

Subject: Hebrews 11:5

Lesson 5: By faith Enoch

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Hebrews 11:5 "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."

'ENOCH *the MAN that WALKED with GOD*'

INTRODUCTION

Surely one of the most godly as well as interesting characters who ever lived was Enoch. He is one of the only two who lived before the flood (Noah also, Gen. 6:9) of whom it is said that he "walked with God." He is also one of only two individuals who never died (Elijah - II Kings 2:11). Little is known about him, but the Bible reveals him to be exemplary among men and special to God.

Notice that he was, first of all, a man of faith. "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. But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is (i.e., that God exists), and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:5-6). Enoch had ample faith in the fact and work of God, which yielded a close walk with God. He also had faith in the caring character of God which rewards the diligent search for Him on His terms with sanctification, fellowship and eternal life. This faith, we are told, pleased God.

We find in the little book of Jude a description of Enoch's ministry. Enoch's faith impelled him to denounce strongly the false teaching and ungodly living of his day, prophesying the coming return of and judgment by the Lord (vs. 14-16).

Some have speculated that Enoch's ministry is not yet over. All men die, for "it is appointed unto men once to die" (Hebrews 9:27), and Enoch has not yet died. Perhaps he is one of the two tribulation "witnesses" (Revelation 11:3), whose messages are so much like those of Enoch and Elijah, who will be martyred and resurrected and taken up to heaven directly from earth (Revelation 11:4-12). Enoch is certainly one of the great heroes of the faith whom we shall meet some day.

OUTLINE

- 1).He lived in the age of Conscience - Gen chapters 4-8
- 2).He was the seventh from Adam - Jude 1: 14
- 3).He made a decision at 65 yrs old - Gen 5:21-22
- 4).He had sons and daughters - Gen 5: 22
- 5).He walked with God for 300 yrs - Gen 5:23
- 6).He had a prophetic ministry - Jude 1:14-16
- 7).He was translated - Gen 5:24

1). HE LIVED IN THE AGE OF CONSCIENCE - GENESIS 4-8

DISPENSATIONS/ ADMINISTRATIONS

1.INNOCENCE 2.CONSCIENCE 3.HUMAN GOVERNMENT 4.PROMISE
5.LAW 6.GRACE 7.MILLENNIUM

The Word of God identifies that in:

- 1#. Each dispensation, mankind is given a test or responsibility.
- 2#. Each dispensation mankind disobeys God and there is failure.
- 3#. Each dispensation manifests mankind's failure, & consequently there is judgment.

THE AGE of CONSCIENCE

RESPONSIBILITY:

DO GOOD, BLOOD SACRIFICE Genesis 3:5, 7, 22; 4:4

FAILURE:

WICKEDNESS Genesis 6:5, 6, 11, 12

JUDGMENT:

UNIVERSAL FLOOD Genesis 6:13-8:13

The Lord Jesus in his discourse with his disciples on the Mt of Olives in Matthew chapters 24-25 tells the disciples in:

Matt 24:36 "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Matt 24:37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matt 24:38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

Matt 24:39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be".

In The Gospel of Luke chapter 17 the Lord refers to the days of Noah in verses 26-27, but also draws attention to Lot in verses 28-30

2).HE WAS THE SEVENTH FROM ADAM - JUDE 1:14

Genesis chapter 5 is a manifestation or revealing of the results of the fall of man, and the wages of sin!

Adam lived for 930 years – Genesis 5:5

Seth lived for 912yrs – Genesis 5:8

Enos lived for 905yrs – Genesis 5:11

Cainan lived for 910yrs – Genesis 5:14

Mahalaleel lived 895yrs – Genesis 5:17

Jared lived 962yrs – Genesis 5:20

Enoch lived 365yrs – Genesis 5:23

You'll notice that in the first 24 verses of Genesis 5 that it speaks about Cain, who killed his brother Abel. In Genesis 4:17 we read: "And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch."

Please notice that the ungodly ancestral line of Cain and his descendants are not part of the genealogy that God recognizes being that of Seth who replaced Abel as we see in:

Genesis 4:25 "And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew."

Luke 3:37-38

V37). "Which was the son of Mathusala, which was the son of Enoch, which was the son of Jared, which was the son of Maleleel, which was the son of Cainan,

V38). Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God."

In Luke's Gospel in chapter 3: 23-38 we have the genealogy of Mary, Matthew of course gives the genealogy of Joseph.

Notice once again that Enoch is the seventh from Adam.

3) HE MADE A DECISION AT 65 YRS OLD - GENESIS 5:21-22

For 65 years Enoch had " . . .walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:" The Apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians 2:2.

But when Enoch became the father of Methuselah we read in Genesis 5:22 "And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:"

Some 452 years earlier we read in Genesis 4:26 "And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD."

So we understand that there was a witness, a testimony in this godly

ancestral line of Seth which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God".as we read in Luke 3:38. Yet in Genesis 6:5 we read of the depravity of fallen man: "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

4). HE HAD SONS AND DAUGHTERS - GENESIS 5:22

In Genesis 5:22b we have what seemingly is a very, if you would '*by the way*'- statement concerning Enoch in Genesis 5:22 ". . . and begat sons and daughters:"

Remember this is the Godly line of Seth, and notice if you would some notable identities in his heritage including the Lord Jesus Christ which we see recorded for us in the Gospel of Luke 3:23-38

Gen 5:7 And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters:

Gen 5:10 And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters:

Gen 5:13 And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters:

Gen 5:16 And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:

Gen 5:19 And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

Gen 5:22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

5). HE WALKED WITH GOD FOR 300 YRS - GENESIS 5:23

ENOCH walked with GOD despite the surrounding gloom of a sin sick world that seemingly was ever increasing around about him.

Genesis 5:23-24b

22). "And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

V23). And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

V24). And Enoch walked with God: . . ."

IVOR POWELL- Welsh Evangelist in his book 'Bible Pinnacles' writes: It would appear that God had re-discovered in Enoch that which had been lost in Adam. The Lord had walked with man in Eden, but sin had intervened and a most promising fellowship had been ruined. Now God had a new companion. Enoch walked with God. Walking with God

means fellowship, and fellowship means conversation. Day after day these two walked together, and perhaps even the angels in heaven marvelled. It was astounding that the maker of heaven and earth should find delight in the company of a mere man. But as our text in Hebrews 11:5 tells us " . . .he pleased God"

Such was the intimacy of Enoch's daily walk with God,

Ivor Powell goes on to say:

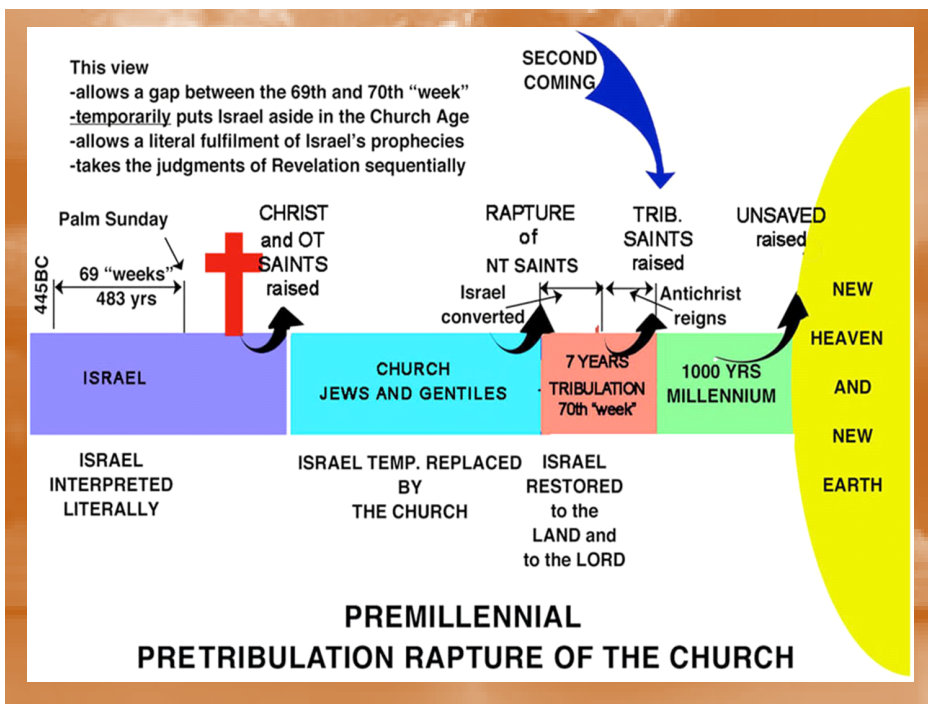
He told God all the secrets of his heart, and in return God revealed the plans of heaven. And slowly, but surely, the old patriarch was instructed in matters beyond ordinary comprehension, and from that day onward his voice rebuked the immorality of his generation, "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, . . ."

6). HE HAD A PROPHETIC MINISTRY - JUDE 1:14-16

Jude 1:14 "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

Jude 1:15 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 1:16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage."



In this PRE-MILLENNIAL/PRE-TRIBULATION CHART concerning the RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

- God will rapture the Church the body of Christ from the world before the tribulation. Enoch's prophecy concerned the return of Jesus to earth after the great tribulation but before ("pre") the millennium described in Revelation chapter 20
- Premillennialism is the view that Christ's second coming will occur prior to His millennial kingdom, and that the millennial kingdom is a literal 1000-year reign of Christ on earth.

Matthew 24:

V29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

V30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

Revelation 1: 7 "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."

Revelation 19:11-16 Zechariah 14:4

THE TRIBULATION

The prophet Jeremiah writes in Jeremiah 30: 7

"Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it."

In Daniel 12: 1 we read:

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."

The event that is effectively the trigger or switch for Christ's return will be the second war of the Tribulation namely Armageddon.

Joel 3:2; 11-14; Matthew 24:28; Revelation 19:21;

- 1). Christ will Return with Speed Matt 24:27 -
- 2). Christ will Return to Judge Matt 24: 28 -
- 3). Christ will Return with Signs Matt 24:29-30 -
- 4). Christ will be seen by the World Matt 24:30 -
- 5). Christ will come with Power & Glory Matt 24:30 -
- 6). Christ will send His Angels Matt 24:31 -
- 7). Christ will Gather Israel the Elect Matt 24:31

Matthew 24:31 "And he shall send his angels, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other".

- 1). Christ will return and judge the nations - Rev 19:15
- 2). Christ will rule with a rod of iron - Psa 2:9-12
- 3). Christ will judge among the nations - Isa 2:4
- 4). Christ will rule with judgment and justice - Isa 9:7
- 5). Christ will judge the strong nations - Mic 4:3
- 6). Christ judgment will be universal - Zech 14:9
- 7). Christ will judge all the unsaved - Rev 20:1-15

7). HE WAS TRANSLATED - GENESIS 5:24

Genesis 5:24

"And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him."

Hebrews 11:5

"By faith Enoch was translated (*or transferred from earth to heaven*) 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."

The text indicates an event that was seemingly instantaneous, if you would, in the twinkling of an eye we might say! (I Corinthians 15:52) God took Enoch bodily home to heaven, caught away before the wickedness of his generation climaxed and before the global judgment of the earth finally fell upon a sin sick world.

In II Kings 2:11 we read of Elijah who was also translated in what was a more dramatic way in the sight of Elisha "And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven."

Enoch pleased God, Indeed each sinner that has heard the Gospel of Christ's death, burial and glorious resurrection for their sin and believed it and sincerely repented of their sin, and called upon God to save them, the Bible says in Romans 10:13, For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved". That sinner pleases God, infact the Bible tells us in Luke 15:10," Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

THE RAPTURE

Descent by Christ I Thess 4:16

Announcement of Christ I Thess 4:16

The Sleeping in Christ I Thess 4:16

The Living for Christ I Thess 4:17

The Gathering to Christ I Thess 4:17

The Meeting with Christ I Thess 4:17

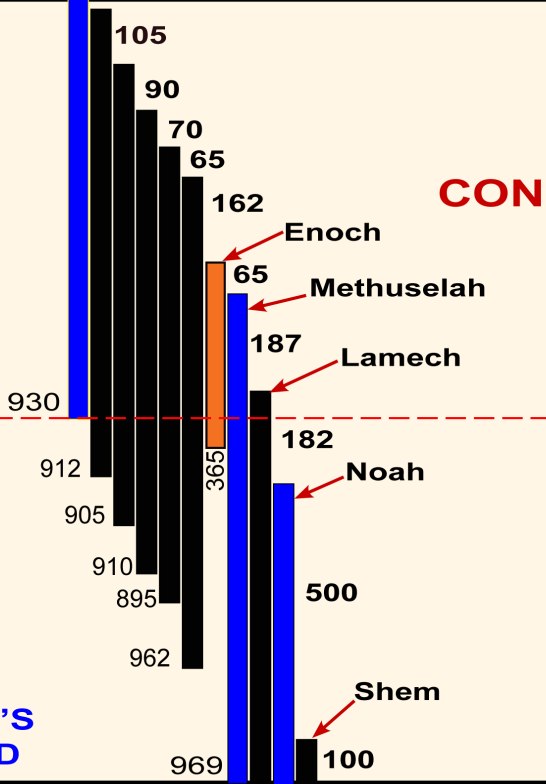
The Glory of Christ I Thess 4:17

GARDEN OF EDEN

6 Days of Creation

AGE OF INNOCENCE

Adam
130



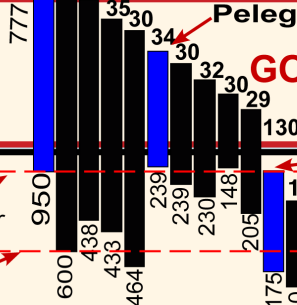
AGE OF CONSCIENCE

NOAH'S FLOOD

Peleg-*"in his days was the earth divided"* Gen.10:25.

THE TOWER OF BABEL

AGE OF GOVERNMENT



Note:

Abram was born the year Noah died and was 150 when Shem died

AGE OF PROMISE

430 YEARS OF SOJOURN
from Abram's 75th yr
Israel 215 yrs in Egypt
(4 Generations) Gen.15:16

THE EXODUS

Jacob

Moses

ENOCH *the MAN that WALKED with GOD*