BBILE REVIEW & CONQUEST & JUDGES

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 10commandments. 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***!

Part 4: CONQUEST & JUDGES

At last, Moses dies and Joshua takes over as their leader. After those 40yrs they take control over the city of Jericho and make their way into the promised land of Canaan.

God instructs them to destroy everyone living in the region. Many of the cities they destroy, others they only partially destroy. This is problematic later on. Joshua is a great warrior and with him, Israel defeats much of the land.

God gives the 12 tribes each a region to inhabit. The Levite tribe is the tribe of priests so they stay in the cities and do not get their own. The tribe of Joseph gets 2 regions because joseph was the son who got the inheritance from Jacob – so his children get a double blessing. Judah, Jacob's son, got the blessing.

After they spread out, Joshua dies and Israel enters a repetitive cycle. They experience a time of peace. Then they fall into worshiping idols and false gods due to their intermarrying and neighbors. When they turn from God, He allows them to experience life without Him. This leads to them being oppressed, overtaken, enslaved. Then they cry to God for help. God hears their cry and sends them a JUDGE. A judge is like a warrior, like Joshua who comes to their rescue and defeats their enemies. Then they experience a time of peace. Then the cycle repeats itself.

The book of Judges ends w/ everyone "doing what was right in his own eyes" and Israel asking God for a king.