

# Bible Studies

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Romans 1v20

Genesis 1v1 - Revelation 22v21

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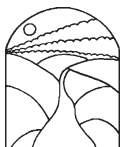
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Numbers 14v18 **God is**

Jeremiah 51v56 **God of**

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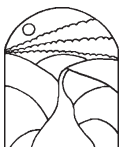
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