

The Story of the Bible

Wandering in the Wilderness

Adult Bible Class – August 1, 2015

Points for Review

- Man was separated from God because of sin, but he can be reconciled through Christ.
- Dividing the Bible into 17 time periods can help us to understand and remember its story.
 - Before the Flood
 - The Flood
 - Scattering of the People
 - The Patriarchs
 - Exodus from Egypt

Today's Key Takeaways

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 - Numbers 14-36; Deuteronomy; Joshua 1-5
 - Israel's punishment for their rebellion
 - Moses punished for disobedience/pride
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- Transition from the Exodus from Egypt
 - Israel was on the cusp of taking Canaan
 - They became discouraged because of the report by ten of the spies
- God wanted to destroy the people, but relented at Moses' request (Numbers 14)
- God did not kill them, but he prevented them from entering the Promised Land (Canaan); they were to wander for 40 years, total

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- Importance of remembering and keeping the Law completely (Numbers 15)
- Korah's rebellion (Numbers 16)
- Moses hit the rock and spoke rashly, resulting in punishment (Numbers 20)
- Fiery serpents sent to punish the people, who complained again (Numbers 21:1-9)
- Balaam and Balak tried to curse Israel, but ended up blessing it instead (Numbers 22-24)

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- The Israelites fell into idolatry and immorality because of Balaam's counsel (Numbers 25; 31)
- Joshua was selected to succeed Moses following his death (Numbers 27)
- Moses died at the age of 120, after giving a large series of sermons (Deuteronomy 34)
- "Be strong and of good courage" (Joshua 1)
- Canaan spied out again; Rahab (Joshua 2)

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- Israel crossed the Jordan River (similar to Red Sea crossing) (Joshua 3)
- Memorial stones set up along the way to help remember and train children (Joshua 3-4)
- Circumcision re-instituted (Joshua 5)
- God stopped providing manna on the 40th anniversary of Israel's leaving Egypt (Joshua 5)
- Joshua was approached by God (Joshua 5)

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