

## REVERSING HERMON

### 12: Conclusions

#### Learning objectives

By the end of this session, we shall be able to express:

- What we have learned or doubt from this study.
- Which bible passages now make better sense.
- How we now pray differently.

#### Share your current views about:

- What helpful insights did you gain?
- What Bible passages make sense?
- How shall we pray differently?
- How to explain current news?
- How to understand our own elite?
- How to explain the purpose of history?
- What will happen in the end times?

#### Assess Heiser's 'transparent facts' Reversing Hermon, page 183:

1. "1 Enoch is a substantially pre-Christian literary work that enjoyed readership among Jews in the Second Temple Period."
2. "Christianity was born out of Second Temple Judaism."
3. "New Testament writers either presuppose or utilize its content in portions of their own writing."

Thus: "The book we know as 1 Enoch was well known to early Christians."

#### In your humble opinion ...

- What does it matter that fragments of 1 Enoch were discovered amongst the Dead Sea Scrolls at Qumran?
- Should 1 Enoch be included in our Christian 'canon' of Scripture?
- Did God inspire the writer of 1 Enoch?
- What value is there in reading 1 Enoch?

#### Are we born guilty of Adam's sin?

"Just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned ..." Romans 5:12 NIV

- How did sin enter into the world?
- What did sin bring with it?
- What happens to all people?
- What did/do 'all people'?

#### Greek grammar (Sorry!)

- Three verbs: 'come-into', 'come-to', and 'sin'.
- English versions: use past tenses.
- Aorist verb form: timeless, tenseless.
- Context: determines English tense.
- Come into: Obviously historical past.
- Come to: Both past and present.
- Sin: On-going present reality.

### The aorist verb form, General rules:

- Verbs in the Koiné Greek aorist form should be understood to be generally true.
- Aorist verbs should be translated in the English present tense, unless their context indicates a past or future event.

### Augustine read:

“Propterea sicut per unum hominem in hunc mundum peccatum intravit et per peccatum mors et ita in omnes homines mors pertransiit **in quo** omnes peccaverunt.” Romans 5:12, Latin Vulgate.

### “Because”

- English: “**because** all sinned.”
- Latin: “**in quo** omnes peccaverunt.” “in whom/which” (masc. or neut.).
- Greek: “**ἐφ’ ᾧ** πάντες ἥμαρτον.” “upon whom/which” (masc. or neut.).
- If masculine: “in (Adam) all sinned.”
- If neuter: “upon (which fact) all sin.”

### The crux

- Augustine: Read ‘in quo’ to mean ‘in Adam’ and a past tense for ‘sin’.
- Calvin, Spurgeon & Piper: Perpetuate this error in support of their doctrine of total depravity, inability to do good.
- Alternative: Read ἐφ’ ᾧ as ‘because’ or ‘indeed’, and ‘sin’ as a general truth.<sup>1</sup>

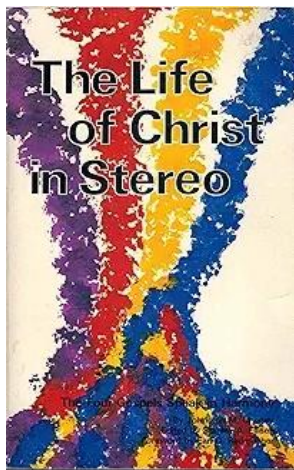
### Grammatical alternative

“Just as sin entered the world through one man, and death (entered) through sin, and in this way death comes to all people, because all sin.” Romans 5:12.

- Translators: Import their theology.
- Publishers: Protect their market share.

### Assignment

- Visit <http://LOCIS.site>
- Download and install the Android device app.
- Read or listen through the LOCIS before January 6th. It will take about six hours.



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<sup>1</sup> ἐφ’ ᾧ occurs 10 times in the LXX, meaning ‘in/upon which’, once in Acts for ‘upon which (ground)’, and four times in Paul’s epistles, meaning ‘because’ or ‘indeed’. *Bible Works* software, version 10.