40 WEEK SUMMARY

☐ WEEK 1	Genesis 1-11; Psalms 1-4	☐ WEEK 23	2 Chronicles 1-18; Psalms 78-80
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		☐ WEEK 35	Ezekiel 9-34; Psalm 119
☐ WEEK 14		☐ WEEK 36	Ezekiel 35-48; Daniel;
☐ WEEK 15	1 Kings 1-11; Psalms 50-53		Psalms 120-124
☐ WEEK 16	1 Kings 12–22; Psalms 54–57	☐ WEEK 37	Hosea; Joel; Amos; Psalms 125-132
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☐ WEEK 19	2 Kings 14-25, Psalms 67-69		Psalms 133-137
☐ WEEK 20	Job 1-21; Psalms 70-72	☐ WEEK 39	Zechariah; Malachi; Ezra; Psalms 138-144
☐ WEEK 21	Job 22-42; Psalms 73-75	☐ WEEK 40	Nehemiah; Esther;
WEEK 22	1 Chronicles; Psalms 76-77		Psalms 145-150

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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?"

God's Good Creation Genesis 1; Psalm 1

- What hint about the "community-nature" of God (the Trinity) can you see in Genesis 1.2 and 26–27?
- If God is invisible, what do you think "created in the image of God" means?
- How would we all treat each other differently if we really believed we were made in God's image—even with all our faults?

☐ TUESDAY God's Breath of Life and the Fall of Humanity

- What clue about our need for community is contained in Genesis 2:18? Is a spouse the only solution for this need (hint: 1 John 4:7–8, 12)?
- How did the serpent twist God's words in Genesis 3:1 and 4 (compare Genesis 2:16-17)?
- In spite of the curses, how did God show grace after the Fall? What does this tell you about him?
- What New Testament event does Genesis 3:15 foreshadow?

☐ WEDNESDAY Sin Spreads to Family Genesis 4: Psalm 2

- In Genesis 4, sin spreads from the individual to the family. How are families you know still experiencing the fallout from sin today?
- In addition to the offering itself, what (or rather, who) was "out of favor" (Genesis 4:4–5)?
- What details from the story of Cain and Abel does Hebrews 11:4 stress?
- What insights about sin's effects do you get from Genesis 4:7?

☐ THURSDAY Sin Spreads Worldwide Genesis 5-6

- In Genesis 5, the pattern is "and he died" after each person's name—except for what exception in verse 24?
- What does Hebrews 11:5 say about Enoch's special status?
- What was true about Noah that made him the exception to the rest of the world?
- Why do you suppose God waited so long (120 years) to begin the Flood after telling Noah it was coming?
- What does it tell you about God's character that so many years went by before he judged sin? How are you doing these days mimicking God's patience even when retribution is justified?

☐ FRIDAY The Flood Genesis 7-8; Psalm 3

- The ark was one and a half football fields long, holding the volume of 569 railroad cars. Imagine yourself building such a huge structure—and so far away from any body of water, with hostile neighbors watching!
- What do you think might be the significance of who closed the ark (Genesis 7:16)? Does this teach you anything about God?
- What do you learn from these New Testament passages that comment on Noah and the Flood: Hebrews 11:7; 1 Peter 3:18–22; 2 Peter 2:5; and Matthew 24:37–39?
- What was God's response to Noah's offering (Genesis 8:20–22)?

☐ WEEKEND God's Covenant; Tower of Babel Genesis 9–11; Psalm 4

- What covenant did God make with Noah and his descendants in Genesis 9:8–17? What did Noah have to do? What insight does this give you about God's nature?
- What were the purposes for the tower in Genesis 11:4?
- Compare Genesis 9:7; Psalm 2; and Isaiah 14:12–15. What sins do you think were committed by the people who built this monument?
- How does such pride and rejection of God's rule show up in our day? In what ways are you tempted to build your own monument to "Almighty Me"?

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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

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☐ 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.

 What kind of conflicting feelings do you suppose Abraham struggled with? What would it take for you to have such confidence in God?

FRIDAY Esau Sells His Birthright Genesis 25-26; Psalm 7

- Malachi 1:2-5 harks back to God's kindness to Jacob over Esau as a warning not to be smug. Have you ever felt spiritually complacent because you know God loves you?
 How can that be avoided?
- Paul notes in Romans 9:6–16 how the scheming Jacob was blessed in spite of his character defects. What lesson about God—and grace—do you take to heart from that fact?
- What additional comments on Esau's foolishness do you find in Hebrews 12:16-17?

☐ WEEKEND | Jacob's Dream and Doublecross; Jacob Flees Genesis 27–31; Psalm 8

- How did Jesus use the story of Jacob's dream (Genesis 28:10–19) to describe his own role as a "bridge" between God and humans (John 1:50–51)?
- What insight does Genesis 29:20 give about the power of romantic love?
- Notice that Jacob, the deceiver, almost loses his wife because of her deception of him (Genesis 31:32). How does this illustrate Galatians 6:7?
- What is the purpose of the stones and the pledge made in Genesis 31:48–50? (This verse is sometimes taken out of context and used on jewelry—hardly appropriate when you learn the meaning!)

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GENESIS 32-50, PSALMS 9-12

MONDAY Genesis 32-34; Psalm 9
TUESDAY Genesis 35-36
WEDNESDAY Genesis 37-39; Psalm 10
THURSDAY Genesis 40-41
FRIDAY Genesis 42-44; Psalm 11
WEEKEND Genesis 45-50; Psalm 12

Look for...

- · Jacob's name changed to Israel
- Jacob's son Joseph (of *Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat* fame) dreams of greatness
- Joseph sold by his brothers into slavery
- Joseph's strong stand against Potiphar's wife
- Despite setbacks, Joseph rises to power in Egypt
- Journey of Israel (Jacob) and sons to Egypt and reconciliation with Joseph

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☐ MONDAY | Jacob Wrestles with God Genesis 32–34; Psalm 9

- What have you seen in Jacob's life that explains his mindset in Genesis 32:7?
- By contrast, what faith lessons do you learn as you read his prayer in Genesis 32:9–12?
- The "man" Jacob wrestles with is clearly a supernatural being, who reminds Jacob that his ultimate struggle isn't with Laban or Esau but with God.
- If you were to "wrestle with God," what would be the issue?

☐ TUESDAY Safe Return Home Genesis 35–36

- God changed Jacob's name to Israel (Genesis 32:28; 35:10), a rite of passage signifying his change from "he who deceives" to "he who strives with God."
- What would God have named you before you were his child? What would he name you now?
- How does today's reading—with its long list of names—highlight God at work fulfilling his promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:2; 13:16; and 15:5?

☐ WEDNESDAY | Joseph | Genesis 37–39; Psalm 10

- Do you think Joseph's sense of destiny came from God or from himself?
- What role do you think parental favoritism had (Genesis 37:3-4)—good and bad—in defining Joseph's character?
- Joseph receives two "demotions"; yet how does God work even in those injustices (Genesis 37:2–7 and 20–23)? What does this teach you about God's power—both extent and limitations—in the face of evil?

☐ THURSDAY | Joseph the Interpreter Genesis 40–41

- What do you think is the difference between what a so-called psychic gives and the interpretation of dreams Joseph offered (Genesis 40:8 and 41:16)?
- What strong warnings concerning those who interpret dreams are given in Deuteronomy 13:1–5 and 18:9–13?
- What other leadership qualities did Joseph exhibit (Genesis 41:33-40)?
- How does Acts 7:9–10 summarize these events?

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	Manus	Genesis 42-44; Psalm 11

- It's been almost twenty years since Joseph left his brothers. How does his test of their loyalty to their younger brother, Benjamin, compare and contrast to how they treated Joseph years earlier?
- How does Joseph's test uncover changes in his brothers?
- In what way has Genesis 37:5–11 come true at this point in the story?

☐ WEEKEND Joseph and Jacob Reunited; Final Blessings Genesis 45–50; Psalm 12

- What conclusions can you draw from Genesis 45:5–8 and 50:19–20 about God's abilities to use evil people's actions?
- Do you agree or disagree: Evil should *not* be resisted because God can work through it?
- Jacob's blessings (Genesis 49:1–28) are not so much a prediction of what *must* happen to each son as they are a father's observations about each one's character. Through these blessings, Jacob helps his sons see themselves and directs them toward what is good.
- How can parents "bless" their children in a similar fashion today?

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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

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☐ MONDAY God's Covenant Exodus 1-3: Psaims 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
- 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?

Knowing God Leads to Obedience ■ WEDNESDAY 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?

- What is the purpose of consecrating the firstborn (Exodus 13:9–16)?
- How do you think your life would change if you saw God part the Red Sea (Exodus 14:31)? Would you ever doubt God again?
- What insight does the Israelites' experience in Exodus 16:3 give as to the convincing power of a miracle (see also Luke 16:31)? What else do people need to be "convinced" and stay faithful to God over time?

■ WEEKEND God's Provision in the Desert; The Ten Commandments

Exodus 15–20: Psalm 17

- After some initial excitement about God's power (Exodus 15:3–11), the Israelites soon grumble about their adversity in the desert; do you think you'd behave the same way in such circumstances?
- Exodus 15:26 states God will heal all the Israelites' diseases. Is this always true for God's people (see Job 2:7–10; 2 Corinthians 12:7–10; Philippians 2:25–30; 1 Timothy 5:23)?
- Is there a situation in your life, work, or ministry where Jethro's advice to Moses in Exodus 18:17–23 could be applicable?
- The people were afraid of God's power, but in Exodus 20:18–20 Moses said they shouldn't be; how should God's power affect us today? What about times when we *don't* see it?

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EXODUS 21-40: PSALMS 18-19

MONDAY Exodus 21-23; Psalm 18
TUESDAY Exodus 24-26
WEDNESDAY Exodus 27-29
THURSDAY Exodus 30-32; Psalm 19
FRIDAY Exodus 33-34
WEEKEND Exodus 35-40

Look for...

- The ark of the covenant
- Specifications for the tabernacle and worship
- Israel's fall into idolatry with the golden calf
- Moses and God's glory
- Shining of Moses' face
- The glory of the Lord filling the tabernacle

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☐ MONDAY	Various Laws
	Exodus 21-23; Psalm 18

- While these laws may seem harsh by modern standards, what compassionate aspects do you see in Exodus 21:1; 23:1–3, 6, 9?
- The law of retribution ("eye for eye, tooth for tooth, etc.") sets *limits*; it puts a *cap* on liabilities, thus restraining vengeance or greed. How do Jesus' words in Matthew 5:38–42 reinforce this attitude?

☐ TUESDAY The Ark and the Tabernacle Exodus 24–26

- Compare Exodus 24:17 with Deuteronomy 4:24 and Hebrews 12:28–29. Why do you think God revealed himself like this, as well as like the image in Exodus 24:9–11?
- All the elements of the tabernacle had two important features: portability and stunning beauty. What might God be teaching the Israelites about his nature through these symbols?

☐ WEDNESDAY The Priests Exodus 27-29

- What spiritual lessons might God be teaching through the worship symbols in Exodus 27:21 and 28:29?
- What is the ultimate purpose of the priesthood and its elaborate rituals according to Exodus 29:44–46?

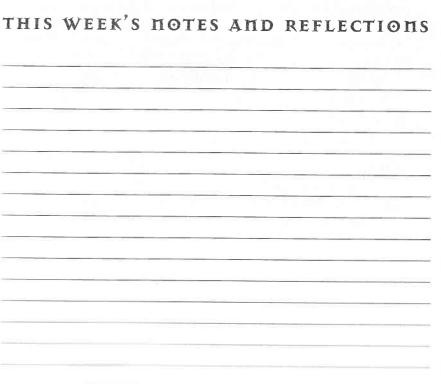
☐ **THURSDAY** Craftsmanship; The Golden Calf Exodus 30–32; Psalm 19

- What is the implication about where the gifts of craftsmanship came from in Exodus 31:1–6?
- What is a contemporary situation similar to what prompted the people to want another god (Exodus 32:1; see also 2 Peter 3:3–4 and Matthew 24:4–13)?
- What lessons about the importance—and limits—of prayer might be learned from Moses' intercession in Exodus 32:11–14 and 30–35?

God's Presence; New Tablets Exodus 33–34

• God manifests himself in a variety of ways to teach Moses and his people more about himself. How would you sum up what we learn from his appearances in Exodus 33:9–11, 18–23, and 34:10 and 29–32?

Exodus 35-40	Tabernacle and the Ark
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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?

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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

- 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?

☐ FRIDAY Day of Atonement Leviticus 16–19; Psalm 22

- God set forth one day each year for the high priest to represent the whole nation of Israel in a ceremony of atonement (called *Yom Kippur*). What does Hebrews 9 say about this event?
- God expected obedience (Leviticus 18:1–5); yet how is forgiveness—*grace*—provided for? (Hint: notice who "gives" the blood in Leviticus 17:11; also compare Romans 12:1.)
- What is the connection between Leviticus 19:18 and Matthew 22:39?

- A feast is an appointed time to remember a particular event or spiritual lesson; one of the elements of the feasts is a Sabbath, or day of rest, dedicated to the Lord. How can you incorporate "remembering" and taking Sabbaths into your rhythm of life?
- In these chapters, how does the Lord bless the Israelites when they keep his covenant? What are the consequences when they disobey?
- What are some examples of God's grace shown in Leviticus 26?
- What provision is made for a person who sins in Leviticus 26:40-45?

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NUMBERS 1-24; PSALMS 23-26

MONDAY Numbers 1-3; Psalm 23
TUESDAY Numbers 4-6
WEDNESDAY Numbers 7-9; Psalm 24
THURSDAY Numbers 10-13
FRIDAY Numbers 14-16; Psalm 25
WEEKEND Numbers 17-24; Psalm 26

Look for...

- Complaint of God's people—and getting what they want!
- Miriam and Aaron's undermining of Moses' authority
- Moses' disobedience in anger and his forfeit of living in Canaan
- A bronze serpent on a pole
- Balaam hired to curse Israel
- A talking donkey!

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☐ 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

- 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?

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

- 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?

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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

- 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?

☐ FRIDAY Covenant History Deuteronomy 1-3; Psalm 29

- The word "Deuteronomy" means "the second giving of the law."
- How do Moses' words in Deuteronomy 3:21–28 help prepare Joshua to carry on after Moses is gone?
- What words can you offer today—based on lessons God has taught you—to help someone face his or her future?

□ WEEKEND | Fear, Love, and Serve God Deuteronomy 4–11; Psalm 30

- Why do the spiritual-sounding human additions to God's law (which produce legalism) in Deuteronomy 4:2 displease God as much as setting aside commands (also see Matthew 15:3–9; 23:4; Revelation 22:18–19; and Eve's additions in Genesis 3:3)?
- What does Jesus say about Deuteronomy 6:4–6 in Matthew 22:37–40?
- Where are spiritual values best modeled according to Deuteronomy 6:7? What happens when they're not modeled there?
- What are parallels in your life to Deuteronomy 8:3, 5, and 18?
- How does Deuteronomy 9:4–6 help explain why the conquest was justified—and why Israel must diligently watch out for the "log in their own eye"?
- What's an application (literal or spiritual) of Deuteronomy 10:18-19 in our day?

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Complete Track

DEUTERONOMY 12-34; PSALMS 31-34

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YUESDAY Deuteronomy 15-18
WEDNESDAY Deuteronomy 19-22; Psalm 32
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- Tests for false prophets
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☐ MONDAY Worship and Tithes Deuteronomy 12–14; Psalm 31

- Why does God command not only to avoid idols but also to avoid worshiping God in a pagan fashion (Deuteronomy 12:4 and 29–32)?
- What benefits do you think come from the whole nation periodically worshiping together in one location (Deuteronomy 12:11–14)?
- If a fortune-teller accurately predicts the future but doesn't honor the Bible, how should we respond (based on principles from Deuteronomy 13:1–4)?
- What similarities do you see between Deuteronomy 13:6–8 and Luke 12:51–53 and 14:25–26?

☐ TUESDAY Legal, Financial, and Ritual Concerns Deuteronomy 15–18

- What truth helps the Israelites—and us—act generously in Deuteronomy 15:4–6, 10, 14, and 18?
- Jesus alludes to Deuteronomy 15:11 in John 12:8; why would there "always" be poor Israelites if God blesses obedience (see 2 Corinthians 8:13–15 and Philippians 4:12)?
- How does the principle in Deuteronomy 16:17 promote equality (not uniformity) and make giving an occasion to rejoice?
- How is Deuteronomy 17:16–20 borne out many years later in 1 Kings 11?
- How do modern psychics or so-called prophets fare against the test in Deuteronomy 18:21–22?

☐ WEDNESDAY | Capital Punishment, War, Marriage Laws Deuteronomy 19–22; Psalm 32

- Deuteronomy 19:14 prohibits land theft; what other important legal principle do you find in 19:15?
- Why would distracted soldiers be a liability, according to Deuteronomy 20:5–9?
- \bullet What ecological issue drives the commands of Deuteronomy 20:19 and 22:6–7?
- How does Deuteronomy 21:23 shed light on Galatians 3:13?

☐ THURSDAY | Various Laws | Deuteronomy 23–26

- Notice God's further words about Deuteronomy 23:1–2 in Isaiah 56:3–8 (partially fulfilled in *you!*).
- How does grace triumph over Deuteronomy 23:3 in the life of the biblical character Ruth (Ruth 1:16 and 4:17), an ancestor of the Messiah?
- Commercial interest-bearing loans are not forbidden (Deuteronomy 23:19–20; Luke 19:23), but exploiting desperate people is.

• What compassion is engendered by Deuteronomy 23:24–25; 24:12–15, 19–21; and 25:4?
☐ FRIDAY Blessings and Curses Deuteronomy 27–28; Psalm 33
 How did the horrible possibilities in Deuteronomy 28:53–57 actually occur in 2 Kings 6:24–29?
How do you reconcile Deuteronomy 28:63 with Ezekiel 33:11?
☐ WEEKEND Covenant Renewed; Moses' Song, Blessing, Death Deuteronomy 29–34; Psalm 34
• What bearing does Deuteronomy 29:29 have on unanswered questions in your life (see also John 21:25; Acts 1:7; 1 Corinthians 13:12; 2 Corinthians 4:18)?
• How does the New Testament comment on Moses' ministry in 1 Corinthians 10:1–13; 2 Corinthians 3:7–18; John 1:17; 5:45–47; Acts 13:38–39; and Hebrews 11:24–28?

- 1,400 years later in Matthew 17:3–4?

 What light does Deuteronomy 34:6 shed on Jude 9?
- How is Jesus *the* exception to Deuteronomy 34:10–12 (see Hebrews 3:3–6)?

• In spite of Deuteronomy 32:52 and 34:4, how does God show grace to Moses over

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