

## 30 People in the Bible You Need to Know

#2 Enoch | January 28, 2018

### A Stark Genealogical Pattern | Genesis 5:3-31

- Genesis 5:3 begins a genealogy of man that stretches from Adam through Abram.
- The genealogy is interrupted by chapters 6-10, which contain the stories of the flood and the Tower of Babel, and continues in chapter 11.
- The genealogy, in both chapters, contains a stark and startling pattern:
  - A person lived \_\_\_ years.
  - That person begat a son.
  - That person **lived after he begat** for \_\_\_ more years.
  - That person lived a total of \_\_\_ years.
  - The pattern concludes with the harsh words, **and he died**.

### A Man Who Breaks the Pattern

- Enoch is the seventh generation after Adam (known both explicitly in Jude 1:14 and by observation of Genesis 5).
- When we read Genesis 5, the words that jump off the page are **and he died**.
- When we get to Enoch, verse 24 tells us *there is hope!*

### What We Know About Enoch

- Everything we definitively know about Enoch is included in just a few verses of the Bible:
- Genesis 5:18-24
  - He was born to his father Jared, who was 162 at the time of his birth.
  - He was the father of the oldest man who ever lived, Methuselah, who was born when Enoch was 6t years old.
  - He had other sons and daughters, and walked the earth 365 years total.
  - Rather than die, **he was not, for God took him** (Gen. 5:24).
- Hebrews 11:5
  - Enoch **was translated that he should not see death**.
  - **Translated** means *a change of location*.

- This was **by faith**. Enoch is the second name in the *Hall of Faith* of Hebrews 11.
- Enoch **had this testimony, that he pleased God**.
- Jude 1:14-15
  - Enoch is the **seventh from Adam**.
  - Enoch **prophesied**
    - The prophecy was (according to Jude) concerned the judgment of **certain men crept in unawares** (Jude 1:4).
    - The prophecy was about the Second Coming of the Lord.
    - Jude quotes the prophecy from the Book of Enoch, a likely pseudo-graphical book written likely about 250 BC.

### The Book of Enoch: *Intriguing Literature*

- Jude's quote of the Book of Enoch does not testify to the book's authenticity as written by Enoch, save for that particular quote.
- The book is older than the Septuagint, and predates the Maccabees.
- Fragments of the book were found among the Dead Sea Scrolls.
- The book of Enoch gives detail and explanation of the flood not found in the Scripture, but not in opposition to Scripture.
- The book of Enoch was universally rejected for inclusion in the canon of Scripture by Jews and Christians because it is written under a forged name and the authorship and content cannot be confirmed.

### Spiritual Insights from Enoch

- Enoch was a prophet, and perhaps his greatest prophesy is in the naming of his son, Methuselah.
  - This name means *after him, it comes*.
  - Methuselah died in the same year as the flood.
  - Could it be that Enoch, who walked with God, was given insight into what was coming, proclaimed his insight (which others wrote down, likely with error), and then embedded that insight into his son's name?
- Enoch tells us that there is the possibility of walking with God even outside the Garden. We don't know the details of this walk, but we do know it is possible.
- Enoch shows us that rapture is not an impossibility in any means. If God can *translate* one man, He can translate the entire church.