

## *Passages that may be confusing*

### **Romans 5:13**

*“for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law.”*

This verse taken out of context it would seem that before the Law was given to Moses people did not sin. That would be accurate. But Paul proceeds to clarify exactly what he means. He just asserted: “Death passed through to all people on this [reason], that all sinned” (5:12). As a result, those who lived between Adam and Moses are also included within the earlier assertions that “all sinned” (3:23; 5:12). Paul’s supreme evidence is that death reigned over them (5:14). They all died; therefore, Paul concludes: they all must have sinned (cf. 6:23). (CC)