



# Read Through The Bible In A Year

## Week 7 Feb 8-14

*You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. Hebrews 10:36*

Questions

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### 1. Looking Back

God had selected Abraham to be the first Patriarch and entered into an agreement, a covenant with him promising to bless him and create a nation, Israel, from his descendants. This agreement is passed on to Abraham's son, Isaac, and then to Jacob who has 12 sons who will eventually become the 12 tribes of Israel. Spicing up this narrative is a series of stories of intrigue, human frailty and family disputes. Eventually, one of Jacob's sons, Joseph, is taken into slavery in Egypt but becomes a person of influence in Pharaoh's court and enables his father and brothers to find a place to settle in Egypt during a famine. Ultimately, the Jews become slaves in Egypt when Moses rises to leadership and leads the Jews out of Egypt and toward the Promised Land. Due to their lack of faith the Jews wander in the wilderness for 40 years during which time they receive the 10 Commandments from God.

### 2. What happened in this week's reading

- a. Moses Rebuked by Miriam
- b. The People's Lack Courage
- c. Challenge of Leadership
- d. From Kadesh to Moab
- e. Moses Journal of Israel's Trek
- f. Blessings and Prophecy of Balaam
- g. Israel Sins in Moab
- h. Destruction of the Midianites
- i. Israel's Second Numbering
- j. Joshua Named As Successor
- k. Two-and-a-Half Tribes East of Jordan
- l. Preparations for Conquest and Settlement

3. What does it mean?

4. Going Deeper

5. How will you use what you have learned this week?

6. **Looking Ahead** – During the wilderness travels God reveals his law to His people. The 10 Commandments are the most noticeable evidence of the law, but in the books of the Pentateuch, or Torah God gives an enormous amount of detail about rules that govern every aspect of Jewish life.

