

rest of the chapter is genealogy, and P is interested in genealogy. But notice what that does to the J document! The J document has 2:4 - 4:26. Verse 4:26 says that “a son was born to Seth and he called him Enoch. Then men began to call on the name of Jehovah.” Then the next verse in the J document is, “and he called his name Noah, saying this same shall comfort us.” The J document is far from complete, jumping down all of a sudden from Seth to his great-great-great-great grandson, Noah. It is certainly quite a sharp jump. J is not a continuous document.

P told about the creation of the world in Genesis 1:1-24a, and said it was good. Everything God looked at was good. Then it gives the list of all these men, and how they lived and died. It does not give detail except in the case of the one who “walked with God and was not because God took him.” It is a good picture except for the reference to death. You wonder, where does death come from? There is no statement in *its* account of how God created man that man was going to die (Cf. 1:2bff.). The J portion tells about the fall of man, but the P portion jumps ahead and talks about death, but does not mention the fall of man, which is how death came!

After chapter 5 the P document has 6:9-22, “These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a just man and perfect in his generation, and Noah walked with God and Noah begat three sons. The earth also was corrupt before God and the earth was filled with violence, and God looked upon the earth and behold it was corrupt.”

Here is this wonderful earth which God had made and which He said was good, yet suddenly we read in P that God sees it and it is corrupt; it is filled with violence, and God decides to destroy it. What a decision on the part of God! What reason is there for this sudden change in the world? P does not give us any reason. But if you read the chapters that they say belong to J, they tell us about the fall of man and there you have the reason. Though they say P is a complete document, the *most vital* feature of the whole history is taken out of one and given to the other, and you do not have in the P document any basis for understanding how this wonderful world that God made, should all of a sudden become filled with violence! Similarly the J