

In the Beginning

Studies in the Book of Genesis

WEEK EIGHT – ANTEDILUVIAN MAN GENESIS 4:18-6:8

Genesis 4:8-24 Generations of Cain

v 16-17 Cain & Son found city of Enoch (Nod = “vagabond; fugitive” foreshadowing cities of refuge cf Numbers 35:9-12)

v 19 Lamech’s 2 wives

v 20-22 Jabal, Jubal, Tubal-cain, & Naamah

(b. approx. 450, discuss industrial revolution 1800’s only 200 years ago – conservative assumption to attribute 1700’s technology to antediluvian man, Adam-Flood 1600 yrs)

v 23 Lamech’s conflict

Genesis 4:25-26

v 25 It is unlikely, but possible, that this verse follows v 24 chronologically (Adam fathers at age 4, all others at age 21), on the other hand – based on the rate of bearing in Seth’s genealogy – this is more likely that Cain’s genealogy spans about 500 years.

v 26 Public worship (CF 4:16)

Genesis 5 Generations of Adam

v 1 Next toldot

v 2-3 Discuss childbearing, longevity – see handout

v 20-24 Enoch – Hebrews 11:5, Interesting passage Jude 14, 1 Peter 3:19-20, 2 Peter 2:4-5) – ref to Apoc. Book of Enoch

v 22, 25-29 Methuselah Name “man of spear, or more likely when he dies it will be sent” – Flood comes at his death

v 29-32 Noah born

Genesis 6:1-8

v 1-4 Bnei ha-Elohim – always refers to angels (good or bad) (Job x3, Deut., Psalms x3)
no other consideration until Augustine

v 3 Only specific example of evil given as reason for flood, cf vs 5

v 4 Fallen Ones, Old Latin/LXX confusion: translates gigantes > titans (godlike beings) = Giants, but not in Hebrew – word is Fallen Ones – properly associated with giants in Numbers 13:30-33

v 6 Repentance of God? God is not without emotions – He does not repent, but feels sorrow and grieves. (1 Samuel 15:11, 29)

NEXT WEEK: FLOOD – BEGIN GENESIS 6-9