

Old Testament Character Studies: Enoch / Jethro

Sunday, November 27 and Wednesday, November 30

Enoch (Sunday, November 27)

References: Genesis 5: 18 – 24; Hebrews 11: 5 – 6; Jude 1: 12 – 15

- From Genesis 5: 18 – 21, what do we know about Enoch’s history?
- In Genesis 5: 22 and 24, what does it mean that Enoch “walked with God”? Who else in scripture was referred to in the same way?
(*Amos 3: 3; Genesis 6: 9; Malachi 2: 4 – 6*)
- In Genesis 5: 24 and Hebrews 11: 5, what does it mean that God “took” Enoch? Who else in scripture is described in this way? (*2 Kings 2: 11*)
- As recorded in Hebrews 11: 5 – 6, how is Enoch described? What characteristic did Enoch demonstrate that was pleasing to God?
(*2 Corinthians 5: 7; 1 John 5: 4 – 5*)
- Summarize the message presented in Jude’s reference to Enoch in Jude 1: 12 – 15. What does this reference teach us about Enoch’s faith and wisdom?

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Jethro (Wednesday, November 30)

References: Exodus 2: 11 – 25; Exodus 4: 18; Exodus Chapter 18

- According to Exodus 2: 11 – 25, who was Jethro (also called Reuel), and what do we know about his background? What was his relationship to Moses?
- As Jethro is referred to as “the priest of Midian” in Exodus 2: 16, what does this indicate about his knowledge of God (see also Exodus 18: 10 – 12)?
- In Exodus 4: 18, how does Jethro respond when Moses informs him that he is returning to Egypt? What does this indicate about his character?
- In Exodus 18: 1 – 6, why did Jethro come to Moses in the wilderness?
- From Exodus 18: 10 – 12, characterize Jethro’s attitude toward God. What had he learned, and how does he apply that realization?
- Characterize the advice that Jethro gives to Moses as recorded in Exodus 18: 17 – 23. What specific actions does Jethro recommend to help Moses become a more effective leader?
- In Exodus 18: 24 – 27, how does Moses respond to Jethro’s advice, and what is the outcome?
- What do we learn from Jethro’s willingness to give advice, and from Moses’ willingness to heed it? (*Proverbs 12: 15; Proverbs 27: 17*)