

BBILE REVIEW

Part 1: CREATION-

Stories of creation Tell us the **WHY** of what happens in the early world, **not the how**.

- **What we need to know: God loves us, God is faithful and God can be trusted; God made the world from nothing; sin entered the world when Adam and Eve (or the first humans) decided to NOT trust God and they disobeyed him**
- Toward the end of this period, Cain and Abel make an offering to God. Which one was acceptable to God? Abel's. He offered the **spotless lamb** to the Lord. This is significant going forward.

Part 2: PATRIARCHS-

- Here we meet Abram who is a good man and our forefather.
- God tells him that IF he and his family follow God he will make them 3 promises:
 - 1) **give him land in Canaan**
 - 2) **his name would be great and a Royal Dynasty would come from him**
 - 3) **the entire earth would be blessed through him.**
- Abraham's lineage is important because it's from his line of descendants that the true king will be born: Jesus.
- God blessed Abraham and Sarah w/ a son Isaac-
- Isaac had which 2 sons (Jacob and Esau)
- After Jacob steals Esau's blessing and cons him out of his inheritance as first born, Jacob runs away, marries 2 sisters and eventually has 12 sons. These sons became known as **what?** (12 tribes of Israel). Joseph is the most famous son because he was sold into slavery in Egypt. Years later, the rest of his family, his father and all his siblings and their families, end up in Egypt. **Jacob's name is now Israel and the 12 tribes of Israel are in Egypt.** Who received the blessing from Jacob/Israel? It was **JUDAH**, son #4. The first 3 sons sinned against their father so Judah got the blessing and Joseph, Jacob's favorite, got the **double inheritance**. Thus the lineage of Jesus (the king of kings) would come through **Jacob's son Judah's line.**

Part 3: EXODUS

- The 12 tribes of Israel were in Egypt for 400yrs. Over that time they were enslaved by the Egyptians who were the world power at that time. they worshiped many gods.
- Who is born? MOSES and God calls Moses to get the Israelites out of Egypt and into the land that God promised Abraham, these were Abraham's descendants. He wants them back in Canaan.
- Through a series of plagues that God does to the Pharaoh, the Israelites are finally set free and they journey out of Egypt and into the desert.
- They head south to Mt Sinai where they receive the 10 commandments. God even sends them bread from Heaven each day to keep them from starving yet they complain & grumble
- They carry the 10 commandments in the Ark of the Covenant and keep it well guarded.
- Finally they make their way north and God tells them to get back into Canaan. To do so, they must conquer the city of Jericho. Instead of listening, they spy on the city for 40days. Their punishment is to **wander in the desert for 40yrs!** At last, Moses dies and Joshua leads them. They take control over the city of Jericho and soon they return to the promised land of Canaan
- The 12 tribes spread out and each get a region. The Levite tribe is the tribe of priests so they stay in the cities. The tribe of Joseph gets 2 because Joseph was the son who got the inheritance from Jacob while Judah got the blessing.

Part 4: JUDGES

- Joshua dies and they are w/o a real leader. They are finally in the Promised Land and God tells them to keep conquering the land, take it over and kick the other people out (the Canaanites). They don't listen and they let the foreigners remain in the Promised Land. This causes problems. They start intermarrying and adopting the practices of the Canaanites. They start worshipping the gods of the foreigners and going against God. Then the foreigners battle them and wins. Then Israel repents and asks God for forgiveness. God answers their prayers and sends a JUDGE, who is like a might warrior, to help defeat their enemies. Then they enter a time of peace. **BUT this happens 7xs.** *They stop following God, they are defeated, they repent and God helps them.*
- Various judges come along and guide the people: Samson, Gideon, Deborah
- Time passes and Israel *wants to be like everyone else and have a king*. Samuel is their judge/prophet. They complain to Samuel. God tells them it's a bad idea and that a king will tax them and treat them terribly. They don't care. And that's where we pick up today!