



**Reading the Bible  
in a Year  
—chronologically**

# FEBRUARY

## EXODUS

We began reading Exodus in January. Now, as we continue, we see how, after many setbacks, Moses eventually led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt in the year 1446 BC.

| EXODUS |                |                                |  |
|--------|----------------|--------------------------------|--|
| A.     | Chapters 1-19  | The Exodus                     | The <b>PROVISION</b> of deliverance<br><i>Let my people go . . .</i>         |
| B.     | Chapters 20-40 | Law, Tabernacle and Priesthood | The <b>PURPOSE</b> of deliverance<br><i>. . . that they may worship me.'</i> |

Notice how the *Passover* pictures Christ's death for us as 'the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world'. And in what ways does the crossing of the Red Sea illustrate the meaning of baptism?

The first section ends with the arrival at Mount Sinai, where God established for them his Law, the

portable place of worship called the Tabernacle, and the priesthood to run it.

## LEVITICUS

Here we have the various types of sacrifice outlined, all of which portray different aspects of Christ and his ultimate sacrifice. See what parallels you can spot.

| LEVITICUS |                |                                   |            |
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| A.        | Chapters 1-16  | The way into fellowship with God: | SACRIFICE  |
| B.        | Chapters 17-27 | The walk of fellowship with God:  | SEPARATION |

It's easy to get bogged down in the details. Don't let that happen: keep pressing on to get the overall 'feel' of the book.

After the *Day of Atonement* in chapter 16, the rest of the book outlines various moral laws and religious regulations

## NUMBERS

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|---------|----------------|---------------------|--|
| A.      | Chapters 1-10  | The old generation: | The last few days at Sinai                         |
| B.      | Chapters 11-21 | The transition era: | The years of desert wandering                      |
| C.      | Chapters 22-36 | The new generation: | The few months at Moab, on the threshold of Canaan |

The book is called *Numbers* because it records two censuses (chapters 1 and 26).

This month we reach chapter 13. The Israelites are still in the desert en route to Canaan and engage in some military and religious preparation for the advance into alien territory. The old, faithless generation is forbidden to enter the Promised Land.