

**BOOK 2 – “ISRAEL: INTO THE WILDERNESS”**

Students will continue studying Israelite history in book two. They will learn more details of the Israelites’ journey through the wilderness, their entry into Canaan, and division of the land. The main objectives for this quarter are:

- To learn how God sought to transform the Israelites into His holy nation.
- To understand how this transformation echoes our own lives as God’s chosen people of today in remaining separate from the world around us.
- To gain a deeper understanding of God’s holiness and righteousness, and how important it is that we fear Him.

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will [ God’s Word]</i>	<i>Knowledge of God [God’s Divine Nature]</i>	<i>Good Works [Behavior]</i>
<b>Lesson 1 – Teachings in the Book of Numbers (I) (MV: Numbers 9:23)</b>		
The Israelites’ journey through the wilderness shows God’s guidance, provision, training, and chastisement, all for the purpose of transforming His children into a holy nation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God is our heavenly Father. We can be assured of His love, knowing that He will provide everything that we need on our journey of faith.</li> <li>2. The Lord is our commander. He is the Lord of hosts.</li> <li>3. From the beginning of creation to the end of time, God works tirelessly to save mankind. He is the author and finisher of our faith.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We need to revere and fear God, and be faithful in keeping and obeying His commands.</li> <li>2. Have faith and trust in the Lord’s power and presence in good times or bad.</li> </ol>
<b>Lesson 2 – Teachings in the Book of Numbers (II) (MV: Psalm 106:24–25)</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. While in the wilderness, the Israelites rebelled in their discontent and lost faith in God.</li> <li>2. Of the thousands who originally left Egypt, only Joshua and Caleb entered the promised land.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God is steadfast.</li> <li>2. God is judge.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Learn to serve God with zeal for His will.</li> <li>2. Learn to have a steadfast faith.</li> <li>3. Adopt a heart of contentment by focusing on what we have received from God.</li> </ol>
<b>Lesson 3 – Becoming a Nazirite (MV: 2 Corinthians 6:17–18)</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Becoming a Nazirite means choosing to dedicate oneself to God.</li> <li>2. To be a spiritual Nazirite requires that we follow God’s will, not our own.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God is holy.</li> <li>2. God is to be glorified above all others.</li> </ol>	Be a spiritual Nazirite by dedicating our lives to God and separating ourselves from the fleeting pleasures of this world.
<b>Lesson 4 – The People’s Complaint &amp; Moses’ Prayer (MV: Philipians 2:14–15)</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Because they rebelled against the Lord, the Israelites were denied entry to the promised land.</li> <li>2. Moses’ prayer of intercession saved the Israelites from destruction.</li> </ol>	God is a God of justice who will severely punish those who rebel against Him, and reward those who trust in His words.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Learn to live a life without complaint.</li> <li>2. Avoid negatively affecting the church, and instead glorify God with our words.</li> </ol>
<b>Lesson 5 – Korah’s Rebellion (MV: Hebrews 12:28–29)</b>		
Korah’s rebellion culminated in the tragic death of thousands of Israelites because of their sins against God.	God will consume those who go against Him and His appointed workers.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Learn to be united in heart and spirit, and be a positive influence.</li> <li>2. Do not allow ourselves to be influenced negatively or become</li> </ol>

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		part of divisions in the church.
<b>Lesson 6 – Teachings from Balaam (MV: Matthew 6:24)</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God has the power to dictate the events of history.</li> <li>2. He is able to use anyone, even Gentiles, for His purpose.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God desires to bless His people.</li> <li>2. No desire of God’s can be withheld from Him.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Remember that with God on our side, nothing can stand in our way.</li> <li>2. Understand the blinding power of pride and greed.</li> <li>3. Learn to serve God with a pure heart.</li> </ol>
<b>Lesson 7 – A Holy nation (MV: Leviticus 11:45)</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God is holy, and His people needed to be holy for Him to dwell among them.</li> <li>2. The purpose of the Mosaic laws was to transform the Israelites into a holy nation.</li> </ol>	God is holy.	Transform our thoughts and become holy by meditating on and memorizing God’s word.
<b>Lesson 8 – Preparing to Enter the Promised Land (MV: Joshua 1:9)</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understand God’s commission to Joshua.</li> <li>2. Learn how the Israelites’ trust in God allowed them to enter into the Promised Land.</li> <li>3. Understand the preparations that God wanted His people to undergo before taking the land.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God is faithful.</li> <li>2. God wants us to trust in Him.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Learn to seek God’s abidance and linger in the tabernacle to find strength and courage in God.</li> <li>2. Cultivate fear and trust in God’s power in order to change ourselves.</li> </ol>
<b>Lesson 9 – Victory at Jericho (MV: 2 Corinthians 10:4–5)</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God wanted what was best for His nation.</li> <li>2. His plans for the good of the Israelites required their faith and obedience.</li> <li>3. God’s deliverance is different from man’s expectations.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God is almighty</li> <li>2. God’s thoughts are higher than our own.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make God the Commander in our lives.</li> <li>2. Tear down any strongholds that keep us apart from Him.</li> <li>3. Learn full obedience by giving to God and putting Him first.</li> </ol>
<b>Lesson 10 – Achan’s Sin and Defeat at Ai (MV: Romans 6:12–13)</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Achan’s sin affected all of the Israelites, leading to many deaths and their defeat in battle.</li> <li>2. Only by sanctifying themselves were the Israelites able to experience the blessing of God’s presence.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God is all-knowing.</li> <li>2. God desires our honest prayers.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We must learn to walk according to the Spirit, not according to the flesh.</li> <li>2. To walk in God’s way, we must confront and remove any sin in our lives.</li> </ol>
<b>Lesson 11 – The Conquest of Southern and Northern Canaan (Psalm 20:7)</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God fought for His people so that they could receive the land of promise.</li> <li>2. The Israelites’ obedience was an important part of their victories.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God is our sovereign Lord.</li> <li>2. God’s sovereignty is shown in His power and in His judgment.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When we confront obstacles in our faith with God’s help, He will give us victory.</li> <li>2. To achieve this victory, we must train ourselves to rely on God instead of “chariots” and “horses.”</li> </ol>
<b>Lesson 12 – Division of the Land and the Cities of Refuge (MV: Joshua 21:43)</b>		

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Learn the spiritual significance of the division of the promised land.</li><li>2. Understand how God Himself is our city of refuge.</li><li>3. Learn the key messages from Joshua's farewell, especially regarding God's presence, power, and promises.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. God is faithful.</li><li>2. God is just.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To receive our spiritual inheritance, we must conquer our spiritual enemies.</li><li>2. We must firm up our faith to avoid being influenced by the world.</li></ol>
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