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PART 3: THE MAN THAT NEVER DIED

Most Christians read about Enoch in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews and don't know why he is listed in the faith chapter of the Bible. They don't know who he was, how he pleased God or the kind of faith he possessed. **Hebrews 11:5**

BACKGROUND ON ENOCH

Enoch was the seventh generation after Adam, born 622 years later. **Genesis 5:18, Jude 14-15**

Enoch lived a short life compared to his forefathers and was translated when he was 365 years old. **verse 23**

We are also told that Enoch walked with God. **verse 24**

HOW WAS LIFE IN THE DAYS OF NOAH?

Jesus told us that the end times before His second return would be just like the days of Noah. **Matthew 24:37; Luke 17:26**

Here is the description of life before the flood. **Genesis 6:1-13**

1. Fallen angels had moved into the physical realm and created bodies for themselves which they used to have sex with women.
2. The creatures born to the women were a human/demon hybrid. They possessed spiritual power that the rest of the people did not have and used this to move into leadership on the earth.
3. Evil had spread to such a degree that every imagination was evil; there was no goodness left in the general population.
4. Not only had the fallen angels corrupted the human race, through their technology they had also corrupted animals, birds and insects through gene splicing and cloning.
5. The earth had become corrupt before the Lord, just like scientists today have changed the DNA of plants and grain and produced hybrid vegetation which is different from what God created.
6. People had become violent; war and murder were rampant just like today.
7. Humans, animals, birds and insects were corrupted by DNA tampering.

WHAT DID ENOCH KNOW?

Jesus referred to the time before the flood and Jude quoted directly from the book of Enoch who was given knowledge that was later preserved by his great-grandson Noah.



Enoch had been shown the coming Messiah, which he called the Son of Man. It was faith in the coming Messiah that made Enoch righteous.

THERE WAS A RIGHTEOUS BLOODLINE

During the terrible time period between the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden until the time of the flood – 1,676 years – the only bloodline that God preserved began with Seth and ended with Noah. **Genesis 6:8**

Enoch had to contend with fallen angels, half humans, evil spirits and a corrupted animal kingdom, but he made the choice in faith to reject Satan and his kingdom, and believed in the true living God, the Creator. **Genesis 5:22**

God loved this man so much that He did not let Enoch die but simply took him alive from the earth. Enoch never experienced death; he was spared this event because of his great faith in God. **Hebrews 11:6**

Despite Enoch's great faith and love for God, only his great-grandson Noah and his wife, their three sons and wives were spared. All the others died in the flood even though Noah had been preaching repentance for 500 years. **Genesis 7:7**

As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be at the end times. **Matthew 24:37**

Do you have faith in God to be able to stand if you are still on the earth during the end time? **Revelation 14:9-13**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?

THE LIFE OF ENOCH

Enoch was the 7th generation from Adam and was born when Adam was 622 years old; they lived together for 308 years and Enoch was taken by God 57 years after Adam died. The Bible doesn't give us a lot of detail about Enoch except for the following verses:

*“And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch: And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died. And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: and Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: And **Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.**” (Genesis 5:18-24)*

*“By faith **Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.**” (Hebrews 11:5)*

*“And **Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied** of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” (Jude 14-15)*

The apostles Peter and Jude quote the writings of Enoch in the Bible. But most astonishing to me was the fact that Jesus is repeatedly referred to as the “Son of man” in all the four Gospels and in the Old Testament. I never looked at this title during my 35 years as a Christian and asked what it meant. Then I read Enoch's writing on the matter:

*“**At that hour, that Son of man was given a name, in the presence of the Lord of the Spirits, the Before Time, even before the creation** of the sun and the moon, before the creation of the stars, he was given a name in the presence of the Lord of Spirits. **He will become the light of the gentiles** and he will become the hope of those who are sick in their hearts. All those who dwell upon the earth shall fall and worship before him; they shall glorify, bless, and sing the name of the Lord of Spirits. For this purpose he became the Chosen One; he was concealed in the presence of the Lord of the Spirits prior to the creation of the world, and for eternity.” (1 Enoch 48:1-5)*

Compare this with what Luke wrote as he quoted part of this passage:

*“**A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.**” (Luke 2:32)*

Compare this with what the apostle John wrote:

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.” (John 1:1-10)

Compare this with what the apostle Paul wrote:

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: **Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:** But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found **in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**” (Philippians 2:5-11)

The book of Enoch was preserved by the descendants of Abraham and not by the Gentile nations. It dates back to the period before the flood and must have been preserved by Noah and his sons just like Noah preserved the early writings of the book of Genesis. We must remember that Enoch was Noah's great-great-grandfather. Moses, Peter, Paul and Jude would not have been able to write what they did without the information given to us by Enoch.

It is obvious that the knowledge of the creation and the life of Adam and Eve would be passed on from generation to generation through written or oral records from father to son. Only Noah and his three sons survived after the flood. I personally believe that the information written down in the books of Enoch are true and reflect how life was during this time of horror that is referred to “as the days of Noah.”

The people of Israel were the only nation on earth which had received a revelation from God and worshiped the God of creation, not a man-made deity. The quote from the book of Enoch shows that Adam and his sons knew that the Son of man was going to be the Messiah and that there would be salvation through Him. (Genesis 3:15) The passage in Enoch (48:1-5) points to the deity of the Son of man, He is eternal and that one day every knee shall bow before him. This understanding by Enoch points out that his knowledge must have come by revelation from God and the Scriptures support that Enoch walked with God in a special way.