



The STORY

WEEK 6: November 11-17 – The Story 31 Week Lectionary

Wandering - Moses

Hymn Prayer: Upon the Cross Extended LSB 453

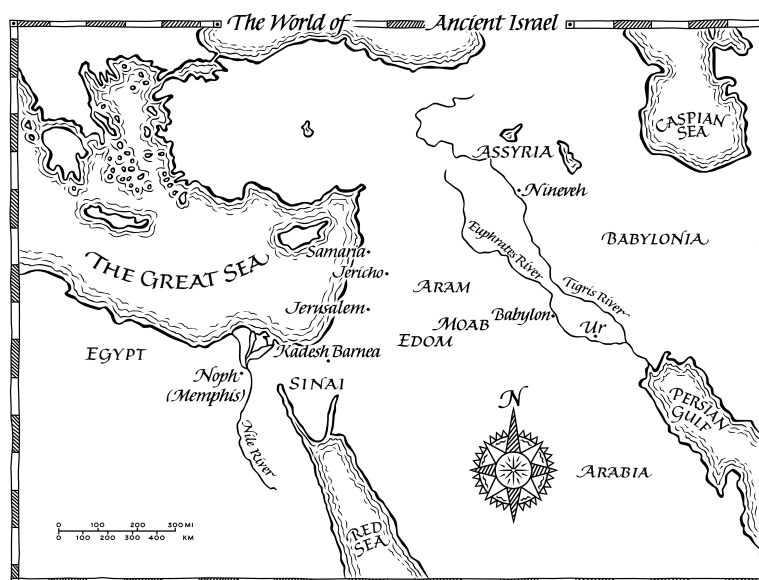
Lord, "Your cross I place before me; Its saving pow'r restore me, Sustain me in the test. It will, when life is ending, Be guiding and attending; My way to Your eternal rest. Amen"

Today's Devotion Would Suggest:

Monday – Numbers 10-14, Tues. – Numbers 20-21; Wed. – Numbers 25, 27; Thurs. Deut. 1-2, 4; Fri. Deut. 6, 8-9; Sat. & Sun. Deut. 29-34

If Time Allows: Lev. 14-27; Numbers 1-36; Psalm 36-42; Pr. 11 (Allows Reading the Bible through in 31 Weeks)

Reflection Questions: (See Reverse Side) Find places on the map below:



Questions for the Week: November 11-17 – Chapter 6

Consider journaling your response. If you have time consider reading: Lev. 14-27; Numbers 1-36; Psalm 36-42; Pr. 11

1. Monday (Oct. 10): Read Number 10-11. (*The Story* pg. 71-73) Today we begin reading from the book of Numbers. It includes the genealogies and census of the 12 tribes of Israel. Some stop reading the Bible when they get to the book of Numbers because of the endless names and numbers! Don't stop! Consider that God has your name listed and numbered in His book of life! For our purpose, we pick up reading with God's people just having received the 10 commandments and they celebrate the first Passover (It has been one year since their rescue from Egypt). What two things do the people complain about? What are they doing by complaining? What is God's reaction? What is Moses' reaction? What do we learn about God's character from this account? (Read about their travel arrangements: http://www.bible-history.com/tabernacle/TAB4The_Encampment.htm)
2. Tuesday: Read Numbers 12-14. (*The Story* pg. 73 (Bottom)-78 (Top)) Now Moses' family, Miriam and Aaron, oppose Moses. What is their gripe? Does God still choose specific people today? Should we listen to our leaders? When and only when do we disobey our leaders? Which two leaders gave a good report of the land of Canaan? What did they find while exploring? Does this remind you of heaven? Why did the people not want to go take the land? Why did Moses tear his clothes? Do we ever fail to trust God's power today? Reread Numbers 14:20-22, 34: "I have forgiven them, as you asked. Nevertheless as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the Lord fills the whole earth, not one of the men who saw my glory and the miraculous signs I performed in Egypt and in the desert but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times—not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their forefathers...For forty years—one year for each of the forty days you explored the land." Is God being merciful or just? Why?
3. Wednesday: Read Numbers 20-21:9 (*The Story* pg. 78-80) The book of numbers records several more episodes of grumbling, disputes (i.e. Who should be priest? Answer: God chooses Aaron with a budding staff.) Have the people learned their lesson after 40 years of testing? Did Moses obey God by speaking to the rock? What is so different between speaking and striking the rock? How does Numbers 21 compare with John 3:15-16? How is Jesus like the bronze snake? What are we supposed to do?
4. Thursday: Read Numbers 21:21-35; 25; 27 (*The Story* pg. 81-83). Now that God's people begin to trust God what does he do for them? How does having an unbelieving boyfriend, girlfriend or spouse sit with God? What did the people begin to do when they were intimate with unbelievers? Was God happy? What alone stopped the plague? From this we learn that our God is intensely jealous and will not share us with anyone else! What consequence did Moses face? Why is it important to pass on our faith to the next generation as Moses does with Joshua son of Nun? Does this mean Moses is not in heaven? (See Hebrews 11:24-28; Mark 9:2-13 – Moses is described as a man of faith!)
5. Friday: Read Deuteronomy 1:1, 2:7; 4:32-40; 6:4-8; 8:1-5; 9:1-6 (*The Story* pg. 84-86 (Middle)). Deuteronomy (Second Law) has sometimes been called Moses' "Last Will and Testament." It repeats the 40 year journey history in the wilderness (Deut. 1-5) and the 10 Commandments (Deut. 5) and urges God's people to be faithful in the Promised Land. It recounts the coming King and Messiah, Jesus (Deut. 17:14-20; 18:14-22). How does God tell the people to pass on their faith? Which commands are we still to follow today? Were the Israelites saved because of their "righteousness" (good works)? Why were they actually saved according to God (Deut. 9:4-6)? Deuteronomy 9:4-6 is sometimes called the Ephesians 2:8-9 ("You have been saved by grace through faith...") of the Old Testament!
6. Saturday & Sunday: Read: Deut. 29:1-6; 30:11-20; 31:7-8; 32:48-52; 34 (*The Story* pg. 86-88) – Today we read the end of Moses' "Last Will and Testament." A choice is given to us between life and death? Which do you choose? How do we choose life? Why did God choose Joshua to lead the people? After the reading from Deut. 31. God predicts that God's people would rebel again and that they would be taken into captivity. Moses follows with a beautiful song in Deut. 32. Why did Moses have to die? Who alone will be greater than Moses as described in the last paragraph of Deuteronomy? What life lessons is Moses instilling in you from today's reading?