sup> and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them -- the children of Israel. <sup>3</sup> "Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you <sup>(SING.)</sup>, as I said to Moses. <sup>4</sup> "From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. <sup>5</sup> "No man shall be able to stand before you <sup>(SING.)</sup> all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you <sup>(SING.)</sup>. I will not leave you <sup>(SING.)</sup> nor forsake you <sup>(SING.)</sup>.
- ◆ <sup>6</sup> "**BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE**, for to this people you <sup>(SING.)</sup> shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. <sup>7</sup> "Only **BE STRONG AND VERY COURAGEOUS**, that you may observe to do according to all the law [TORAH] which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn <sup>(SING.)</sup> from it to the right hand or to the left, that you <sup>(SING.)</sup> may prosper wherever you go. <sup>8</sup> "This Book of the Law [TORAH] shall not depart from your <sup>(SING.)</sup> mouth, but you <sup>(SING.)</sup> shall meditate in it day and night, that you <sup>(SING.)</sup> may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you <sup>(SING.)</sup> will make your <sup>(SING.)</sup> way prosperous, and then you <sup>(SING.)</sup> will have good success. <sup>9</sup> "Have I not commanded you <sup>(SING.)</sup>? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your <sup>(SING.)</sup> God is with you <sup>(SING.)</sup> wherever you <sup>(SING.)</sup> go."

[Joshua 1:1-10]

Crossing the Jordan on dry land...Joshua 3-4

- ◆ Joshua 5:1 So it was, when all the kings of the Amorites who were on the west side of the Jordan, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of Israel until we had crossed over, that their heart melted; and there was no spirit in them any longer because of the children of Israel.

Q: How did the kings of the Amorites get news of what happened? Did the Israelites go out and tell them, "here we are?" Did they 'advertise' themselves?

Circumcision at Gilgal...Joshua 5:1-8

- ◆ Joshua 5:10-12 <sup>10</sup> Now the children of Israel camped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight on the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup> And they ate of the produce of the land on the day after the Passover, unleavened bread and parched grain, on the very same day. <sup>12</sup> Then the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten the produce of the land; and *the children of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year.*

Joshua meets the command of the Lord's army...Joshua 5:13-6:5

- ◆ Joshua 5:15 Then the Commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

Conquest of the land...Joshua 6:6-12:24

\*Jericho...Joshua 6

\*Achan's sin...Joshua 7

The Covenant renewed...Joshua 8:30-35

- ◆ Joshua 8:34-35 <sup>34</sup> And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and the cursings, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. <sup>35</sup> There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, with the women, the little ones, and the strangers who were living among them.

The Land as an inheritance...Joshua 13:8-19:51

But not to the Levites...

- ◆ Joshua 13:14 Only to the tribe of Levi he had given no inheritance; the sacrifices of the LORD God of Israel made by fire *are* their inheritance, as He said to them.

Cities of Refuge...Joshua 20

- ◆ Joshua 20:2-3 <sup>2</sup> "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'Appoint for yourselves cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you through Moses, <sup>3</sup> 'that the slayer who kills a person accidentally or unintentionally may flee there; and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.

A summary of what will be and what had happened...Joshua 23-24

- ◆ Joshua 23:6, 8 <sup>6</sup> "Therefore be <sup>(PLURAL)</sup> very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law [TORAH] of Moses... <sup>8</sup> "but you <sup>(PLURAL)</sup> shall hold fast to the LORD your <sup>(PLURAL)</sup> God, as you have done to this day.
- ◆ Joshua 23:9-10 <sup>9</sup> "...**the LORD has driven out from before you** <sup>(PLURAL)</sup> **great and strong nations**; but as for you <sup>(PLURAL)</sup>, no one has been able to stand against you <sup>(PLURAL)</sup> to this day. <sup>10</sup> "One man of you <sup>(PLURAL)</sup> shall chase a thousand, for the LORD your <sup>(PLURAL)</sup> **God is He who fights for you** <sup>(PLURAL)</sup>, **as He promised [SPOKE TO] you** <sup>(PLURAL)</sup>.
- ◆ Joshua 24:21-24 <sup>21</sup> ...we will serve the LORD!" <sup>22</sup> So Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD for yourselves, to serve Him." And they said, "We are witnesses!" <sup>23</sup> "Now therefore," he said, "**put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD God of Israel.**" <sup>24</sup> And the people said to Joshua, "**The LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey [HEAR/LISTEN]!**"