

40 WEEK SUMMARY

- WEEK 1** Genesis 1-11; Psalms 1-4
- WEEK 2** Genesis 12-31; Psalms 5-8
- WEEK 3** Genesis 32-50; Psalms 9-12
- WEEK 4** Exodus 1-20; Psalms 13-17
- WEEK 5** Exodus 21-40; Psalms 18-19
- WEEK 6** Leviticus 1-27; Psalms 20-22
- WEEK 7** Numbers 1-24; Psalms 23-26
- WEEK 8** Numbers 25-36; Deuteronomy 1-11; Psalms 27-30
- WEEK 9** Deuteronomy 12-34; Psalms 31-34
- WEEK 10** Joshua; Psalms 35-36
- WEEK 11** Judges; Psalms 37-38
- WEEK 12** Ruth; 1 Samuel 1-15; Psalms 39-42
- WEEK 13** 1 Samuel 16-31; 2 Samuel 1-6; Psalms 43-45
- WEEK 14** 2 Samuel 7-24; Psalms 46-49
- WEEK 15** 1 Kings 1-11; Psalms 50-53
- WEEK 16** 1 Kings 12-22; Psalms 54-57
- WEEK 17** Psalms 58-62
- WEEK 18** 2 Kings 1-13; Psalms 63-66
- WEEK 19** 2 Kings 14-25; Psalms 67-69
- WEEK 20** Job 1-21; Psalms 70-72
- WEEK 21** Job 22-42; Psalms 73-75
- WEEK 22** 1 Chronicles; Psalms 76-77
- WEEK 23** 2 Chronicles 1-18; Psalms 78-80
- WEEK 24** 2 Chronicles 19-36; Psalms 81-84
- WEEK 25** Proverbs 1-15; Psalms 85-88
- WEEK 26** Proverbs 16-31; Psalms 89-90
- WEEK 27** Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs; Psalms 91-95
- WEEK 28** Isaiah 1-22; Psalms 96-101
- WEEK 29** Isaiah 23-44; Psalms 102-103
- WEEK 30** Isaiah 45-66; Psalms 104-105
- WEEK 31** Psalms 106-107
- WEEK 32** Jeremiah 1-20; Psalms 108-109
- WEEK 33** Jeremiah 21-46; Psalms 110-114
- WEEK 34** Jeremiah 47-52; Lamentations; Ezekiel 1-8; Psalms 115-118
- WEEK 35** Ezekiel 9-34; Psalm 119
- WEEK 36** Ezekiel 35-48; Daniel; Psalms 120-124
- WEEK 37** Hosea; Joel; Amos; Psalms 125-132
- WEEK 38** Obadiah; Jonah; Micah; Nahum; Habakkuk; Zephaniah; Haggai; Psalms 133-137
- WEEK 39** Zechariah; Malachi; Ezra; Psalms 138-144
- WEEK 40** Nehemiah; Esther; Psalms 145-150

Complete Track

GENESIS 1-11; PSALMS 1-4

- MONDAY** Genesis 1; Psalm 1
- TUESDAY** Genesis 2-3
- WEDNESDAY** Genesis 4; Psalm 2
- THURSDAY** Genesis 5-6
- FRIDAY** Genesis 7-8; Psalm 3
- WEEKEND** Genesis 9-11; Psalm 4

Look for...

- God's creation of the universe
- Humanity's rebellion against God
- God's provision for his wayward children
- The ark built and Noah rescued from the Flood
- The Tower of Babel built and a prideful "pseudo-community" dispersed

Activity

This week, you're on a "God-hunt." Imagine you know very little about God. What do these early chapters of the Bible teach you about him? What are his likes and dislikes? How powerful is he? What is his nature? Also, pay attention to what you see of God in your everyday life through such things as answered prayer, experiences of beauty, or a prompting to reach out to someone.

This Week's Prayer

Pray this prayer throughout the week: "Heavenly Father, I want to know you through your Word and meet you in my life. What do you want to teach me about yourself today?"

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GENESIS 12-31; PSALMS 5-8

MONDAY Genesis 12-15; Psalm 5**TUESDAY** Genesis 16-18**WEDNESDAY** Genesis 19-21; Psalm 6**THURSDAY** Genesis 22-24**FRIDAY** Genesis 25-26; Psalm 7**WEEKEND** Genesis 27-31; Psalm 8**Look for . . .**

- The call of Abram (Abraham) to begin a “new community”
- Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed
- Promised son Isaac born
- Isaac “sacrificed” and returned
- Rivalry between twin grandsons Jacob and Esau
- Jacob’s “stairway to heaven” dream

Activity

This week, continue your “God-hunt” from last week. What are these early chapters of the Bible teaching you about God’s nature? Where do you see God in your everyday life through such things as answered prayer, experiences of beauty, or a prompting to reach out to someone?

This Week’s Prayer

Pray this prayer throughout the week: *“Heavenly Father, I want to know you through your Word and meet you in my life. What do you want to teach me about yourself today?”*

 MONDAY | **God’s Covenant with Abraham**
Genesis 12-15; Psalm 5

- Though Abram was “chosen” out of the nations, whom else did God want to bless through his offspring (Genesis 12:2-3)? Compare this “Old Testament Great Commission” to the New Testament version in Matthew 28:18-20.
- What “saved” Abram according to Genesis 15:6? (Romans 4 and Galatians 3:6-14 are Paul’s inspired commentary on this passage.)
- How does experiencing God’s favor inspire us to reach others with that love? Why do we sometimes lose concern for the lost?

 TUESDAY | **Ishmael Born, Sarai Languishes—and Laughs**
Genesis 16-18

- Archaeology shows that Sarai’s suggestion in Genesis 16:2 was a common practice in that era; in other words, she was taking her cue from secular culture—with disastrous results. How do we also sometimes miss God’s best, rationalizing that “everybody’s doing it”?
- What parallels can you make between Sarai’s attempt to “help” God and our attempts to force God’s will?
- What spiritual parallel to this story is made in Galatians 4:21-31?

 WEDNESDAY | **Destruction and Birth**
Genesis 19-21, Psalm 6

- What does Genesis 19:6-8, 16, 26 and 31-38 tell you about the corrupting influence of this culture on Lot and his family?
- Based on what you’ve seen of Abraham and Sarah’s maturity and faithfulness, what is the significance of the word “gracious” in Genesis 21:1? What do you learn about God from this passage?
- What wordplay is made on Isaac’s name (which means “laughter”) in Genesis 21:6 going back to 18:10-15?

 THURSDAY | **Isaac Gets Life—and Later a Wife**
Genesis 22-24

- Genesis 22 contains a powerful *type* or metaphor for the future sacrifice and resurrection of God’s other “miracle” son, Jesus.
- What parallels in language and imagery do you see between the sacrifice of Isaac and the sacrifice of Jesus in Hebrews 11:17-19; John 3:16; and Romans 8:32?
- Most scholars believe Mount Moriah (Genesis 22:2) is where the temple in Jerusalem was later built (see 2 Chronicles 3:1); today, Islam’s beautiful “Dome of the Rock” stands there.

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EXODUS 1-20; PSALMS 13-17

MONDAY Exodus 1-3; Psalms 13-14

TUESDAY Exodus 4-6

WEDNESDAY Exodus 5-9; Psalm 15

THURSDAY Exodus 10-12

FRIDAY Exodus 13-14; Psalm 16

WEEKEND Exodus 15-20; Psalm 17

Look for...

- Hebrews (Israelites) becoming slaves
- Moses, a Hebrew, raised as a son of Pharaoh
- Moses and the burning bush
- Ten plagues
- The first Passover
- Manna, quail, and water miraculously supplied in the desert
- The Ten Commandments

Activity

Continue your “God-hunt” from previous weeks. What are these early chapters of the Bible teaching you about God’s nature? Where do you see God in your everyday life through such things as answered prayer, experiences of beauty, or a prompting to reach out to someone?

This Week’s Prayer

Pray this prayer throughout the week: *“Heavenly Father, I want to know you through your Word and meet you in my life. What do you want to teach me about yourself today?”*

 MONDAY God’s Covenant

Exodus 1-3; Psalms 13-14

- What do you think it means to “fear” God as in Exodus 1:17, 21?
- God can only define himself in terms of himself (“I AM WHO I AM”); what is the implication when Jesus defines himself as he does in John 8:56-59?

 TUESDAY God Promises Deliverance

Exodus 4-6

- What similarities exist between how God uses miracles in Exodus 4:1-9 (to authenticate Moses’ message) and how Jesus uses miracles in John 2:18-23; 10:25-26 and 37-38?
- What parallel can you make to your own life concerning God’s words in Exodus 4:10-12?
- In Exodus 6:1-8, the statement “I am the LORD” is repeated four times; what does God reveal to Moses about himself in response to his complaints?
- What would hearing God say “I am the LORD” mean to you as you face your current challenges?

 WEDNESDAY Knowing God Leads to Obedience

Exodus 5-9; Psalm 15

- How does Exodus 7:22 contradict the assumption that a “miracle” must always come from God (see also Deuteronomy 13:1-4)?
- How did God show his faithfulness to the Israelites in Exodus 8:23 and 9:4, 26? Does God always do this (Matthew 5:45)?

 THURSDAY Pharaoh’s Hardened Heart; the Passover

Exodus 10-12

- How did God plan to use Pharaoh’s hard heart in Exodus 10:1-2?
- Did God *force* Pharaoh’s heart—against Pharaoh’s will—to become hard (see Exodus 7:13, 22-23; 8:15, 19, 32; 9:7, 34)?
- What does the Passover represent and why was it to be remembered (Exodus 12:26-27)?
- How did God provide for the Israelites as they left Egypt (Exodus 12:35-36)? How might their years of slavery justify that provision?

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LEVITICUS 1-27; PSALMS 20-22

MONDAY Leviticus 1-5; Psalm 20

TUESDAY Leviticus 6-9

WEDNESDAY Leviticus 10-13; Psalm 21

THURSDAY Leviticus 14-15

FRIDAY Leviticus 16-19; Psalm 22

WEEKEND Leviticus 20-27

Look for . . .

- Instructions for five different kinds of offerings (burnt, grain, fellowship, sin, and guilt)
- Priests beginning their ministry
- Violation of God's commands by Nadab and Abihu
- The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)
- Instructions for various feasts
- Sabbath Year and Jubilee

Activity

Observe the various laws you obey—or disobey—in the course of an average day (speed limits, paying sales tax, not stealing, voting, etc.). What principles or values can you identify that lie behind the laws? What do you learn about yourself as you react to those laws?

This Week's Prayer

Pray this prayer throughout the week: "Heavenly Father, use your laws to teach me about holiness, reveal my sin, and help me follow you with my whole heart."

 MONDAY Offerings
 Leviticus 1-5; Psalm 20

- The book of Leviticus gets its name from *levitikon*, which means *pertaining to the Levites*.
- What insight does Hebrews 7:11 give on the temporary nature of this priestly line?
- How do Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 and Hebrews 4:16 compare and contrast with the basic emphasis of the book of Leviticus (which is that God's chosen people need to approach him in a holy manner)?

 TUESDAY Offerings and the Priesthood
 Leviticus 6-9

- How did Moses prepare Aaron and his sons for the priesthood (Exodus 28-29; Leviticus 8)?
- What is the purpose of the anointing oil in Leviticus 8:10-12 and 1 Samuel 16:13 (note: *to anoint* is the root of the Hebrew word *Messiah*—*Christ* in Greek [cf. "christen"])?
- In Leviticus 9:6, God gives a command and promise that he will appear to the Israelites; notice the results in Leviticus 9:23-24. Why do you think God's presence was so powerful at that time?

 WEDNESDAY Nadab and Abihu and Holiness
 Leviticus 10-13; Psalm 21

- As the power of God was spectacular in blessing the people (Leviticus 9:24), so it was in punishing the leaders (Leviticus 10:1-3). What do you think justifies God's strong chastisement (see also Acts 5:1-11; James 3:1)?
- God tells his people that they are to be holy because he is holy (Leviticus 10:3; 11:44-45; 19:2; 1 Peter 1:15-16). What does it mean to live a holy life in our day?
- Do you think much about being holy? Why or why not?

 THURSDAY Purification
 Leviticus 14-15

- Today's reading shows God's regulations for cleanliness and disease prevention. What principles (such as isolation and sanitation for the prevention of infectious diseases) have timeless—though culturally modified—application for today?
- What might a person living in those days conclude about the level of God's concern for the community?

MONDAY | **The Census**
Numbers 1–3; Psalm 23

- What do you conclude about God as a promise-keeper when you compare Numbers 1:46 with Genesis 22:17?
- What message about spiritual priorities might God be sending by setting apart the able-bodied Levite men to do tabernacle service instead of military (see Numbers 1:45–53)?
- What lesson is God teaching through the relocation of the Tent of Meeting in Numbers 2:17 (compare with Exodus 33:7)?
- Where is God’s “tent” in your life these days: more toward the edge, or right in the center? Where do you *want* it to be?

TUESDAY | **Purity and the Nazarite Vow**
Numbers 4–6

- What timeless principle about making amends can you get from Numbers 5:6–7?
- Why would it be important for there to be a divinely authenticated method for a woman to prove her innocence in the face of a jealous husband (Numbers 5:14)?
- The Nazirite vow (Numbers 6) typically lasted thirty days (see Acts 18:18; 21:20–24). What do you think is the benefit of a temporary spiritual practice like this?
- It is claimed it takes about thirty days for a new practice to become a habit. What change might God be calling you to instill in your life during the next four weeks?

WEDNESDAY | **Tabernacle Offerings and Cloud**
Numbers 7–9; Psalm 24

- Is God’s audible voice in Numbers 7:89 the exception or the rule (compare 12:6–8; John 16:13–15; Romans 8:6–9, 14–16)?
- What lessons might be learned by years of “cloud-following” (Numbers 9:15–23)?
- God gives the law, yet expects his people to follow the unpredictable movements of a cloud; how is that similar to how he relates to you?

THURSDAY | **Quail, Fire, Opposition, and Exploration**
Numbers 10–13

- What is the *real* problem behind the Israelites’ cry in Numbers 11:19–20?
- How are events in Numbers 11:25–29 like Acts 2:14–18 and 19:6?
- What important lesson does Numbers 13:33 contain about how the spies’ view of themselves affected their courage?
- Do you see yourself as a “grasshopper” in an area where God sees you differently? How can you see yourself with his eyes?

FRIDAY | **Rebellion**
Numbers 14–16; Psalm 25

- Though God forgave their rebellion, consequences for sin remained (Numbers 14:20–23); what parallels can you make in your own life?
- How do motives and behaviors relate in Numbers 15:25, 30–36?
- Korah used a half truth in Numbers 16:3 to justify rebellion; how have you tried to justify yourself in a similar way?

WEEKEND | **Moses’ Anger; Bronze Serpent; Balaam**
Numbers 17–24; Psalm 26

- How is the priesthood a “gift” to Israel (Numbers 18:7)?
- What insight does Psalm 106:32–33 and James 1:19–20 give about Moses’ rebellion and anger outburst in Numbers 20:12?
- What do the bronze serpent (Numbers 21:9) and Jesus (John 3:14–15) have in common? How does God save by faith alone in both stories?
- Though Balaam spoke in God’s name (Numbers 22–24), how did money taint the whole episode (see 2 Peter 2:15–16; Deuteronomy 18:14)?
- What hidden motives sometimes creep into your outwardly “spiritual” actions?

THIS WEEK’S NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Complete Track

NUMBERS 25-36; DEUTERONOMY 1-11; PSALMS 27-30

MONDAY Numbers 25-27; Psalm 27**TUESDAY** Numbers 28-30**WEDNESDAY** Numbers 31-33; Psalm 28**THURSDAY** Numbers 34-36**FRIDAY** Deuteronomy 1-3; Psalm 29**WEEKEND** Deuteronomy 4-11; Psalm 30**Look for...**

- Moabites' seduction of Israel
- Joshua to succeed Moses
- Boundaries of Canaan and allotments set
- Levites provided for
- Retelling of wanderings, Ten Commandments
- Motivations and blessings for obedience

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 MONDAY | **Moses' Successor Appointed**
Numbers 25-27; Psalm 27

- What detail in Numbers 31:16 sheds light on the origins of the seduction of Numbers 25:1-3?
- How would you sum up Joshua's credentials and training to be Moses' successor (Numbers 27:18) from the following verses: Exodus 17:9-13; 24:13; Numbers 11:28; 14:6-9, 30, 36-38?
- What do you think is meant by the symbolism of Moses' laying his hands on Joshua (see Deuteronomy 34:9; Acts 6:6; 1 Timothy 4:14)?
- What do you think of the statement, "There is no success without a successor"? Are you someone's successor? Who is yours?

 TUESDAY | **Offerings and Vows**
Numbers 28-30

- What parallel can you make between the "pleasing aroma" of sacrifices in Numbers 28:2 and Ephesians 5:2 and Hebrews 13:15-16?
- What spiritual principle is taught by insisting sacrifices be "without defect" in Numbers 28:31 (see Malachi 1:13-14)?
- What possible "defective offering" have you been giving God lately? How can you make your sacrifice more worthy of him?
- What is the timeless principle about truth-telling that lies behind the culturally bound instructions of Numbers 30 (hint: see verse 2)?

 WEDNESDAY | **The Tribes Prepare to Settle Canaan**
Numbers 31-33; Psalm 28

- Why is Numbers 31:1-2 not a rule to follow now (see Numbers 31:3 and Romans 12:19-21)?
- What's the timeless principle in Numbers 32:23?
- What effect did the spies' report in Numbers 32:6-15 have on Moses and the national unity at this crucial time?
- How does Numbers 33:55-56 help explain why such extreme measures were necessary during the conquest?

 THURSDAY | **Boundaries Physical and Legal**
Numbers 34-36

- What else do you learn about the cities of refuge in Deuteronomy 19?
- Why do you think there are legal and consequential distinctions between "murder" in Numbers 35:16-21 and "unintentional manslaughter" in 35:22-25?

