Tuckahoe Bible Reading Plan: The Story So Far

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Six weeks in, we've read from Creation through Numbers 18. As of today, November 3, we're on day 45 of 365, in Part 5: The Wilderness.

If you've fallen behind, don't try to catch up. Jump in with today's reading. The daily psalm is a good place to restart.

The Story So Far

The thread so far: God keeps making promises and keeping them, even when people don't keep theirs.

Part 1: Creation & Fall (Genesis 1–11). God creates a good world and makes people in God's image to care for it. Humans choose their own way, and brokenness spreads through Cain and Abel, the flood, and the tower of Babel. Yet God keeps showing mercy and makes a covenant with all creation.

Part 2: The Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12–50). God chooses one family to bless the whole world, promising Abraham land, descendants, and blessing. The promise passes through Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph, a family full of rivalry, deception, and grace. Genesis ends with Joseph telling his brothers, "You intended to do harm to me, but God intended it for good" (Genesis 50:20).

Part 3: The Exodus from Egypt (Exodus 1–18). Israel is enslaved in Egypt. God calls Moses at the burning bush, sends the plagues, and leads the people through the sea. Their freedom becomes the defining story of who God is: the one who hears the cry of the oppressed.

Part 4: The Covenant at Mount Sinai (Exodus 19–40). God gives the Ten Commandments, and the people promise to obey, then build the golden calf almost at once. God forgives, and the book ends with God's presence filling the tabernacle, dwelling among them.

Part 5: The Wilderness, so far (Leviticus; Numbers 1–18). Leviticus shows how a holy God can live among imperfect people, through sacrifice, the Day of Atonement, and the call to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). In Numbers, Israel sets out for the

promised land, but fear wins: after the spies' report, the people refuse to enter, and a generation wanders for forty years.

Reading Guide: November 4 – December 4

Over the next month we finish the wilderness, hear Moses' last sermons, and enter the promised land.

Week 1 (Nov. 4–10): Numbers 19–36

The wandering ends and a new generation gets ready.

- **Watch for:** the bronze serpent (Numbers 21, which Jesus recalls in John 3:14), Balaam and his donkey (Numbers 22–24), and the daughters of Zelophehad asking for their inheritance (Numbers 27).
- **Reflect:** Where do you see God's patience with a complaining people? What is it like to wait for a promise you may not see fulfilled yourself?

Week 2 (Nov. 11–17): Deuteronomy 1–20

Moses gives his final sermons on the edge of the promised land.

- **Watch for:** the Shema, "Hear, O Israel… you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart" (Deuteronomy 6:4–9). This week's videos explore its key Hebrew words.
- **Reflect:** Why does Moses keep saying "remember"? What helps you remember what God has done?

Week 3 (Nov. 18–24): Deuteronomy 21–34; Joshua 1–8

Moses dies, and Joshua leads the people across the Jordan.

- **Watch for:** "Choose life" (Deuteronomy 30:19), the death of Moses (Deuteronomy 34), "Be strong and courageous" (Joshua 1:9), and Rahab (Joshua 2).
- **Reflect:** What does it mean to choose life today? How does Rahab, an outsider, become part of God's story?

Week 4 (Nov. 25 – Dec. 4): Joshua 9–24; Judges 1–21

A land is received, and then a people keep forgetting.

- **Watch for:** "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15). Then notice the cycle in Judges: the people turn away, suffer, cry out, and God raises up a leader such as Deborah, Gideon, or Samson.
- **A heads-up:** Judges 19–21 is some of the hardest reading in the Bible. Read it as a picture of what happens when "all the people did what was right in their own eyes" (Judges 21:25), not as a story the Bible approves of.
- **Reflect:** Where do you see the Judges cycle in our own lives or world?

Coming Next

Part 7, Rise and Fall of Israel's Kingdom, begins December 5 with the book of Ruth, then moves into 1 Samuel.

Leviticus and Numbers are where many readers set the Bible down. Keep going: the story is about to pick up speed, and every day you show up counts.