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46. 🗆 Luke 19	98. □ I Co. 5, 6	"It is finished!" 😊
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48. 🗆 Luke 21	100. 🗆 I Co. 9, 10	Reading 40-70 verses per
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50. \Box Luke 23	102. \Box I Co. 13, 14	be read in 149 days or
51. 🗆 Luke 24	103. \Box I Co. 15	less.
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Why the "Begats"?

Bill Brinkworth Many, when they start reading the Bible, soon encounter many "begats" and "begets."

Sometimes it is not long until the reader is

bored with them, skips them, and many times may even stop reading God's Word completely.

Although rarely used today, the old Saxon words for "procreate" or "producing offspring" have important purposes in the Bible. Casual reading will overlook the importance of the genealogies they list. When skipped, the reader will miss information that ties some of the Bible together, and will give him the knowledge that is needed to understand other passages.

Some of the reasons the genealogies were preserved for our reading, include:

R They show the history of man. Those that disbelieve that God created man have only their unproven theories of whom they came from. Their guesses and suppositions are always proving erroneous and are changing all the time.

God, however, made much of

our history very precise and

"And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech." Gen. 4:18 He hee

easy for us that believe what He has pre-

served for us in His Word. It tells us who are ancestors are. It is in black and white. Much human researching, including sciences and archaeology, has proven what is in God's Word, including the contents of the genealogies.

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Shew Thyself Approved

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One of the most important responsibilities all Christians have is to study the Scriptures for themselves. Church is important, and one can learn quite a lot from the man of God in the pulpit, but it is up to us to study and learn what the Word of God says.

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Why the "Begats"?

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Ca They informed the Jews of who their ancestors were. This was not only to know their roots; it was important to find out if they were of the Jewish tribe of Levi. If they could trace their ancestry to this tribe, they then would qualify to serve God in the tabernacle or temple worship. **Ca** Many of the bloodlines prove God's promises.

God promised Abraham, about 1872 years B. C., that all the nations of the Earth would be blessed by his offspring. Matthew 1:1 states that prophecy was fulfilled, as Christ's lineage can be traced to Abraham, and much of the remaining chapter details the ancestry (Mat. 1:1-16). Abraham's distant relative did bless the world.

Matthew.1:1's reminder that the Messiah would come from the lineage of King David was also expounded in Mat. 1:6-16. This lineage also verifies the prophecy in Jer. 23:5-6, which was given about 590 B. C.

Get Many of the lineages proved God's promise that the Christ would come, and that God even knew who His ancestors were; and in Old Testament cases, who His ancestors would be before He was even born. These fulfillments and previously written knowledge also make it clear that the Bible is not just a book. It is God's preserved Word. **CR The lineages also give credibility to the Bible's accuracy,** when they name a person's ancestors (as in Luke 2:4).

CR Another purpose of the lineages, which sometimes includes an accomplishment of a person, is that they tell who invented things, who built cities, and other historical facts. This can be seen in many passages including Genesis 4:20 where it tells us that Jabal was the first that dwelt in tents. Gen. 4:21 records that Jubal was the first to play the harp and organ, and Many "insignificant" genealogies tell us much of our past and origins.

CR Another modern purpose of the lineages is to squelch many theories of how we got here, and how man developed. Instead of guesses on early man's origins, the Bible gives clear specifics on who they were, where they lived, and what they did. For example, man's Theory of Evolution will reveal many of its fables when compared to God's recorded, repeatedly proven-true history of man and His future promises.

All words in the Bible are for a purpose. There are no mis-

If everybody could understand everything the Bible said it wouldn't be God's book. If Christians and theologians have studied it for forty, fifty, and sixty years, and then only began to understand it, how could a man expect to understand it by one reading?" — D. L. Moody

takes or errors in it. What may seem "insignificant" when reading, may one day be an important part of the puzzle needed when studying God's word in depth.

Do not skip genalogies. Slow down while reading them; and one day after reading the whole Word of God, you may see why God made sure they were preserved for us.

Shew Thyself Approved

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II Timothy 2:15 teaches us five things about studying the Word of God:

- 1. We get God's approval when we think it is important enough to study what God has recorded for us in the Bible's preserved words.
- 2. Notice that the word God used is "study" and not "read." We are to delve into it as if we want to pass life's tests and know God's mind.

Reading is a shallower, less urgent and purposeful approach to a subject. Studying takes time, rereading, comparing Scripture with Scripture, and a lot of prayer. It takes "work," commitment, and a great desire to get all one can out of God's Word, and that is how God expects every Christian to approach His Truth. Be a workman working to get God's truths!

- When we study the Bible, we 3. will never be embarrassed by believing the wrong things. There are so many that have never read the Word of God for themselves. All they know about God's Word is what they have been taught by others. If the teachers are wrong, then they are wrong. If more would delve into the Word of God with an anxious desire to find what God has in store for them there, learn His teachings, and practice them, most liberal, unbiblical churches would be out of business in a month!
- 4. In studying the Word of God one must separate, or "divide," some teachings. Some practices were for past dispensations (church ages).
- 5. God's Word is called the "word of truth." It is not a collection of statements that are true, but it is the only truth. It is the only source of truth on Earth, and God has preserved it for all to read!

The reverse teaching of II Timothy 2:15 is if one does not study God's truth, he is not approved of God! Gulp! Looking at it that way should put a higher priority on one's Bible reading. Is knowing what God says important for you to invest some of your time in knowing what God wants you to know?