

SECTION ONE: THE ANCESTORS OF THE NATION

THE WORLD BEFORE THE CALL OF THE NATION

Genesis 1-11

The first eleven chapters of Genesis cover a period of about two thousand years. This is approximately one-third of all human history to date, and is about as long a period of time as that covered by all the events from Abraham to the time of Christ. Thus, about half of the Old Testament era is covered in these few chapters.

Study the following major events, noting especially God's dealings with the people of each period.

A. The Creation and Fall of Mankind: Genesis 1-3

1. What purposes did God have for mankind when He created Adam and Eve?
 - a. Genesis 1:26 _____
 - b. Genesis 1:28a _____
 - c. Genesis 2:15 _____
 - d. Genesis 2:16-17 (THINK!) _____
 - e. Revelation 4:11b _____
2. Did Adam and Eve accomplish all that God had designed for them?
Genesis 3:6-8

1. What did God have to do to each of them after this? Genesis 3:9-19

B. The Murder of Abel: Genesis 4

1. What was God's purpose for mankind after he had sinned? Genesis 3:23, 17-19

2. When Cain and Abel went out into the fields, what did Cain do? Genesis 4:8

3. What punishment did God assign to Cain because of this? Genesis 4:12

C. The Flood: Genesis 6-9

1. Were the People before the time of the flood concerned about carrying out God's purposes for them? Genesis 6:5, 11-12

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2. Describe their:
 - a. Deeds: Genesis 6:5a, 11-12 _____
 - b. Thoughts: Genesis 6:5b _____
3. Who alone seemed to care about what God wanted them to do? Genesis 6:8-9,18

4. What did God do to all others? Genesis 7:17-24

D. The Building of the Tower of Babel: Genesis 11

1. What was God's purpose for people after the time of the flood: Genesis 8:16-17, Genesis 9:1,7

2. Why did these people want to make a tower? Genesis 11:4b

3. What two things did God have to do to them?
 - a. Genesis 11:7 _____
 - b. Genesis 11:8 _____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What is God's purpose for *my* life?

2. What will God have to do to me if I fail to carry out this purpose?
