

Enoch Was Not,
For God Took Him

Enoch

- Second only to Melchizedek in mystery is the enigmatic person called Enoch.
- He was the 7th generation from Adam, great Grandfather to Noah, and father to the man who had the longest lifespan, Methuselah
- Enoch is “Chanowk” - instruct, initiate, dedicate
- “From his life, it is evident that he was instructed in the things of God, initiated into worship of his Maker, and dedicated to His service”

Genesis 5:21-24

- “Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. 22 After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. 23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. 24 And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.”

Genesis 5:21-24

- He walked with God
- He was a patriarch; the ruler, priest, and prophet of a large family
- He was translated to the presence of God
- He did so in a difficult time
 - No written revelation
 - A hard dispensation (Patriarchal)
 - A wicked world reeling toward the flood

Genesis 5:21-24

- Heb. 2:1-4 - “Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. 2 For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, 4 God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?”

Genesis 5:21-24

- He had the testimony that he pleased God (Heb 11:5). It was possible then to live so as not to offend God.
- Romans 3:23 does not teach that it is inevitable and inescapable that all men will sin, but rather that at some point everyone will choose to commit sin.

Hebrews 11:5-6

- By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, and was not found, because God had taken him; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11:5-6

- The walk of a true follower of God is driven and guided by faith
 - 2Cor. 5:7 - “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

Hebrews 11:5-6

- “and he was not, for God took him”
 - Moses did not record his death
 - The Hebrew word “laqach” means to remove, to seize, to take away, to accept or receive (as in ‘to take a wife’)
 - In the Targum of Onkelos it is rendered: “And Enoch walked in the fear of the Lord, and was not, for the Lord did not put him to death”
 - In Ecclesiasticus or the Son of Sirach, v: (xlix. 14,) “But upon the earth was no man created like Enoch; for he was taken from the earth.”

Enoch's Removal

- It shows that there is a future state, another world.
- It shows that the body will exist in that future state, though changed to adapt it to the condition of things there.
- It is designed to encourage men to walk with God.

Jude 14-15

- “Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

Jude 14-15

- It is in keeping with the nature of Patriarchal Age prophecy that a true prophecy, though unrecorded, would be handed down by teaching and tradition
- This prophecy is little more than an expansion of Genesis 3:15
- The prophecy of Abraham's blessings was handed down until Moses recorded it for all of time
- There is an apocryphal book written long after the book of Jude was written that speaks of this prophecy, but it could not have been written at the time Enoch made it, nor at the time Jude referred to it. It is a fraud. Enoch prophesied this long before Jesus ministry

Jude 14-15

- Matt. 13:41 - “The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness”
- Matt. 16:27 - “For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.”
- Mark 8:38 - “For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

Jude 14-15

- What did Enoch prophecy in his day?
 - That there would be a judgment
 - That there would be a conviction and condemnation and punishment
 - That even in Enoch's day, the world knew God and rejected Him

Jude 14-15

- What does this tell us about universally known truths revealed by God? That from the beginning, man knew:
 - That God is and that God has spoken His will for man
 - The difference between sin and righteousness
 - The difference between deliberate sin and sin in ignorance
 - That man is accountable for his sins
 - That there will be a judgment for all and a punishment for sinners