

LIVING GODS WILL

Vessel of God

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Enoch Walked with God by Gerard Hoet

Born: Unknown

Died: Unknown (365 years)

Enoch lived before **3,000 BC**. for **365 years**.

Enoch was the **great grandfather of Noah**.

Enoch was the **father of Methuselah** who lived to **969**.

Enoch was **taken up to heaven** by God without dying.

From the Bible, we know that **Enoch** was **Adam's** great-great-great-great grandson (and **Noah's** great grandfather) who lived a holy and faithful life to the **Lord**.

He also becomes the father of **Methuselah**, the longest-living man (**969 years**).

Throughout his three-plus centuries on earth, he has numerous other offspring.

Enoch is also only one of two people **taken straight to heaven**, escaping death altogether.

Only two people in the Bible appear to be taken straight to heaven, without having to experience death. Most of us know the second one, **Elijah**. This famous prophet received a heavenly chariot of fire that took him to heaven after his ministry had finished, leaving **Elisha** to carry on the mission (**2 Kings 2**).

Most of us don't know a whole lot about **Enoch**, the other person to be taken straight to heaven. He appears in **Genesis 5**, and just as soon as he steps onto the scene, he steps into heaven. Throughout his three-plus centuries on earth, he has numerous other offspring.

After **365 years** on earth, **God** "takes (him) away" (**Genesis 5:24**). The verb for "take" appears to mean snatched up or carried away. Perhaps similar to the way **God** had taken away Elijah the prophet.

We see **Enoch** later in the "Hall of Faith" in **Hebrews 11**, listed with the other greats such as **Abraham**. Because of his great faith, he appears to escape death. The other greats in the **Hebrews 11** Hall of Faith had to experience death. Why did this enigmatic figure get away from it.

First, as argued here, **Enoch** is an example (**Hebrews 11:5**) of what will happen during the rapture. During this event, **God** will take believers into heaven during the End Times.

Christians differ in opinion as to where exactly the Rapture will take place during the End Times timeline (before the seven-year tribulation, halfway during the seven-year

trial, after the seven-year tribulation, etc.), but at one point during the End Times, **God** will rapture believers, just as he had with **Enoch**.

Second, **Enoch** lived a few hundred years before the Flood. We see the inhabitants of the earth descend into utter moral depravity during this time period.

Considering that the people back then lived for hundreds of years, some Christians have speculated due to a vapor canopy that surrounded the earth that blocked out harmful Gamma rays and produced a temperate climate that perhaps **God** took Enoch into heaven to avoid the **Flood** that would come a few hundred years later.

Third, we see a faithful man living amongst a wicked generation, like Elijah during the time of Ahab. Elijah is the only prophet of **God** left (**1 Kings 18:22**), outnumbered by 450 prophets of the enemy.

We can see parallels in **Enoch's** story with the story of Revelation yet to come. In a wicked world, we are called to be righteous and to walk in faith with **God**. Although many of us (if not all of us, as we do not know the true time **Jesus** will come back) will experience the pangs of death, Christians in the End Times will experience a rapture.

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

Genesis 5:18 Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and begot Enoch.

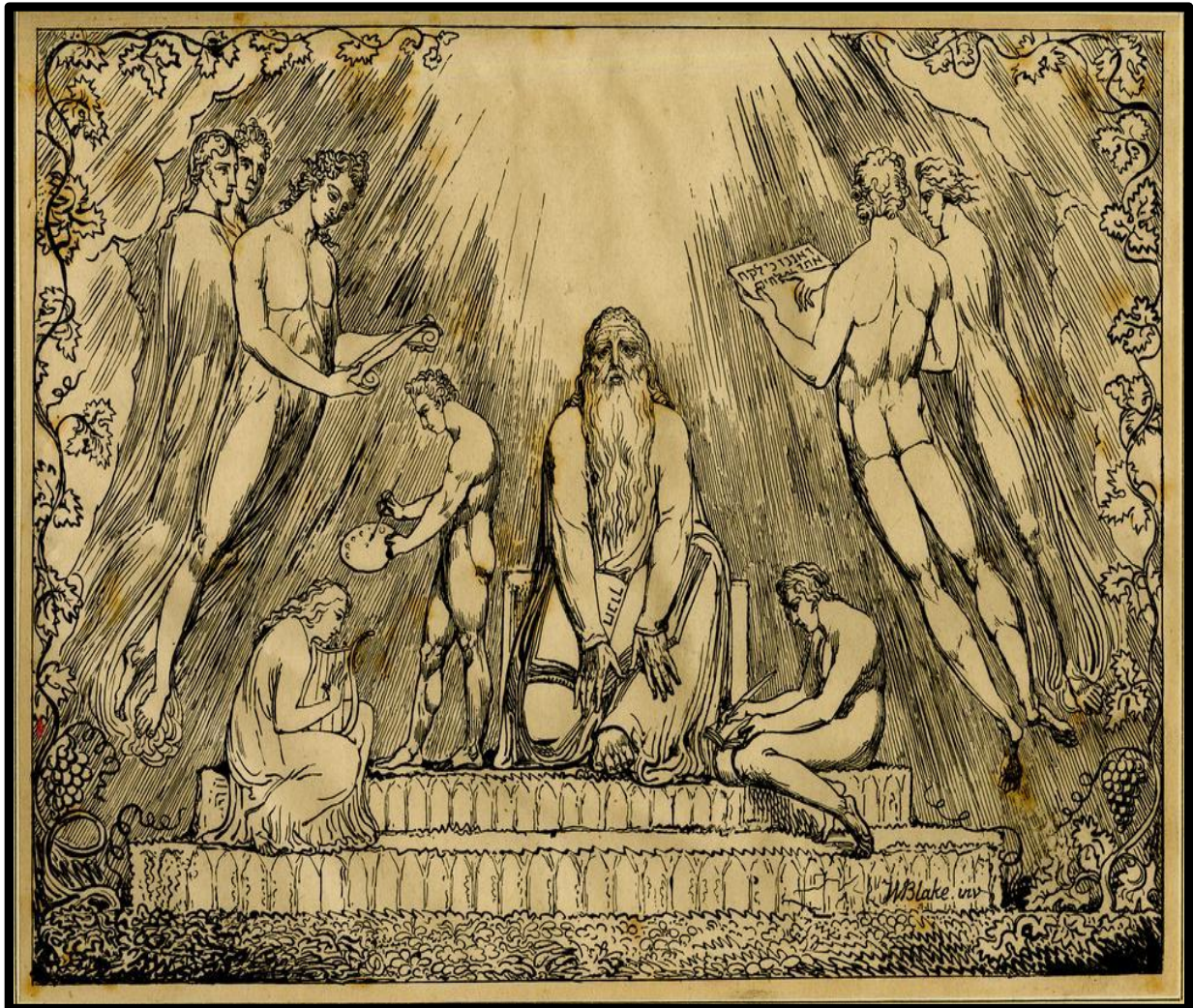
Genesis 5:19 After he begot Enoch, Jared lived eight hundred years, and had sons and daughters. **20** So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years; and he died.

Genesis 5:21 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.

Genesis 5:24 And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

Hebrews 11:5 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.

Jude 1:14 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." **16** These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage.



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