

GENESIS –Lesson 18

Learn: The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with a fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness. II Peter 3:9-11

Read: Genesis 5:1-32

The final verse of Genesis 4 says, “then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.” Certainly the patriarchs knew the Lord in terms of the character implied by the name Jehovah (self-existing, eternal, unchangeable, revealer of Himself to men), whether or not the actual name they employed, was the specific name of Jehovah; they could and did call on His name. – Dr. Henry Morris

1. What does the first phrase of Genesis 5:1 say that tells us this information was not orally transmitted?
2. Why is the truth given us in this phrase important in helping us understand what abilities and skills men possessed, compared to what modern evolutionists tell us early men were like?
3. Adam was created in the likeness of God, how was Seth different than Adam? vv1-3
4. What was the cause of the difference between Adam’s beginning and Seth’s beginning? Romans’ 5:12
5. Genesis 5:5 gives Adam’s obituary announcement, what does this fulfill?
Genesis 2:16, 17; 3:19
6. What is continuously repeated from Genesis 5:6-20?

There were many more children born than the names of those listed, but these were the patriarchs. The men listed were in the line of promise that would lead to the Redeemer. There is no reason to think there are any “gaps” in this record, or that the years are anything other than normal years. The record is perfectly natural and straightforward and is obviously intended to give both the necessary genealogical data to denote the promised lineage and also the only reliable chronological framework we have for the antediluvian (before the great flood of Noah) period of history.

As we look at the ages of these men we see that with such long lives, that their lives overlapped. Adam lived until Lamech, the father of Noah, was fifty-six years old, and Noah was born only fourteen years after the death of Seth. These men were probably the ones mostly responsible for preserving and promoting God’s Word. Since Enoch and Lamech were outlived by their fathers, there were only seven men in the line before Noah who had this responsibility.

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7. What does II Peter 2:5 tell us about God’s witness to the world before the flood?

8. The names of these patriarchs are also given in I Chronicles 1:1-4 and Luke 3:36-38.
In repeating the listing of these men, what does the Bible teach us about them?

Enoch, was the seventh from Adam in Seth’s line, had the same name as Cain’s son. Lamech, the seventh from Adam in Cain’s line, had the same name as Noah’s father, but their characters were utterly different.

9. What is unique about Enoch? vv 21-24

10. What can we learn about Enoch from Hebrews 11:5?

11. Is it possible for us today to have such a close relationship with God as Enoch had?
Colossians 2:6; Galatians 5:25; I Corinthians 5:7 Explain.

12. Enoch was a prophet of God, what was his message? Jude 14,15

13. Twice it is mentioned that Enoch “walked with God,” the repetition being for the purpose of explaining God’s unique way of dealing with Enoch. God “took him,” not in death, but in life. What did this clearly show the antediluvians (people before the flood) and us?

14. Methuselah is famous for being the man who lived longer than any other man. When he died, the flood came. Some think that his name means “When he dies, judgment.” In any case what do we know about the character of God, concerning his bringing of judgment? I Peter 3:20; II Peter 3:9

Methuselah’s son Lamech, like his grandfather Enoch, was a prophet of God (prophesying at least concerning his own son Noah). These are the only two antediluvian patriarchs from whom portions of their actual prophecies have been recorded in scripture.

15. What was Lamech’s prophecy? v 29

Noah’s name means “rest.” Lamech prophesied of a time when the curse would be removed, indicating the memory of Creation and the fall was still fresh in the minds of at least those who had received and believed the records transmitted to them from Adam.

16. How long had God’s prophets been proclaiming and looking forward to the time when the curse would be removed? Acts 3:21

17. What does Peter tell us in Acts 3:18-21 was the beginning of that restitution of all things?

18. When will all the restitution be complete? Revelation 19:11-20:3

Revelation 20:7-21:1