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HEBREWS 11:5

The text for our study is both **very interesting** and... **curious!** We notice in this text of scripture two things-

➡ **One....**, that Enoch was *“translated”*,
and....

➡ **Two....**, that Enoch did *“not see death”*.



Now this is very strange !

What does this mean?.....

➡ **DID ENOCH NEVER DIE ?**



How could it be, for we read clearly in the scriptures -

“As in Adam ALL die....?”



Ah! This subject of Enoch has long been **a mystery** for students of the Bible. Yes! Many have wondered about Enoch and what really happened to him!!

There are **many theories** even presented about what really happened to Enoch. There is great confusion over those words -

➡ *“that he should not see death.”*

👉 **How could it ever be possible, many have questioned!**

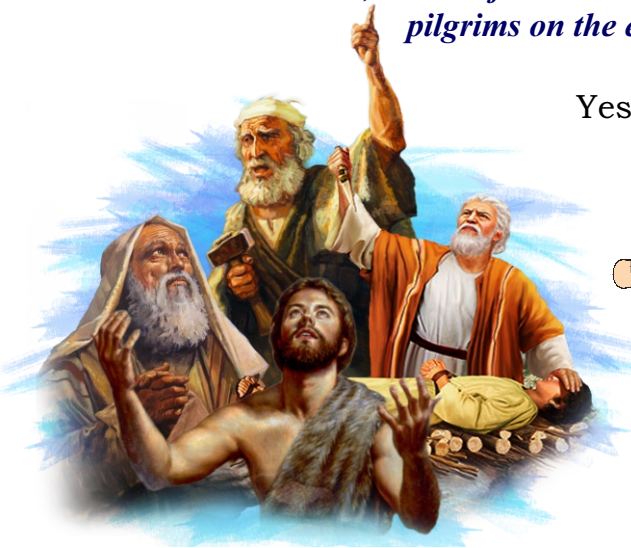
For it is argued that **ALL MUST DIE** according to the scripture we just read in *I Corinthians 15:22*. So Enoch too **SHOULD DIE!** Thus by way of explanation it is, that many point to another verse in **Hebrews 11th chapter**...and explain that Enoch too **actually died after all!** We read from -

Hebrews 11:13

“These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.”

Yes! *“These all died in faith, not having received the promises,...”*

👉 **Does this “all” include Enoch too?**



Well, the answer is **NO** for **TWO REASONS!**

- **1.** The *“promises”* here, though in PLURAL, would we suggest have a specific reference to the **ABRAHAMIC PROMISE** that was made to Abraham and was strongly believed in by all his generations **AFTER** him. It is quite obvious that there was **NO PROMISE** given to those before Abraham. Yes! Abel, Enoch and Noah had **NO KNOWLEDGE** of this *“promise”*, for it had **NOT YET** been given! Thus this reference to *“all”* who had died is **NOT** a reference to Enoch and... **DOES NOT INCLUDE** him.

And the fact that we have **suggested right** concerning the point that the **PRINCIPAL “promise”** to these Ancient Worthies was the **ABRAHAMIC PROMISE** is perhaps proven when we turn to the concluding comments of the Apostle Paul in that same chapter in -

Hebrews 11:39

“And these all having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise.”

Yes! Notice the use of **that same term “these all”** and the conclusion with the words -

“received not the promise”



Yes! It is now in **SINGULAR** !

- **2.** When we look at the words used in *Hebrews 11:5* - *“that he should not see death”*

...it is a very **DEFINITE** statement which simply means that God had proposed and willed that Enoch **SHOULD NOT DIE! It is as simple as that!**

But we are going to see in our study today how God accomplished this by not **INFRINGING** on the other scripture that says...

 *“As in Adam all die....”*

Yes! So, What is the **REAL ANSWER** to this great **MYSTERY of ENOCH ?**

Living in the day when *“the mystery of God should be finished”* and knowing God gives *“meat in due season”* we rejoicingly and humbly present -

 **ENOCH! THE MYSTERY UNFOLDED!!**

We shall begin this study by first understanding the meaning of the word *“translated”*. It is the Greek word - **“metatithemi”** - (**Greek - Strong’s # 3346**) which means - **“to transfer”** or **“to transport”** This refers to being lifted or transferred from one place to another.

 **So it was with Enoch!**

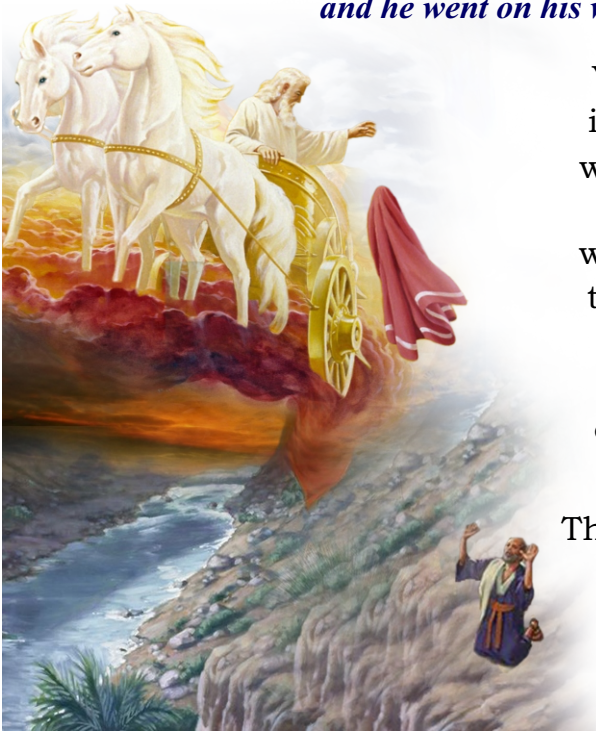
He was **transferred** by God from one place to another.

 **IS THIS STRANGE?**

Well, the scriptures say - **NO !**
We read of another such incident in -

Acts 8:39,40

“And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.”



Yes! This is the incident in the New Testament.... where **Philip** after having baptized the Ethiopian, was lifted by the power of the Holy Spirit from that place - *“the desert road to Gaza”* unto a place.... called *“Azotus”* which is **30 kms away!!**

This kind of **“translating”** or lifting up by divine power is also seen in the life of **Elijah** in *II Kings 2:11.*



So this is not UNUSUAL in the scriptures!

But the question arises as to.... **WHY** was Enoch taken and further..... **WHERE** was he taken to ??



Did Enoch go to heaven, as some think?

The answer to this question is clearly clarified to us **by the Lord Himself** in

John 3:13

“And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven - the Son of Man.”

Besides we read from *1 Corinthians 15:50* that *“flesh and blood”* does not inherit the kingdom of heaven meaning... the human body **CANNOT** have life outside the earth.

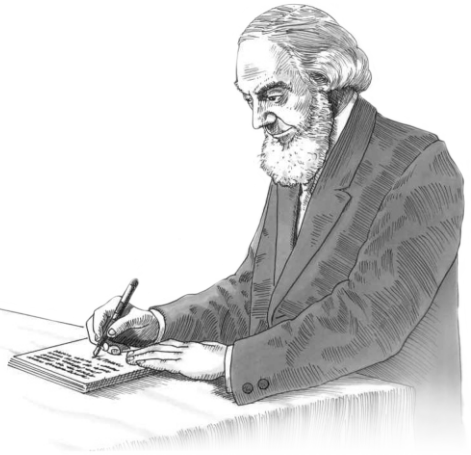


SO WHERE IS ENOCH?



Ah! He must be somewhere on earth kept by God's providence and power.

We find this **thought** attested to by **Pastor Russell** in the **“Expanded Biblical Comments”** on pg . **635** where he writes - **Enoch did not die. Enoch remained under the death sentence until he was ransomed by Our Lord's death (R - 2153:2 / 3378 / 619:6)**



Now we come to the important question - **HOW CAN Enoch NOT DIE**, when we see the scriptures clearly teach -

1 Corinthians 15:22 - "As in Adam ALL die....."
and again in.....

Genesis 2:17 - "...for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

Yes! Before we look into the answer to these questions let us understand a little about Enoch himself from **the THREE scriptures that speak of him.....**



1. GENESIS 5:22-24

"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."

Yes! From this scripture passage we read that Enoch **"walked with God" after the birth** of his son Methuselah at the age of... 65 years, **for 300 years** and then God took him.... or **translated** him from that place.

Then we read in -



2. 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."

This scripture passage says that God translated

Enoch “*so, that he should not see death*” because he had the testimony that he **pleased God**.

The question that arises here though is - **WHAT WAS IT** that Enoch **DID** to please God? The answer to that question requires a further scripture of information concerning Enoch which we now find in the last scripture about Enoch in the Bible.

Thus again we read in -



3. JUDE 14

“And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,”

Yes! This Scripture passage speaks of Enoch, the seventh generation from Adam, as **being a prophet** and that he prophesied about the **Lord’s second coming** and **the judgement of the world**.

Yes! He was the **FIRST** prophet of God! Remember ?! It was through the mouth of Enoch that God revealed the **FIRST PROPHECY** of **the twenty four prophecies** from God concerning the Divine Plan for man and the Kingdom which constitute - *“the twenty four Elders”* of **Revelation Chapter 4**.



So what do we learn from these scripture passages about Enoch?

➤ **1.** We learn that *“he walked with God”* for **300 years**,

- **2.** and that he obtained **the testimony that he pleased God,**
- **3.**and that he was God's **FIRST** prophet speaking bravely concerning God's Divine Plan and the then **FUTURE** kingdom in the midst of an evil first world.

What does the term "walking with God" mean?

Well, we see **this same testimony regarding Noah too** in **Genesis 6:9** - *"These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God."*



Yes! Noah also "walked with God" !

The meaning of what this means is found in -

1 John 1:5-7

"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

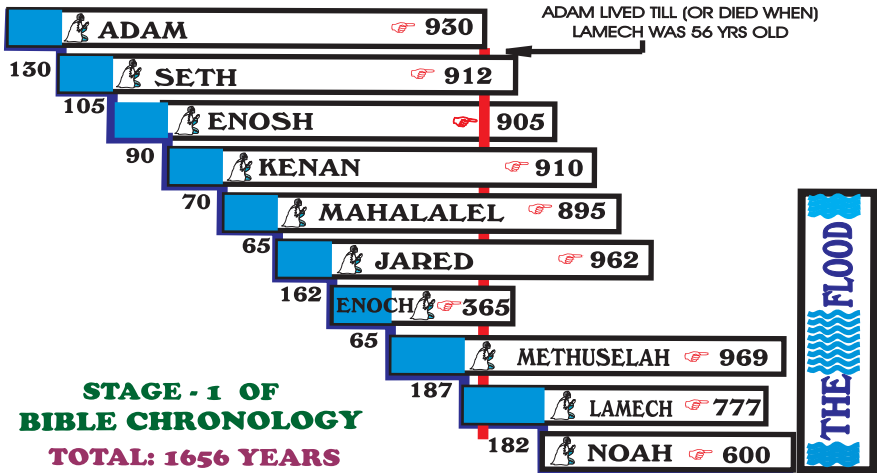
Yes! It is clear that it signifies a walking **"in the light"**.

And **"light"** here means **RIGHTEOUSNESS** and **TRUTH**. Now we read that Enoch did this or **WAS IN THIS CONDITION** with God for 300 long years!

Enoch was not perfect! But he sought to do **RIGHT** and sought to have communion with God. He had **FAITH!** We wonder though **HOW ENOCH** grew close to God at a time when the scriptures too had **NOT YET** been written ??

The answer to this question ... is found when we look at the generations of ADAM in the first world as seen in the chart given below -

THE FIRST WORLD GENEALOGY



Now we see and observe **TWO POINTS** from this chart -

1. We see that Adam **DIED** when Lamech, Enoch's grandson was 56 years old.



So HOW OLD was Enoch then?

All you have to do is look at the chart and add the following -

➤ Age of Lamech at Adam's death.....	56 yrs
➤ Age of Methuselah when Lamech was born.....	187 yrs
➤ Age of Enoch when Methuselah was born...	65 yrs
TOTAL.....	308 yrs

This was the **TOTAL AGE** of Enoch at Adam's death.
 Thus for 308 of Enoch's recorded 365 yrs.... the
"GRAND" FATHER of the human race **ADAM** was....
STILL ALIVE !

2. The **worship of God** had begun at the birth of
 Seth's son Enos as recorded 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."*

If one totals the period from the period from the birth
 of Enos to the birth of Enoch it **would cover 4**
generations ! And the calculation of the number of
 years would be as follows -

➤ Age of Enos at the birth of Kenan	90 yrs
➤ Age of Kenan at the birth of Mahalalel ...	70 yrs
➤ Age of Mahalalel at the birth of Jared ...	65 yrs
➤ Age of Jared at the birth of Enoch	162 yrs
TOTAL.....	387 yrs

Thus we see that the period from the birth of **ENOS**....
 to the birth of **ENOCH** was **387** years. Thus for **387**

years **BEFORE** the birth of Enoch the worship of God was taking place in the First World.

 **What would all this mean ?**

This is the **BASIS** of how Enoch **LEARNED** about God...and thus seeked to *“walk”* with Him. Firstly Enoch must have learned about God as a little child as he partook of the worship, where **we can imagine** that from time to time... the **“GRAND” FATHER** of the race Adam.... would perhaps testify of His experiences in Eden...and of his moments spent with the Lord GOD.

And further we can imagine that the young Enoch must have become **CAPTIVATED** with those testimonies of **CREATION**... the **PERFECTION** and **PEACEFUL BLISS** of Eden,...the terrible **DECEPTION** of the fall...and the prophecy of the *“seed of the woman”* who would be the **DELIVERER**.



Ah! We can imagine that the young Enoch would have sought to hear all these testimonies from Adam himself... **and would not have tired of hearing** those testimonies **AGAIN** and **AGAIN** from Adam's mouth!



And, yes! He must have marveled to see Adam's stomach **WITHOUT A NAVEL!**

Ah! They must have spent many wondrous moments together - a **OLD** man and.... a **YOUNG** man huddled together in animated conversation....and perhaps even walking together around the outer border of the Garden of Eden !

Yes! What a testimony to receive - right from the horse's mouth, so to speak!



Now Enoch was a servant and prophet of the Most High God. And what would God have done in His fellowship with Enoch?

Ah! He would have revealed the features of His **Divine Plan of the Ages - the Gospel of the Kingdom - to Enoch.** This we see confirmed in

Amos 3:7

“Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.”

and....

Jeremiah 33:3

“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”

This is the reason how Enoch could prophesy such an **ADVANCED** and **DEEP** matter as the second coming and the future judgement of the world even while he lived in the **FIRST WORLD** and before the **FLOOD!!** Then God was pleased with the courage of Enoch for truth and righteousness in the **MIDST** of an evil generation as recorded in -

Genesis 6:11,12

“The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.”



Yes! Here is an ANCIENT WORTHY of great example, to us!

Now, God’s revelation of His great Divine Plan to Enoch must have been for some **PURPOSE**.

We shall later on in this study see what it is.

Now we return to Enoch and him being *“translated that he should not see death”*.



How could he not die?

Death we see in the scriptures is the *“wages of sin”* (*Romans 6:23*) and all the children of Adam have **INHERITED** and come under this same sentence of death as seen in -

Romans 5:12

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world,



and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”

In fact, the whole race of mankind have been **“generated”** into this condition of death inherited from the original parents Adam and Eve as we find described **in the words of David** in -

Psalms 51:5

“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.”

Yes! In this scripture is described **WHEN** and...**HOW** this **“sin”** enter into a human being. In the wonderful use of language under the power of the Holy Spirit we see the words -

 *“I was shapen in iniquity”*
 *“...in sin did my mother conceive me.”*

Ah! How easily these words have been **MISUNDERSTOOD** and **MISINTERPRETED**. But the meaning is **DEEP** and....ah, so luminous!

The **“shapen”** in iniquity speaks of the process of **CONCEPTION** involving a man and a woman - the **PARENTS**...and how these both were **IMPERFECT**....and in the condition of **INIQUITY** or **“sin”**

Then **“in sin did my mother conceive me”** speaks of the fact that this **“sin”** was present at the very point of **CONCEPTION**...and further **all through the 9 month gestation period** in the **WOMB!**

This **IS THE EXPLANATION** of why so many little babies die within a few days,weeks...and even months of their birth.



But herein lies a hidden mystery!

In *Ecclesiastes* we read in 7:1-

“A good name is better than precious ointment: and the day of death than the day of one’s birth.”

Ah! The scripture seems strange!

How can one’s death day be better than one’s birthday?

Well, to understand what this scripture really means....and what it is telling us...we must **turn to another scripture** in the same book of *Ecclesiastes* in -

Ecclesiastes 4:2,3

“Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead more than the living which are yet alive. Yea, better is he than both they, which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.”

Ah! This verse seems even more strange!

But please notice the wise teacher is talking about....

“the living”, “the dead”, and “which hath not yet been”.

And he tells us the **BEST** and **BLESSED CONDITION** is.... of **NEVER** having been born into this world at all! The **NEXT BEST** condition is of having lived and now being **DEAD**. The **WORST** condition he tells us is of being *“living”* or **ALIVE**.



Why does he say this?

Well, that is because at the moment of **BIRTH** one enters into this **DEATH SENTENCE** and a world under **CONDEMNATION**.... and this sentence is **FINISHED** and **FULFILLED** at the moment of the **DEATH** of the person. Thus the present so called **LIVING CONDITION**....is really the **CONDITION** of being **DEAD** and **DYING!**

This troublous, painful and degenerating condition is best **ENDED**...than **BEGUN!**

Thus it is with this thought in mind that the wise teacher said in *Ecclesiastes 7:1* - “*the day of death*” is **BETTER** “*than the day of one’s birth*”.

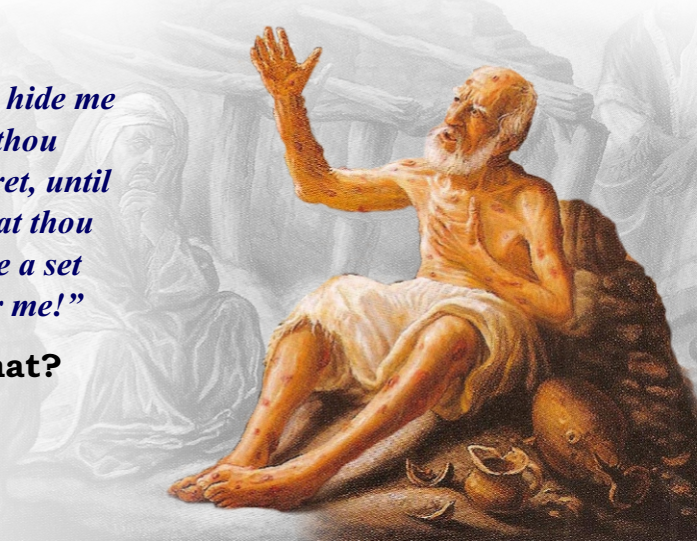
Ah! This is the **SAME THOUGHT** as expressed by **JOB** during his sufferings when he spoke in -

Job 14:13

*“O that thou wouldest hide me
in the grave, that thou
wouldest keep me secret, until
thy wrath be past, that thou
wouldest appoint me a set
time, and remember me!”*



Did you see that?



The “grave” was **DESIRABLE** and even a place of
REST !!

Thus the traditional **R.I.P** on gravestones has very significant meaning, little understood by the large majority of mankind!

Thus it is seen that **ACTUALLY** the whole world is in the condition of being “dead”...and this is **EXACTLY** what the Master expressed when he spoke those monumental words in -

***Luke 9:60** - “Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.”*

Yes! Here the Lord clearly explains that in the time of **BURIAL OF THE DEAD**.....the burying is done by “the dead” !

So we see the entire Adamic race is in the condition of inherited “death” and those **living are considered to be** - “**living dead**” and those in the **graves** are the - “**dead dead**”.

And this death sentence **BEGINS** at birth and **ENDS** at the grave. In fact God has even given us a “*sign*” concerning this.

All babies are born crying! Not one has been born smiling till date. When does one cry? It is when in



sadness and sorrow and suffering that one cries.

How fitting an attitude expressed when making entry into this present world!

And it is thus we see the meaning of the scripture in
1 Corinthians 15:22 -

 *“As in ADAM all die.....”*

This **“all”** represents the whole world being born or GENERATED into this **“death”** condition.

And Enoch too was born into this same **“death”** condition.



SO ENOCH TOO DIED *“in Adam”*

Then **in what way** does the scripture of *Hebrews 11:5* - *“that he should not see death”* be fulfilled?

It is **CLEAR** to us now that this *“should not see death”* refers to the condition of **“dead dead”** or in other words the condition of going to the grave. Thus Enoch was born under the Adamic death sentence and **DIED** *“in Adam”* at his birth when he was born in the death condition but **he did not see death** in.... that **HE DID NOT AND..... WILL NOT GO TO THE GRAVE.**

For God has a plan and purpose in thus keeping him alive! It is for that reason that God *“took him”* and *“translated him”*.

Thus if we correctly comprehend the meaning of

“that he should not see death” it means that **Enoch too survived the flood** though the scripture testimony tells us that only Noah and seven others were saved



2 Peter 2:5 - “And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;”

 **Why is this?**

It is because the scripture in *2 Peter 2:5* speaks of the world and Noah and his family in respect to that world. Enoch had already been **separated from that group** many years before.

Actually Enoch was *“taken”* by the **LORD** from the **GROUP** and the **ENVIRONMENT** he lived in....**MANY, MANY** years before the flood, How many years was it?

Let us calculate it now -

▶ Adam's age when Seth was born....	130 yrs
▶ Seth's age when Enos was born....	105 yrs
▶ Enos's age when Kenan was born....	90 yrs
▶ Kenan's age when Mahalalel was born....	70 yrs
▶ Mahalalel's age when Jared was born....	65 yrs
▶ Jared's age when Enoch was born....	162 yrs
▶ Enoch's age when he was <i>“taken”</i> or <i>“translated”</i>	365 yrs
TOTAL....	<hr/> 987 yrs <hr/>

Thus Enoch was *“taken”* after 987 years of the **FIRST WORLD**. We know that the first world was a period of 1656 yrs.

Thus the number of years till the flood would have been -

 **1656 – 987 = 669**

Yes! Enoch was *“taken”* or *“translated”* 669 years **BEFORE** the flood. Thus he was in the LORD's keeping and God provided for his **EVERY NEED** at whichever place God had placed him in the earth....and when the **FLOOD** came, God must have made **SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS** for him, just as he had done by instructing Noah to build the ark to save himself and his family!

Surely God had not *“translated”* Enoch *“that he should not see death”* only to have him.... **DIE IN THE FLOOD!!!**

How ABSURD would that be !!??



Now we come to the question of whether it is UNJUST for Enoch to not go into the grave?.....



Is it necessary that ALL must go into the grave?

We live in a generation very close to the *“great time of trouble”* (*Matthew 24:21-22*) and the end of the second world.



Do the scriptures teach us that all flesh will be wiped out and not a soul will remain?



On the contrary, the scriptures clearly show many **living survivors** of the **CLOSING MOMENTS** and **END** of the second world who will then enter into the *“visible”* kingdom phase in Israel as seen in -

Zechariah 14:16

“And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King , he LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.”

Yes! Please notice that these **are of the Gentiles !**



What about..... of the Jews?

Let us now read from -

Zechariah 12:8,9

“In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.”

Yes! We see that **MANY JEWS** in Israel will survive in that final conflict and will be the first nation wherein God’s Kingdom in its **VISIBLE** phase will be established.

So we see both Jews.... and.... gentiles in large numbers will NOT go into the grave.

This was what was meant by the Lord when he spoke those words in *Revelation 1:18* where we read -

“...I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and death”

Here in this scripture “**hell**” refers to the “**dead dead**” while “**death**” refers to the “**living dead**” and the Lord’s Kingdom work of judgement, restitution and resurrection **WILL BEGIN FIRST** with the “**living dead**” and then proceed to.... the “**dead dead**” as we see in **Ezekiel 47th chapter** where the “**waters**” steadily growing in height represent the kingdom work upon the living nations or “**living dead**” who gradually come into the kingdom arrangements in Israel (*Isaiah 2:3*) and then the river goes “**into the sea**” (*Ezekiel 47:8*) which is **the Dead sea** and represents the

“*dead dead*” who then begin to receive life as we read in -

Ezekiel 47:9

“And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.”

This picture is also represented in -

Zechariah 14:8

“And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.”

Here we see the “*living waters*” go in **two** directions -
 “*the former sea*” (“*the Eastern Sea*” in NIV) which is...**the Dead Sea** and “*the hinder Sea*” (“*the western sea*” in NIV) which is the **Mediterranean Sea**, again revealing the same matter - of “*the keys of hell and death*” - of the “**living dead**” (**Mediterranean Sea**) and the “**dead dead**” (**The Dead Sea**). The life will first come to the “**living dead**” and then to the “**dead dead**”.



In fact the reference in *Revelation 20:12* of - “*the dead, small and great*” refer to none other than the “**living dead**” of all nations in a picture of their judgement and the **UNLOCKING** of the **FIRST** key of “*death*”.

So it must be clear by now to us that many of the

present living world will **NOT** go into the grave and so too it is with Enoch of whom it is written -



“that he should not see death.”

The last **point of objection** to Enoch being still alive is the scripture of *Genesis 2:17* when we read -

“.....In the day that thou eatest there of thou shalt surely die.”

Well, What can be said of this scripture ?

This scripture has a **SPECIFIC** and **PERSONAL** reference to Adam and Eve as does the other scripture in *Genesis 3:19* where we read -

“...for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.”

It applied **generally** to the children of Adam and.... just as there will be exceptions of those who will **NOT** return to the dust there can be an **EXCEPTION** in the case of Enoch and the time limit of 1000 years.

Bro. Russell in **R-3377** end and.... the beginning of **R-3378** says these words -

“After Father Adam was sentenced he lived nearly a thousand years, but under his particular sentence he could not have lived more than a thousand years; because the sentence read, “In the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die.” And since “a day with the Lord is a thousand years” (II Peter 3:8) his death was fixed to take place within that “day”. But God left the day open to make types of Enoch and Elijah, and hence so far as they and the remainder of the human family were

concerned, no limit of time for the execution of the sentence was fixed. If therefore, it pleased God to have it so, they might have continued to live for thousands of years, under the death sentence, without dying”.

The reasons for this special exception in the ease of Enoch will now unfold as we look at the purpose of God to keep Enoch alive!



Now before we go any further on this matter we need to now look at another **MYSTERIOUS CHARACTER** in the Bible, much like Enoch in a way,...but found in the **SECOND WORLD**. We read of him in -

Hebrews 7:1-4

“For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.”

Oh! Yes! You guessed right ! We are talking of Melchizedek!



WHO is this Melchizedek ?

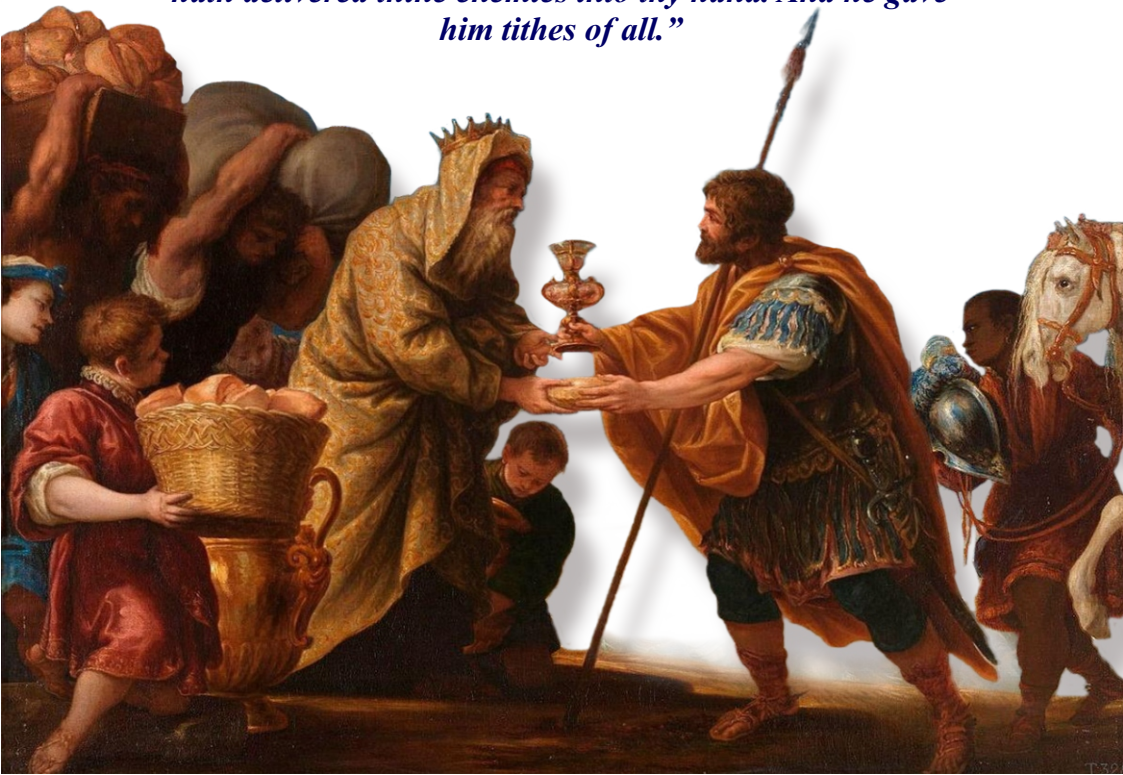
Ah! We read of him that he was the King of Salem...
AND....priest of the Most High God (*Genesis 14:18*).

We note the following points about him -

Abraham **recieved blessings** from him and paid a **tithe** to him as we read in -

Genesis 14:18-20

“And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.”



- Melchizedek means *“King of Righteousness”* (*Hebrews 7:2*)
- King of Salem means *“King of Peace”* (Salem means peace) *Hebrews 7:2*
- He was....**without father or mother, without genealogy**, without *“beginning of days”* (birth date) or *“end of life”* (death date)
- He was a picture of.... **the Son of God** - a **priest forever**.
- He is also a picture of the **BASIS** of the priesthood of Christ - an **indestructible LIFE** (*Hebrews 7:16*)



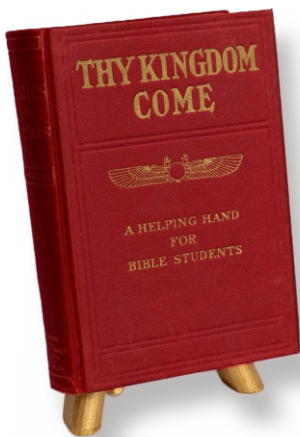
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How could he be greater than the “Father of Faith”, Abraham? (*Hebrews 7:67*)

Well, Melchizedek was of a line of kings called **“HYKSOS”** or **shepherd kings**. These were peaceful kings of whom the Egyptian records reveal entered Egypt **without battle** and by their power subdued

the people and had the local rulers in their hands and then demolished the temples of their gods. From this peculiar line of kings is Melchizedek and is also believed to have built the **“Great Pyramid of Gizeh”** in the year **2170 B.C.** (Refer to **“Studies in the Scriptures”- Volume 3 - Pg 323**)





Now it is very clear to Bible Students and those who know of the “Great Pyramid” that it is a building that could only have been built by and under **Divine Supervision**, for all its features and architecture and details are..... **FAR BEYOND** human capabilities.



Many have been the speculations about the possible identity of Melchizedek!

Some say.... he could be the patriarch **Shem**..... the second son of Noah...., But the scriptures do not speak much about any thing **SPECIAL** or **EXTRAORDINARY** concerning Shem. Still others say he could be **the Lord Jesus** Himself ! But this is also baseless as the Lord surely could not be a **TYPE** or picture of Himself !

**Thus... who REALLY is this Melchizedek?
Can we find out?**

Well, in attempting to find out the **IDENTITY** of Melchizedek the best method of **SEARCHING** would be to find someone who would **PERFECTLY** fulfill **ALL**

the things given in the scriptures as information concerning this mysterious king.

Thus let us begin with the information we have...



INFORMATION # 1

“For this Melchizedek, King of salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the king and blessed him; to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all;.....” - Hebrews 7:1-2

Ah! This is a very **STUNNING** matter we read in this verse! For **WHO** could be greater than Abraham ?

It could only be **the righteous ones before him**, by virtue of age. And from the scriptures we know of only 3 who were righteous before Abraham - **Abel..... Enoch... and Noah!** Melchizedek could not be Abel... nor could he be Noah... because Noah died 2 years before Abraham was even born!

(At the end of the Second stage of chronology of 427 years...., Abraham was 75 years, and.... Noah lived 350 of those years after the flood).

Thus in doing the calculation we have the following -

<p>➤ Total number of years from the flood to the “<i>promise</i>”....</p>	<p>427years (—)</p>
<p>➤ Total number of years that Noah lived in that period before he died....</p>	<p>350years</p>
<p>➤ The BALANCE NUMBER OF YEARS</p>	<hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/> <p>77years</p> <hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/>

Thus if Abraham was **75** years at the **END** of the second stage of **CHRONOLOGY**...it would mean that Noah died **TWO YEARS** before Abraham was born.

**THUS MELCHIZEDEK COULD ONLY HAVE
BEEN ENOCH**



Is this a SURPRISE deduction ??

Let us now see if **ENOCH** fits the picture perfectly of Melchizedek. Having already read of how Enoch had “*walked with God*” for 300 years before his translation, we realise his condition of being in harmony with God and.... **light and righteousness** made him **IDEAL** to be a priest of God and **worthy to be receiving** tithes from Abraham. Besides, his being older and greater than Abraham at the time, he was also **worthy to bless** Abraham!



INFORMATION # 2

“Without father, without mother, without descent (genealogy of family), having neither beginning of days, nor end of life.....” - Hebrews 7:3.

Ah! This is another strange scripture!

Bro Russell in the “**Biblical comments**” on **Page 602** while commenting on this verse refers to these words as regarding the **peculiar** priesthood typified by Melchizedek.

But we have reason to think that this verse refers **NOT ONLY** to this priesthood aspect of which he served as a **TYPE** but... also to Melchizedek **PERSONALLY!** For if Melchizedek was indeed Enoch then to the people of Salem, his record would read like this too!.

For obviously the people of Salem had ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA of the real identity of Melchizedek.

For we would imagine that under God's **PROVIDENCE** he must have been placed in a particular situation that might have been ideal for him to **BECOME** Melchizedek. Then after having accomplished God's will of fulfilling a **PERIOD OF TIME** as Melchizedek... and including the **BUILDING** of the great **PYRAMID** in **GIZEH**... he must have suddenly **DISAPPEARED**.

This might have then led to the Salem authorities becoming worried and sending out search parties for their king...which would have yielded unsuccessful results. The king was never found...nor was his dead body! Thus this must have stirred them to make an enquiry with his **FAMILY** or **RELATIVES**...which further yielded the **SHOCKING RESULT** of there being no family of his... nor relatives. And even more surprising was the fact that there was **NO RECORD** of his **BIRTH** as well!

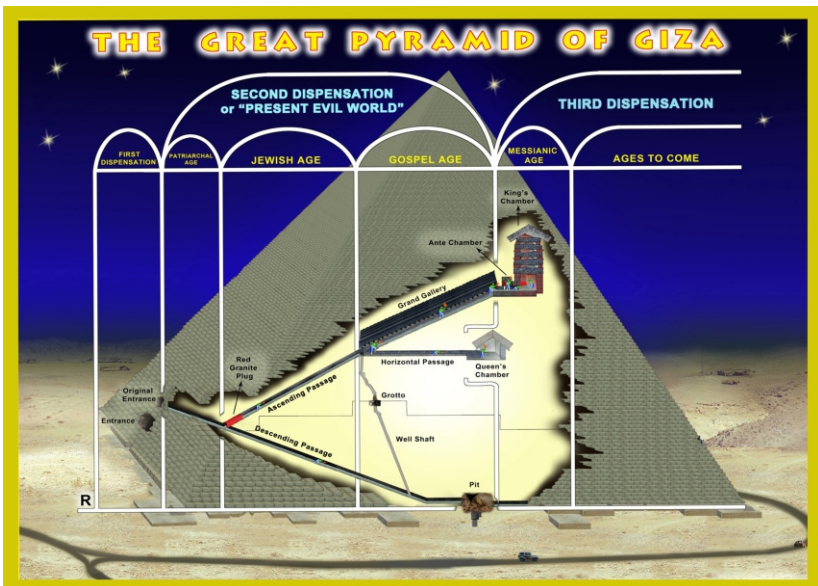
This then would have led to the **RECORD** made....this **STRANGE** and **PECULIAR** record of this King Melchizedek of Salem. And it is this record that the Apostle Paul refers to here in the Book of Hebrews.

And **the evidence is strong** that Melchizedek was Enoch as we realize that it was Melchizedek who built the Great Pyramid.

Why? Why do we say this?

Because the builder of the Great Pyramid would have to -

- 1**....know the **Divine Plan of God** in its completeness,
and....
- 2**....have a **Divine connection**, enabling him to be the instrument in **Divine hands** for the building of the Great Pyramid.



There is NONE we know who would fit BOTH these qualifications as well as Enoch would!

For having *“walked with God”* for **300 years** before being **translated** and.... having become the **FIRST prophet of God** as recorded in *Jude:14* he had a deep knowledge of the Divine Plan and the depth of his knowledge is revealed in the advance nature of the matter of his first prophecy - about the **Second coming** and **the individual judgement** of the world which is to take place in the Third world!

Besides since his translation he has been kept by Divine Providence and is surely in perfect harmony with God for we read that before he was taken



“he had this testimony, that he pleased God.”

Thus it is that Enoch, by the will of God **“became”** Melchizedek for a period of time to fulfill **TWO very important purposes** -

- **One...** was to build the great **“stone witness”** (*Isaiah 19:19*)
- **Two...** was to become the **TYPE** of the Christ in glory - the priest upon the throne!

This becoming the **TYPE** of the Christ in glory also requires the **typifying of the condition of immortality** of the Christ as recorded in -

Revelation 20:6 - *“Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath NO POWER....”*



How could this be typified in a mere mortal man?

Ah! Second death is utter destruction and the condition of going to the grave... **pictures utter destruction.** Thus to typify this glorious Christ condition, Melchizedek too... **would have to not go to the grave or go into destruction.** And this **VERY ASTONISHING MATTER** that this was true concerning Melchizedek is testified of him in --

Hebrews 7:8 - *“And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom is witnessed that he liveth.”*

This scripture compares Aaron’s receiving of tithes with Melchizedek receiving of tithes! But **NOTE** what is said of Melchizedek -

“of whom it is witnessed that he liveth”.

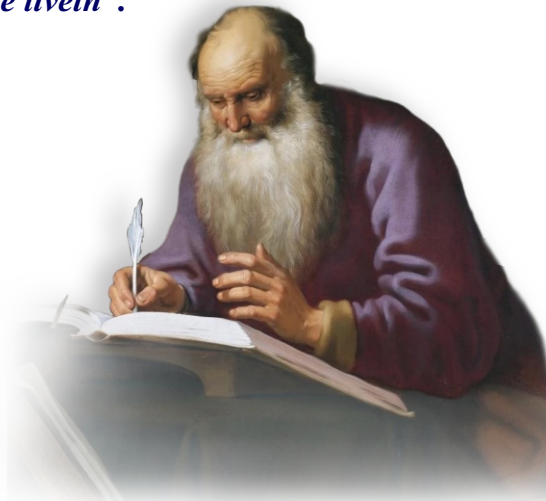


Can you believe it?

The Apostle Paul writing about this Melchizedek in the first century tells us **that...at the time of writing those words -**



“it is witnessed that he liveth”



Thus Melchizedek is believed to have **never died** because there was **no** record of his *“end of days”*

Thus it is with **CONCLUSIVE** evidence that we see that only one **MAN** could be worthy and prepared to become the **GREAT MELCHIZEDEK** - and that is **ENOCH!**

And it is for this great purpose that God **after TESTING and PROVING him for 300 long years**chose him and translated him.... *“that he should not see death”*



Here we would like to bring to the readers attention that we believe the Aposlte Paul **KNEW** of this great truth concerning the **IDENTITY** of Melchizedek. And **we base this belief** on a scripture we read in the Book of Hebrews in -

Hebrews 5:10,11 - “Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec. Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.”

➤ **Did you see that?**



Ah! What could be those *“many things”* and further *“hard to be uttered”* ?

Well, we believe it is this great **UNFOLDED MYSTERY** of Melchizedek being really **ENOCH !!**

Yes! The Apostle Paul knew !!



What of Enoch now? Where is he ?

He lives on..... somewhere on this earth - still under the just Adamic death condemnation but.....kept by the power of God in his **imperfect state** as he awaits his resurrection reward in its due time!

Now there are many stories and tales of a man living who is an old man...but **NEVER SEEMS TO DIE.**

He just keeps living on, while all others around him die.



Enoch comes in the class of Ancient Worthies and will receive the **THIRD RESURRECTION** denoted by the third river out of Eden - **HIDDIKEL** (*Genesis 2:14*)

His reward awaits the completion of the ongoing **First Resurrection** of the Church class begun since 1878 and after that.... the second resurrection of the “**great multitude**” class.

But being the **ONLY** Ancient Worthy still alive he will receive his change to human perfection possibly **FIRST** in his class.



And how will it be? Will Enoch need to die to be resurrected ?

We read of the **MANNER** of the **PERFECT FLESH** of the “*better resurrection*” in -

Job 33:25 - “*His flesh shall be fresher than a child's, he shall return to the day of his youth.*”

Ah! Many may wonder concerning this matter. How can Enoch get the **PERFECT HUMAN BODY** of the “*better resurrection*” of the Ancient Worthies **while still being alive?** And in the **imperfect bodily form** that he is in at present? Would he not **need to die first** and lay aside the present imperfect body? Well our answer to this question is found in a scripture in -

II Kings 5:14

“Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.”

Yes! This is a testimony of the **MIRACULOUS** and **INSTANTANEOUS** transforming of the leprous body of Naaman while he immersed or “*dipped*” himself in the River Jordan that “**seventh**” time.

Ah! What a MIRACLE had taken place !!

We believe it will be **MUCH THE SAME** with Enoch when the time comes for the **THIRD RESURRECTION** of the Ancient Worthies.

Yes! It will be an instantaneous change much like what was experienced by Namaan when he came out of the Jordan the seventh time

(II Kings 5:14)

Enoch, being kept alive for **more than 5000 years** “*in the flesh*” will be **ONE** of the **visual evidences** to be

revealed to mankind of the glory of God among other evidences like....



.....the finding of **Noah's Ark**,



.....the **Great Pyramid of Giza**



.....the **lost ark of the covenant box** (*Jeremiah 3:16*)



.....**and the manifestation and the revealing of the crucified body of Our Lord in Jerusalem.**

(This **BELIEF** of ours that the Lord's **CRUCIFIED BODY** has been preserved by God and.... will be **DISPLAYED IN JERUSALEM** for all **ETERNITY** as it is flesh that **DOES NOT** and **CANNOT CORRUPT** is based on....*Acts 2:31/ Zechariah 12:10/ Isaiah 52:14*)

Yes! **We believe** that there will be **SEVEN DIVINE WONDERS** in the kingdommuch like along the lines of "the seven wonders" in the world today !

So we have come to the end of the unfolding of the mystery of Enoch! Truly his life has been to the glory of God - **a real inspiration** to us.....the potential saints of the Most High!

What will be your story, dear saint of God ?
 Will it bring great glory to God....as did the life of Enoch ??

“May the Lord add His Blessings to the understanding of His Holy Words”

AMEN

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