

***The Theology of the Unseen Realm:  
How God Uses Angels, Demons and the Holy Assembly***

“Epilogue Lesson 1: Additional Information on Past Lessons”

I. Illustrations concerning key ancestors from Adam to Noah.

A. Listing by Years

**Adam** – 930 years

**Seth** – 912 years (created in likeness (5:1-3) not image)

**Enosh** – 905 years

**Kenan** – 910 years

**Mahalel** – 895 years

**Jarred** – 962 years

**Enoch** – 365 years (Gen. 5:24; Heb. 11:5)

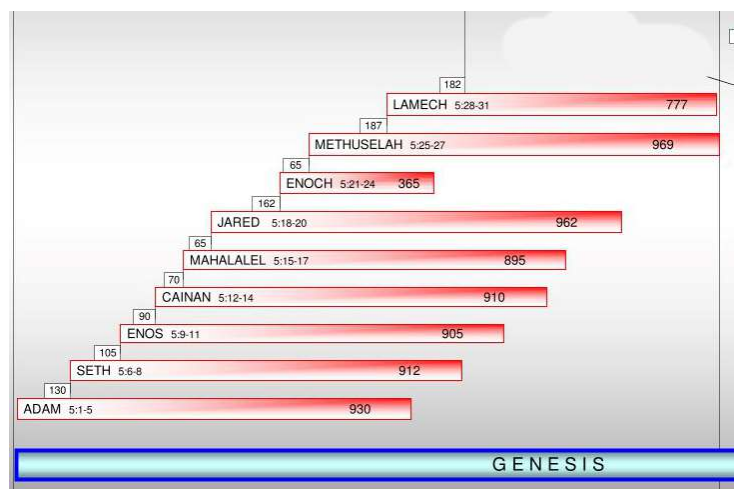
**Methuselah** – 969 years

**Lamech** -- 777 years

**Noah** – 950 years

1. Chart from Creation Magazine, provided by Archbishop James Ussher in *Annals of the World*.

Creation.com/images/pdfs/ot  
her/timeline-of-the-bible.pdf  
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## B. Listing of Names with Meanings

1. **Adam** – “Red Ground, dirt” <sup>1</sup>
2. **Seth** – “Appointed or to set something in place.”<sup>2</sup>
3. **Enosh** – “Frail and mortal, miserable.”<sup>3</sup> (People began to call on the Lord.)
4. **Kenan** – Also “Cainan”. “To possess, mourn, sorrow.”<sup>4</sup>
5. **Mahalel** – “Mighty, rising, praising God”<sup>5</sup> (“el” short for “elohim”)
6. **Jarred** – “To descend or come down.”<sup>6</sup>
7. **Enoch** – “Initiated, dedicated, teach or correct”.<sup>7</sup>

### a. Jude 14, 15

“<sup>14</sup> It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, ‘Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, <sup>15</sup> to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.’”

8. **Methuselah** – “One sent, man of the dart” “His death sends” “When he dies, it will come.”<sup>8</sup> The year he died, the Flood came.”

9. **Lamech** – “Powerful, despair, or lament.”<sup>9</sup> The word does not occur in Hebrew.

Only educated guesses on meaning. Hebrew alternative may be “humble or low”.

A not widely recognize alternative is “Lament” or “Dispair”. Cain’s descendent does appear powerful while the father of Noah may be of “Lament”. Note him naming Noah “rest”. See also “What does Lamech mean in Hebrew.” – Jewish teachings for all, YouTube video. See also Strong’s #4134, and Ancient-Hebrew.org/Names/Lamech.htm

<sup>1</sup> Ancient-Hebrew.org/names/Adam.htm.

<sup>2</sup> Ancient-Hebrew.org/names/Seth.htm.

<sup>3</sup> Abarim-publications.com/Meaning/Enosh.html.

<sup>4</sup> Wildbranch.org/teaching/word-studies/88kenan.html.

<sup>5</sup> Abarim-publications.com/Meaning/Mahalalel.html.

<sup>6</sup> Abarim-publications.com/Meaning/Jared.html.

<sup>7</sup> Abarim-publications.com/Meaning/Enoch.html.

<sup>8</sup> Abarim-publications.com/Meaning/Methuselah.html.

<sup>9</sup> What-name-mean.com/Lamech-name-meaning/

10. **Noah** – “Rest or repose.”<sup>10</sup>

C. Possible narrative revealed within Adam’s descendant’s names.

1. There is some speculation that the **name meanings may** convey a prophetic message. The narrative may be: **Man**, because of his rebellion is **appointed** to a **mortal sorrow** in this life. However, God is worthy of **worship**, but the situation of the earth was made worse when corrupt “Sons of God” **came down**. Yet a preacher of righteousness sought to bring **correction**. Nonetheless, **judgment would eventually come** as the time of **despair** increased. It would be followed by **comfort** and **rest**. (Alternative for “despair” → “because of the powerful rebellion.”)

- a. For another similar rendition see Rick Renner, *World Before the Flood*.

Shippensburg, PA, Harrison House, 2024, p. 47.

II. Added information to the original course.

A. Meaning of Bashan.

1. Maps of Bashan and Ugarit.



2. In past lessons, much time was devoted to understanding the significance of the region of Bashan and the city of Ugarit.
- a. We dealt with Mt. Hermon as well.

<sup>10</sup> [Abarim-publications.com/Meaning/Noah.html](http://Abarim-publications.com/Meaning/Noah.html).

3. “Bashan” is mentioned 59 times in the Old Testament. In biblical Hebrew the term means “fertile and smooth land.” This makes sense because of the run off of water from Mount Hermon.
4. I noted in past lessons that the Ugarit language is similar to Hebrew. In Ugarit, the term means “serpent.” (See *Bashan: the Mountain of God Precepts* – WordPress.com; Also [en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bashan](http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bashan); See also “The Day Israel Conquered Hell”. June 2015, [returnofbenjamin.wordpress.com/2015/06/21/the-day-Israel-conquered-hell/](http://returnofbenjamin.wordpress.com/2015/06/21/the-day-Israel-conquered-hell/)

## B. Reversing the Rebellion that ensued after Babel.

### 1. Key texts:



#### a. Deuteronomy 32:8-9 (ESV)

“<sup>8</sup> When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God. <sup>9</sup> But the Lord’s portion is his people, Jacob his allotted heritage.”

1. The nations were disinherited at the Babel event and assigned to the sons of God for management.



#### b. Psalm 82:1-2, 6-7 (ESV)

“<sup>1</sup> God has taken his place in the divine council;  
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

<sup>2</sup> ‘How long will you judge unjustly  
and show partiality to the wicked?’ Selah”

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“<sup>6</sup> I said, ‘You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you;  
<sup>7</sup> nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince.’”

1. The “sons of God” are indicted by God for unjust rule and encouraging evil.



#### 2. Psalm 82:8

“<sup>8</sup> Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!”

- a. The nations were not forgotten.
- b. The final third of my class dealt with this rebellion and restoration.
- c. John 12 (Another text we may skip over and miss the unseen realm)

#### John 12:20-32



<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup> ‘Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? “Father, save me from this hour”? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven: ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ <sup>29</sup> The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ ” (ESV)

- 1. Notice that Jesus is not interested in speaking to the Greeks.
- 2. He speaks of his own death and glorification.
- 3. God speaks out of Heaven and confirms Jesus-glory.
- 4. Note verses 31-32



<sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ ” (ESV)

- a. Satan is defeated with the powers of darkness while all the nations will be opened up for the gospel.

- b. The Greeks came as worshippers within a Judaic context, but Jesus took the opportunity to show that His work would reverse the third rebellion. The hold of powers of darkness over the nations would be broken!

C. Further scholarly support for a supernatural view of Genesis 6:1-4.

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1. Doug Wilson (Controversial within Reformed circles over post-millennialism and theonomy views, but nonetheless a very critical thinker.)

- a. “I’m arguing here that the Nephilim are the gigantic offspring of an unnatural sexual union between celestial beings ... and human women in Genesis 6:1-8.”

1. Doug Wilson. *The Nephilim, Hades, and Other Oddments*.

[m.youtube.com/watch?/=GR91zxGP1ec](https://m.youtube.com/watch?/=GR91zxGP1ec) Accessed 2/22/25.

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2. Peter Gentry – former professor of 22 years at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Reformed Baptist).

- a. “Sons of God refer to angelic beings. We also have the witness of the New Testament. There are two passages that refer to this. One is II Peter 2. The other is the Book of Jude.” (No on Nephilim as offspring.).

1. *Fallen Angels*. YouTube.

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3. Merrill F. Unger (1909-1980) Former Professor of Old Testament at Dallas Theological Seminary.

- a. “The angelic infiltration of the human race is recorded in Genesis 6. In an attempt to contaminate and destroy all true humanity, the Sons of God, fallen angels, invaded earth and cohabitated with the daughters of men. The insidious goal was to corrupt human genetics and thereby foil the virgin birth of the savior. ... The union of fallen angels and human women produced a super race, the Nephilim....”

1. *Vicarious Sacrifice: Commentaries on Genesis 6:1-4*. Robert B. Thieme, Jr., Ronald B. Allen, and Merrill F. Unger. 14-08-14.cr13-11011. Joe Griffin Media ministries.

4. A.C. Gaebelein (1861-1945) Father of Frank E. Gaebelein, Methodist minister, Arminian and dispensationalist.

a. “Sons of God is the term applied in the Old Testament to super natural beings, both good and evil. Angels, good and fallen, are termed Sons of God in the Old Testament. ... Those evil beings came down out of the air and began to take possession of such daughters of men as they chose.”

1. *Gaebelein’s Annotated Bible*.

[StudyLight.org/commentaries/eng/gab/genesis-6.html](http://StudyLight.org/commentaries/eng/gab/genesis-6.html).

5. Al Mohler

6. Donald Grey Barnhouse

### III. Divine Council adherents before Heiser.

A. See “On Divine Council” within rear of notebook.

### IV. Further detail on the Gates of Hell at Caesarea Philippi.

A. The site.

1. We covered this site in relationship to Matthew’s account of Jesus’ deity.

a. Matthew 16:13-18

“<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ <sup>14</sup> And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.’ <sup>15</sup> He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.’”



2. I noted that the site location provides the meaning of the “Rock”.

a. Note background on ancient site.

1. The Rock formation at Caesaria Phillippi stood at the foothills of Mt. Hermon.

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2. The cave was understood as the Gate of Hell. In ancient times there was a furious underground water spring gushing near the mouth of the cave. Those accused of crimes were thrown into the raging water. If they lived, they were presumed innocent. The water flow later changed due to an earthquake. The water flow was then moved further away from the cave where it gently meanders down natural terraces.

3. Seven temple sites were known to be in the area surrounding the cave at the time of Christ ([bible-history.com/biblestudy/ancient-caesarea-phillippi](http://bible-history.com/biblestudy/ancient-caesarea-phillippi)). Some scholars state that the number of sites was fourteen.

B. See video of the site.

1. Youtube-search/watch?=YYnUR\_OxWKc 13:27 video.

## V. Closing

A. More divine council texts easily missed.

1. Remember something I said in week one of the class.



a. The unseen realm is hidden in plain sight.

## 2. Revelation 3:5

“<sup>5</sup> He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.”

a. Wouldn't you think that Jesus would confess those saved before the Father and Spirit? Yet, it is angels.

b. The divine council is where your name will be confessed.

## 3. Parable of the Wheat and the Tares explained.

a. Matthew 13:36-43

“<sup>36</sup> Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him and said, ‘Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.’ <sup>37</sup> And He said, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, <sup>38</sup> and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one; <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, <sup>42</sup> and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.’”

B. Peace for tomorrow while setting aside the worry of today.

## 1. Psalm 9:1-2, 9-10, 12, 17-18 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

<sup>2</sup> I will be glad and exult in you;  
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.

<sup>10</sup> And those who know your name put their trust in you,  
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

<sup>12</sup> For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;  
he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

<sup>17</sup> The wicked shall return to Sheol,  
all the nations that forget God.

<sup>18</sup> For the needy shall not always be forgotten,  
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

a. God is saying that “if you forget me, I will forget you.”

b. Glorifying God is not forgetting Him.

2. Jeremiah 2 conveys a similar theme of forgetfulness of God by His people. Many examples are given and then this metaphor.

a. Jeremiah 2:32 (ESV)

<sup>32</sup> Can a virgin forget her ornaments,  
or a bride her attire?  
Yet my people have forgotten me  
days without number.

b. I have had many strange experiences over the years in overseeing weddings,  
but I have never conducted a wedding where the bride forgot her jewelry,  
dress or the fixing of her hair.

3. Do we forget God? Are we forgetting God?

a. What is forgetfulness?

b. Tim Keller illustration – What is worse for an author? 1) Receiving horrible reviews or 2) No reviews at all. In the second case there was nothing worth reviewing. It is forsaken. It is forgotten.

c. Forsaken is to be abandoned.

1. Jesus was temporarily forsaken – “My God, My God....”

4. I want you to see an objective of the powers of darkness.

a. We remember what is important to us and forget God.

b. Note attributes of God



| <b>Communicable</b>                                     | <b>Incommunicable</b>                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Graciousness<br>Justice<br>Holiness<br>Goodness<br>Love | Omnipotence<br>Omnipresence<br>Omniscience<br>Aseity |

We are commanded to image the communicable, but we often strive for the incommunicable. We forget God while desiring the prerogatives of godhood. I want control!!!

c. Who does “the quest for godhood” sound like? Lesson #5 “How the Deceiver Became Satan”.



1. Isaiah 14:13-14 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> You said in your heart,  
‘I will ascend to heaven;  
above the stars of God  
I will set my throne on high;  
I will sit on the mount of assembly  
in the far reaches of the north;  
<sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;  
I will make myself like the Most High.’

2. The powers of darkness bait us to desire godhood as they desire godhood.

5. The essence of worry – Why do we worry?

C. Next week

1. A central assertion of the course is that the Nephilim were a race of freaks whose genesis was the sexual unions between divine Sons of God and human women.

a. Much of the course was devoted to this assertion.

2. Is there archeological evidence for this biblical teaching? Yes!

Join me next week for a fascinating exploration for the evidence of giants who once walked the earth.

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