

Book of Enoch – An Evaluation

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The purpose of this study is to evaluate the book of Enoch that is quoted in Jude verses 14 and 15 where he writes: “Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: ‘See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him’” We will seek to try to understand why Jude quoted the work and yet the early believers did not include it in the writings they chose to include in their canon that believers were encouraged to study.

Background

There are four different people named Enoch mentioned in the Bible. In Genesis 4:17 we are told that Cain, the firstborn son of Adam and Eve, had a son whom he named Enoch. This is the first mention of a person named Enoch. The second mention is in Genesis 5:18 where we learn that Jared, the great great grandson of Adam had a son that he named Enoch. With that bit of information, we can determine that he is the seventh in Adam’s line with Adam being counted as number one. The third mention is in Genesis 25:4 where we learn that Midian, the son of Abraham and Keturah, had a son whom he named Enoch (another way of spelling the name is Hanoch). The fourth mention is in Genesis 46:9 where we learn that Reuben, the firstborn son of Jacob, had a son that he named Enoch (Hanoch). This is repeated again in Exodus 6:14. Of these four mentioned individuals, only the son of Jared can be the one to which Jude refers when he quotes the Book of Enoch. Most of the early church fathers after the death of the Apostle John, quoted from the Book of Enoch – Barnabas, Justin Martyr, Clement of Alexandria, Origen, Irenaeus, Tertullian, Eusebius, Jerome, Hilary, Epiphanius, and Augustine. Just because these church fathers referred to the Book of Enoch doesn’t mean they accepted it as part of the canon or writings which should be read and taught to believers. Some even went so far as to reject including Jude in the canon because he quoted from Enoch. This seems a little odd since they referred to it and some quoted it, even if not verbatim. After the time of Augustine, the Book of Enoch appeared to have been lost except for fragments and some references in Jewish writing such as the Book of Jubilees. In the early years of the 17th Century (1600 – 1699) a complete copy was said to be discovered in Ethiopia that was a translation into the Ethiopic language, but it is thought it was soon “proven” to be a miserable production (although how it could be “proven” without an extant copy is not discussed). In 1773, James Bruce, an English traveler, discovered three copies of the Book of Enoch in Ethiopia and brought them to Europe, but no use of them was made until 1800. In 1892, R.H. Charles found a copy in the Slavonic language [The Slavic languages are divided into three subgroups: East, West, and South, which together constitute more than twenty languages. Of these, ten have at least one million speakers and official status as the national languages of the countries in which they are predominantly spoken: Russian, Belarusian and Ukrainian (of the East group), Polish, Czech and Slovak (of the West group) and Slovene, Serbo-Croatian, Macedonian and Bulgarian (of the South group) – from Wikipedia] but discovered it was entirely different than the others. He translated and published it. A third Book of Enoch was found that was circulated among Babylonian Jews. It was translated and published by Hugo Odeburg in 1928. Fragments of the Book of Enoch were found among the Dead Sea Scrolls and the text of those fragments agree completely with the translated works of the complete Book of Enoch found.

The majority of the above information is a summary of information presented by Charles Schodde in his commentary on his translation of the Book of Enoch from the Ethiopic language.

The following quote from the early Church Father Tertullian (197-220 AD) shows that he accepted the Book of Enoch as genuine Scripture and worthy of use in teaching doctrine to believers.

I am aware that the Scripture of Enoch, which has assigned this order (of action) to angels, is not received by some, because it is not admitted into the Jewish canon either. I suppose they did not think that, having been published before the deluge, it could have safely survived that world-wide calamity, the abolisher of all things. If that is the reason (for rejecting it), let them recall to their memory that Noah, the survivor of

the deluge, was the great-grandson of Enoch himself; and he, of course, had heard and remembered, from domestic renown and hereditary tradition, concerning his own great-grandfather's "grace in the sight of God," and concerning all his preachings; since Enoch had given no other charge to Methuselah than that he should hand on the knowledge of them to his posterity. Noah therefore, no doubt, might have succeeded in the trusteeship of (his) preaching; or, had the case been otherwise, he would not have been silent alike concerning the disposition (of things) made by God, his Preserver, and concerning the particular glory of his own house.

If (Noah) had not had this (conservative power) by so short a route, there would (still) be this (consideration) to warrant our assertion of (the genuineness of) this Scripture: he could equally have renewed it, under the Spirit's inspiration, after it had been destroyed by the violence of the deluge, as, after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonian storming of it, every document of the Jewish literature is generally agreed to have been restored through Ezra.

But since Enoch in the same Scripture has preached likewise concerning the Lord, nothing at all must be rejected by us which pertains to us; and we read that "every Scripture suitable for edification is divinely inspired. By the Jews it may now seem to have been rejected for that (very) reason, just like all the other (portions) nearly which tell of Christ. Nor, of course, is this fact wonderful, that they did not receive some Scriptures which spake of Him whom even in person, speaking in their presence, they were not to receive. To these considerations is added the fact that Enoch possesses a testimony in the Apostle Jude. (Tertullian, *On the Apparel of Women*, Book 1, Chap. 3 "Concerning the Genuineness of 'The Prophecy of Enoch.'" Translated by Rev. S. Thelwall)

Tertullian also refers to or uses information from the Book of Enoch when teaching about idolatry (*On Idolatry* chapters 4 and 15), about the origin of female ornamentation being traced back to the angels who had fallen (*On the Apparel of Women*, Book 1, Chap 2, Book 2, Chap 10), and why virgins should wear a veil (*On the Veiling of Virgins*). It is easy to see that Tertullian not only had the Book of Enoch but used the information in it as authoritative for teaching God's truth to believers.

Author and Date

The Book of Enoch is described as pseudepigrapha (false writing – meaning a work written by someone but purported to have been written by another person). There is no scientific way to prove or disprove that the Book of Enoch was written by the Enoch who was the seventh in the line of humans beginning with Adam. All that exists of the book are fragments and copies which can be dated to between 130 to 300 BC. The book was obviously known by and read by people from before Jesus was born. It was read by the early believers since Jude quoted from it under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and Justin Martyr (150-160 AD), Irenaeus (175-185 AD), and Tertullian (197-220 AD) quoted from it. Tertullian even calls it "the Prophecy of Enoch" and argues for its acceptance as Holy Scripture.

Purpose of Book

The book is presented as the writings of Enoch in which he describes things he saw as he was taken through the heavens for a visit with God and the things he was told about the world, people and future events. It presents what is claimed to be the condition of the world and people at the time of his life and their destruction because of their evil ways. It describes future events and how God, himself, will come with thousands of his saints to execute judgment on all the ungodly for all their ungodly acts. This is what Jude quoted.

Method of Study

The type of writing of the Book of Enoch is known as apocryphal. Many people today think that means the writing is not true and therefore it cannot be accepted as inspired by the Holy Spirit nor be part of the canon of

the Bible. Apocryphal writing did not originally carry the concept that it was false ideas as can be determined by the early Church Fathers reading and quoting from the Book of Enoch. The writings in Daniel and Revelation are also apocryphal but they have been accepted as true and part of the canon of the Bible.

Even though the Book of Enoch cannot be proven to have been written by Enoch, since the Holy Spirit inspired Jude to quote from it we can accept that there is information in the book that is truthful. Thus the scope of this study will be to follow the example of the Bereans in Acts 17:11, and look at the information in the Book of Enoch, compare it to the Bible, and try to discover what might be carefully accepted as truth and what should not be accepted without further guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We will consider a passage from the Book of Enoch and look for biblical passages that either agree or disagree with what is stated. All Book of Enoch passages come from R. H. Charles' study of the book.

The Book of Enoch

Chapter 1

1. The words of the blessing of Enoch, wherewith he blessed the elect and righteous, who will be living in the day of tribulation, when all the wicked and godless are to be removed.
2. And he took up his parable and said -Enoch a righteous man, whose eyes were opened by God, saw the vision of the Holy One in the heavens, which the angels showed me, and from them I heard everything, and from them I understood as I saw, but not for this generation, but for a remote one which is for to come.
3. Concerning the elect I said, and took up my parable concerning them: The Holy Great One will come forth from His dwelling,

Here a time of tribulation is predicted and Enoch is blessing the elect and righteous while also saying it will be a time when the wicked and godless will be removed. Jesus speaks of this time in Matthew 24. In verses 21 and 22 of that chapter, Jesus says: "For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now – and never to be equaled again. If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened."

Enoch explains that his eyes were opened by God and he saw the vision of the Holy One in the heavens and that he was showed and heard things from angels. He understood that what he was seeing and hearing was not for his generation but for a remote, future one. Then he begins to speak a parable concerning the elect people of that day of tribulation and says that the Holy Great One will come from his dwelling.

4. And the eternal God will tread upon the earth, even on Mount Sinai, and appear from His camp and appear in the strength of His might from the heaven of heavens.
5. And all shall be smitten with fear and the Watchers shall quake, and great fear and trembling shall seize them unto the ends of the earth.
6. And the high mountains shall be shaken, and the high hills shall be made low, and shall melt like wax before the flame
7. And the earth shall be wholly rent in sunder, and all that is upon the earth shall perish, and there shall be a judgment upon all men.

8. But with the righteous He will make peace. And will protect the elect, and mercy shall be upon them. And they shall all belong to God, and they shall be prospered, and they shall all be blessed. And He will help them all, and light shall appear unto them, and He will make peace with them.
9. And behold! He comes with ten thousands of His holy ones to execute judgment upon all, and to destroy all the ungodly and to convict all flesh of all the works of their ungodliness which they have ungodly committed, and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.

The following are Bible verses which speak about the information written by Enoch:

Revelation 19:11 – 15 records the vision of this event that Jesus revealed to the Apostle John: “I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one but he himself knows. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron scepter. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.” [Written about 96 AD.]

Jude 14 – 15 reads: “Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men [whom Jude has been describing previously]: ‘See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.’” As we can see, Jude doesn’t apparently quote verbatim whatever copy of the Book of Enoch that he had (as far as we can tell), but he accurately puts the thought of the passage in Enoch in approximately the same words. [Written about 68 – 70 AD.]

Jeremiah 25:15 – 38 reads: “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, said to me: ‘Take from my hand this cup filled with the wine of my wrath and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it. When they drink it they will stagger and go mad because of the sword I will send among them.’ So I took the cup from the Lord’s hand and made all the nations to whom he sent me drink it: ... all the kingdoms on the face of the earth. ... See, I am beginning to bring disaster on the city that bears my Name, and will you indeed go unpunished? You will not go unpunished, for I am calling down a sword upon all who live on the earth, declares the Lord Almighty.’ ... The tumult will resound to the ends of the earth, for the Lord will bring charges against the nations; he will bring judgment on all mankind and put the wicked to the sword,’ declares the Lord.” [Written about 606 BC]

Zechariah 14:3 – 9 reads: “then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle. On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. On that day there will be no light, no cold or frost. It will be a unique day, without daytime or nighttime – a day known to the Lord. When evening comes, there will be light. On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half to the eastern sea [Dead Sea] and half to the western sea [Mediterranean Sea], in summer and in winter. The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name.” [Written about 520 – 480 BC.]

Matthew 24:29 – 31 reads (Jesus’ words): “Immediately after the distress of those days ‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.” [Written about 40 – 60 AD.]

Mark 13:24 – 31 reads (Jesus' words): "But in those days, following that distress, 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the ends of the heavens. Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." [Written about 40 – 60 AD.]

Luke 21:20 – 28 reads (Jesus' words): "When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On earth nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." [Written about 40 – 60 AD.]

2 Peter 3:10 – 13 reads: "But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness." [Written about 66 – 68 AD.]

Isaiah 13:9 - 13 reads: "See, the day of the Lord is coming – a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger – to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it. The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light. I will punish the world for its evil, the wicked for their sins. I will put an end to the arrogance of the haughty and will humble the pride of the ruthless. I will make man scarcer than pure gold, more rare than the gold of Ophir. Therefore I will make the heavens tremble; and the earth will shake from its place at the wrath of the Lord Almighty, in the day of his burning anger." [Written about 760 – 700 BC.]

Isaiah 34:1 – 4 reads: "Come near, you nations and listen; pay attention you peoples! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, the world, and all that comes out of it! The Lord is angry with all nations; his wrath is upon all their armies. He will totally destroy them, he will give them over to slaughter. Their slain will be thrown out, their dead bodies will send up a stench; the mountains will be soaked with their blood. All the stars of the heavens will be dissolved and the sky rolled up like a scroll; all the starry host will fall like withered leaves from the vine, like shriveled figs from the fig tree." [Written about 760 – 700 BC.]

Malachi 4:1 – 3 reads: "'Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire,' says the Lord Almighty. 'Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things,' says the Lord Almighty." [Written about 424 BC.]

Other than the Jude passage (which quotes the Book of Enoch), these passages agree with what is written in chapter 1 of the Book of Enoch without quoting it, but does show the ideas existed by 760 BC.

Chapter 2

1. Observe ye everything that takes place in the heaven, how they do not change their orbits, and the luminaries which are in the heaven, how they all rise and set in order each in its season, and transgress not against their appointed order.
2. Behold ye the earth, and give heed to the things which take place upon it from first to last, how steadfast they are, how none of the things upon earth change, but all the works of God appear to you.
3. Behold the summer and the winter, how the whole earth is filled with water, and clouds and dew and rain lie upon it.

Chapter 3

Observe and see how in the winter all the trees seem as though they had withered and shed all their leaves, except fourteen trees, which do not lose their foliage but retain the old foliage from two to three years till the new comes.

Chapter 4

And again, observe ye the days of summer how the sun is above the earth over against it. And you seek shade and shelter by reason of the heat of the sun, and the earth also burns with glowing heat, and so you cannot tread on the earth, or on a rock by reason of its heat.

Chapter 5

1. Observe ye how the trees cover themselves with green leaves and bear fruit: wherefore give ye heed and know with regard to all His works, and recognize how He that lives for ever hath made them so.
2. And all His works go on thus from year to year for ever, and all the tasks which they accomplish for Him, and their tasks change not, but according as God hath ordained so is it done.
3. And behold how the sea and the rivers in like manner accomplish and change not their tasks from His commandments.
4. But ye --ye have not been steadfast, nor done the commandments of the Lord, but ye have turned away and spoken proud and hard words with your impure mouths against His greatness. Oh, ye hard-hearted, ye shall find no peace.
5. Therefore shall ye execrate your days, and the years of your life shall perish, and the years of your destruction shall be multiplied in eternal execration, and ye shall find no mercy.
6. In those days ye shall make your names an eternal execration unto all the righteous, and by you shall all who curse, curse, and all the sinners and godless shall imprecate by you, and for you the godless there shall be a curse. And all the ... shall rejoice, and there shall be forgiveness of sins, and every mercy and peace and forbearance. There shall be salvation unto them, a goodly light. And for all of you sinners there shall be no salvation, but on you all shall abide a curse. But for the elect there shall be light and joy and peace, and they shall inherit the earth. And then there shall be bestowed upon the elect wisdom, and they shall all live and never again sin, either through ungodliness or through pride. But they who are wise shall be humble. And they shall not again transgress, nor shall they sin all the days of their life, nor shall they die of (the divine) anger or wrath, but they shall complete the number of the days of their

life. And their lives shall be increased in peace, and the years of their joy shall be multiplied, in eternal gladness and peace, all the days of their life.

In Chapter 2 verse 1 through Chapter 5 verse 3, Enoch tells his reader to contemplate and consider the natural world and how it follows the laws that God has established for them throughout a year and year after year. Then beginning in Chapter 5 verse 4 through the end of Chapter 6, he describes how some people do not persevere and follow God's law like nature does. He says that because of this they will not have peace nor receive mercy from the eternal curse they bring upon themselves and that their name will be an eternal curse proclaimed by the righteous. Then he describes what will happen to the chosen (the righteous). For them there will be light, joy and peace and they will inherit the earth. They will live and not again do wrong and (so) they will not be judged nor die of wrath or anger, but their joy will increase in gladness and eternal peace all the days of their life.

The following are verses from the Bible that speak about what is written in Chapters 2 through 6:

Genesis 1:14-19 "And God said, 'Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth.' And it was so."

Genesis 8:21-22 [After the flood had ended and Noah offered a burnt sacrifice to God] "The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: 'Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.'"

Here are a few verses from God's statement in Job 38 and 39 (all of which bear on the Enoch passage): "The Lord answered Job out of the storm. He said: '... Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone – while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, when I said, thus far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt? ... Have you entered the storehouses of the snow or seen the storehouses of the hail, which I reserve for times of trouble, for days of way and battle? ...'"

Psalms 1:1-3 "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers."

Psalms 8:3-4 "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you are for him?"

Psalms 19:1-6 "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat."

Psalms 74:12-17 "But you, O God, are my king from of old; you bring salvation upon the earth. It was you who split open the sea by your power; you broke the heads of the monster in the waters. It was you who

crushed the heads of Leviathan and gave him as food to the creatures of the desert. It was you who opened up springs and streams; you dried up the ever flowing rivers. The day is yours, and yours also the night; you established the sun and moon. It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.”

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 “The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem: ‘Meaningless! Meaningless!’ says the Teacher. ‘Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.’ What does man gain from all his labor at which he toils under the sun? Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever. The sun rises and the sun sets and hurries back to where it rises. The wind blows to the south and turns to the north; round and round it goes, ever returning on its course. All streams flow into the sea yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again. All things are wearisome, more than one can say. The eye never has enough of seeing, or the ear its fill of hearing. What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which one can say, ‘Look! this is something new?’ It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time. There is no remembrance of men of old, and even those who are yet to come will not be remembered by those who follow.”

Isaiah chapter 24 describes the Lord’s devastation of the earth that will occur during the time of tribulation described in Revelation chapters 6 through 18. In Isaiah 24:21-23 we read about the Lord’s punishment of those who have opposed him: “In that day the Lord will punish the powers in the heavens above and the kings on the earth below. They will be herded together like prisoners bound in a dungeon; they will be shut up in prison and be punished after many days. [Note: The many days would be the Millennium described in Rev 20.] The moon will be abashed, the sun ashamed; for the Lord Almighty will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before its elders, gloriously.” Isaiah chapter 25 describes God’s promised coming kingdom. Isaiah chapters 32 through 35 describe God’s Millennial Kingdom and God’s judgment on the nations. Isaiah chapters 56 through 66 also describe God’s accusation against the wicked but also describe the salvation he gives to those who “bind themselves to the Lord” [trust him and let him be in charge of their lives.] Isaiah 57:13 “... But the man who makes me his refuge will inherit the land and possess my holy mountain.” There are many other passages throughout the Book of Isaiah that describe God’s judgment on the wicked and his blessing of those who make him their refuge [the righteous].

Jeremiah 31:35-37 reads: “This is what the Lord says, he who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar – the Lord Almighty is his name: ‘Only if these decrees vanish from my sight,’ declares the Lord, ‘will the descendants of Israel ever cease to be a nation before me.’ This is what the Lord says: ‘Only if the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth below be searched out will I reject all the descendants of Israel because of all they have done,’ declares the Lord.”

Joel 3 reads: ““In those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel, for they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land. They cast lots for my people and traded boys for prostitutes; they sold girls for wine that they might drink. Now what have you against me, O Tyre and Sidon and all you regions of Philistia? Are you repaying me for something I have done? If you are paying me back, I will swiftly and speedily return on your own heads what you have done. For you took my silver and my gold and carried off my finest treasures to your temples. You sold the people of Judah and Jerusalem to the Greeks, that you might send them far from their homeland. See, I am going to rouse them out of the places to which you sold them, and I will return on your own heads what you have done. I will sell your sons and daughters to the people of Judah and they will sell them to the Sabeans, a nation far away.’ The Lord has spoken. Proclaim this among the nations: Prepare for war! Rouse the warriors! Let all the fighting men draw near and attack. Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears. Let the weakling say, ‘I am strong!’ Come quickly, all you nations from every side and assemble there. Bring down your warriors, O Lord! ‘Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side. Swing the sickle, for the

harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow so great is their wickedness!’ Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine. The Lord will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the sky will tremble. But the Lord will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel. ‘Then you will know that I, the Lord your God, dwell in Zion, my holy hill. Jerusalem will be holy; never again will foreigners invade her. In that day the mountains will drip new wine, and the hills will flow with milk; all the ravines of Judah will run with water. A fountain will flow out of the Lord’s house and will water the valley of acacias (Hebrew Shittim). But Egypt will be desolate, Edom a desert waste, because of violence done to the people of Judah, in whose land they shed innocent blood. Judah will be inhabited forever and Jerusalem through all generations. Their bloodguilt, which I have not pardoned, I will pardon.’ The Lord dwells in Zion!”

Matthew 25:31-46 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’ Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison and did not help you?’ He will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Romans 1:18-20 “The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”

Romans 5:12-20 “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned, for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come. But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man’s sin: the judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as

sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Hebrews 2:1-4 “We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.”

Revelation 19:19-20 “Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.”

Revelation 20:1-3 “And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations any more until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.”

Revelation 20:7-15 “When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth – Gog and Magog – to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God’s people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. The death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

From these biblical verses, it is clear to see that the judgment of the wicked and the blessing of the righteous that are described in the Book of Enoch chapters 2 through 5 are consistent with what God has preserved to instruct his followers. Just as many other Old Testament passages are not as complete as later information that is given in the New Testament, the information in these chapters of the Book of Enoch are not as complete as what God revealed to other Old Testament writers and the New Testament writers. That does not mean we should reject or accept the Book of Enoch at this point in our examination. We must still consider what we will still find.

Chapter 6

1. And it came to pass when the children of men had multiplied that in those days were born unto them beautiful and comely daughters.
2. And the angels, the children of the heaven, saw and lusted after them, and said to one another: 'Come, let us choose us wives from among the children of men and beget us children.'

3. And Semjâzâ, who was their leader, said unto them: 'I fear ye will not indeed agree to do this deed, and I alone shall have to pay the penalty of a great sin.'
4. And they all answered him and said: 'Let us all swear an oath, and all bind ourselves by mutual imprecations not to abandon this plan but to do this thing.'
5. Then swore they all together and bound themselves by mutual imprecations upon it.
6. And they were in all two hundred; who descended in the days of Jared on the summit of Mount Hermon, and they called it Mount Hermon, because they had sworn and bound themselves by mutual imprecations upon it.
7. And these are the names of their leaders: Samâzâz, their leader, Arâkîba, Râmêêl, Kôkabîêl, Tâmîêl, Râmîêl, Dânêl, Êzêqêêl, Barâqîjâl,
8. Asâêl, Armârôs, Batârêl, Anânêl, Zaqîêl, Samsâpêêl, Satarêl, Tûrêl, Jômjâêl, Sariêl. These are their chiefs of tens.

Chapter 7

1. And all the others together with them took unto themselves wives, and each chose for himself one, and they began to go in unto them and to defile themselves with them, and they taught them charms and enchantments,
2. And the cutting of roots, and made them acquainted with plants.
3. And they became pregnant, and they bare great giants, whose height was three thousand ells.
4. Who consumed all the acquisitions of men. And when men could no longer sustain them, the giants turned against them and devoured mankind.
5. And they began to sin against birds, and beasts, and reptiles, and fish, and to devour one another's flesh, and drink the blood.
6. Then the earth laid accusation against the lawless ones.

Chapter 8

1. And Azâzêl taught men to make swords, and knives, and shields, and breastplates, and made known to them the metals of the earth and the art of working them, and bracelets, and ornaments, and the use of antimony, and the beautifying of the eyelids, and all kinds of costly stones, and all coloring tinctures.
2. And there arose much godlessness, and they committed fornication, and they were led astray, and became corrupt in all their ways.
3. Semjâzâ taught enchantments, and root-cuttings, 'Armârôs the resolving of enchantments, Barâqîjâl (taught) astrology, Kôkabêl the constellations, Êzêqêêl the knowledge of the clouds, Araqiêl the signs of the earth, Shamsiêl the signs of the sun, and Sariêl the course of the moon. And as men perished, they cried, and their cry went up to heaven...

Chapter 9

1. And then Michael, Uriel, Raphael, and Gabriel [other translations add Suryal] looked down from heaven and saw much blood being shed upon the earth, and all lawlessness being wrought upon the earth.
2. And they said one to another: 'The earth made without inhabitant cries the voice of their crying up to the gates of heaven.
3. And now to you, the holy ones of heaven, the souls of men make their suit, saying, "Bring our cause before the Most High."
4. And they said to the Lord of the ages: 'Lord of lords, God of gods, King of kings, and God of the ages, the throne of Thy glory stands unto all the generations of the ages,
5. And Thy name holy and glorious and blessed unto all the ages! Thou has made all things, and power over all things has Thou: and all things are naked and open in Thy sight, and Thou sees all things, and nothing can hide itself from Thee.
6. Thou sees what Azâzêl has done, who has taught all unrighteousness on earth and revealed the eternal secrets which were preserved in heaven, which men were striving to learn.
7. And Semjâzâ, to whom Thou has given authority to bear rule over his associates, and they have gone to the daughters of men upon the earth, and have slept with the women,
8. And have defiled themselves and revealed to them all kinds of sins. And the women have borne giants, and the whole earth has thereby been filled with blood and unrighteousness.
9. And now, behold, the souls of those who have died are crying and making their suit to the gates of heaven, and their lamentations have ascended and cannot cease because of the lawless deeds which are wrought on the earth.
10. And Thou know all things before they come to pass, and Thou sees these things and Thou does suffer them, and Thou do not say to us what we are to do to them in regard to these.'

Chapter 10

1. Then said the Most High, the Holy and Great One spoke, and sent Uriel to the son of Lamech,
2. And said to him: 'Go to Noah and tell him in my name "Hide thyself!" and reveal to him the end that is approaching, that the whole earth will be destroyed
3. And a deluge is about to come upon the whole earth, and will destroy all that is on it. And now instruct him that he may escape
4. And his seed may be preserved for all the generations of the world.' And again the Lord said to Raphael: 'Bind Azâzêl hand and foot, and cast him into the darkness: and make an opening in the desert, which is in Dûdâêl, and cast him therein.
5. And place upon him rough and jagged rocks, and cover him with darkness, and let him abide there forever, and cover his face that he may not see light.
6. And on the day of the great judgement he shall be cast into the fire. And heal the earth which the angels have corrupted, and proclaim the healing of the earth, that they may heal the plague, and that all the children of men may not perish through all the secret things that the

7. Watchers have disclosed and have taught their sons. And the whole earth has been corrupted through the works that were taught by Azâzêl. To him ascribe all sin.'
8. And to Gabriel said the Lord: 'Proceed against the bastards and the reprobates, and against the children of fornication: and destroy the children of fornication and the children of the Watchers from amongst men and cause them to go forth. Send them one against the other that they may destroy each other in battle.
9. For length of days shall they not have. And no request that they (i.e. their fathers) make of thee shall be granted unto their fathers on their behalf for they hope to live an eternal life, and that each one of them will live five hundred years.'
10. And the Lord said unto Michael: 'Go, bind Semjâzâ and his associates who have united themselves with women so as to have defiled themselves with them in all their uncleanness.
11. And when their sons have slain one another, and they have seen the destruction of their beloved ones, bind them fast for seventy generations in the valleys of the earth, till the day of their judgement and of their consummation, till the judgement that is forever and ever is consummated.
12. In those days they shall be led off to the abyss of fire and to the torment and the prison in which they shall be confined forever.
13. And whosoever shall be condemned and destroyed will from thenceforth be bound together with them to the end of all generations.
14. And destroy all the spirits of the reprobate and the children of the Watchers, because they have wronged mankind.
15. Destroy all wrong from the face of the earth and let every evil work come to an end, and let the plant of righteousness and truth appear, and it shall prove a blessing; the works of righteousness and truth' shall be planted in truth and joy for evermore.
16. And then shall all the righteous escape, and shall live till they beget thousands of children, and all the days of their youth and their old age shall they complete in peace.
17. And then shall the whole earth be tilled in righteousness, and shall all be planted with trees and be full of blessing.
18. And all desirable trees shall be planted on it, and they shall plant vines on it and the vine which they plant thereon shall yield wine in abundance, and as for all the seed which is sown thereon each measure of it shall bear a thousand, and each measure of olives shall yield ten presses of oil.
19. And cleanse thou the earth from all oppression, and from all unrighteousness, and from all sin, and from all godlessness and all the uncleanness that is wrought upon the earth destroy from off the earth.
20. And all the children of men shall become righteous, and all nations shall offer adoration and shall praise Me, and all shall worship Me.
21. And the earth shall be cleansed from all defilement, and from all sin, and from all punishment, and from all torment, and I will never again send them upon it from generation to generation and forever.

Chapter 11

1. And in those days I will open the store chambers of blessing which are in the heaven, so as to send them down upon the earth over the work and labor of the children of men.
2. And truth and peace shall be associated together throughout all the days of the world and throughout all the generations of men.'

In these verses the Book of Enoch describes fallen angels having sexual relations with the daughters that have been born to men [Note: that would be Adam and after.] and procreated individuals that were a cross between angels and humans. This reported to have happened during the days of Jared. They are called giants. It also describes that the fallen angels taught humans the art of metal working, the use of herbs [probably indicating their use to heal illnesses and possibly their use as poisons], the study of the sun, moon, and the stars for astrology [foretelling the future] and to use precious stones, metals, and colorings to adorn themselves [most likely for use in worshipping the fallen angels and / or for seducing men to sexual activity]. All of these are said to be evil. The verses also tell that the offspring of the fallen angels and women eventually turned against mankind and began to devour them, kill animals and drink their blood, and even turn against each other. Because of all this sin, the Lord told an angel to go to Noah and tell him that a judgment of flood would come and that he should hide himself and thus his seed [offspring] could replenish the earth. God also told another angel to bind the fallen angels and hold them for seventy generations "in the valleys of the earth" [that would most likely mean in the ground] until the day of their judgment should come. The verses go on describing a time of judgment that would put an end to evil on the earth and have all the descendants living in righteousness and offering adoration and praise to God. And then there would be truth and peace "throughout all the days of the world and throughout all generation of men."

The following are verses from the Bible that speak about what is written in Chapters 7 through 11:

Besides Satan, there are only two other angels named in the Bible. Michael is named in Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1; Jude 9; and Revelation 12:7. Gabriel is named in Daniel 8:16; 9:21; and Luke 1:19, 26.

Job 1:6 reads: "One day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them." The Hebrew that is translated "angels" literally reads "sons of God." And the Hebrew that is translated "Satan" literally reads "the adversary." Thus we have from Job that the spiritual beings God created before he created the physical universe were known as "the sons of God."

Enoch says it was 200 angels who mated with human women. "Origin, *Contra Celsum*, remarks that Celsus had heard that about sixty or seventy angels had descended and become wicked. Syncellus also gives the number as two hundred." [Schodde, Rev. George H., PhD, *Book of Enoch*, p. 36] "*The book of the Jubilees* (chap.4, ed. Dillmann, p. 17) remarks that Jared was so called because in his days the angels descended (Hebrew text reads to descend) on the earth; and Origen (*Comm. in Joan.* tom. viii. p. 132, ed. Hurt) mentions an explanation of the word Jordan as *the descending*, by bringing it in connection with the name Jared, ... Epiphanius (*adv. Haer.* I. 4, ed. Petav. tom. I. p. 4) puts the origin of magic in the days of Jared." [Schodde, *Book of Enoch*, p. 36] This information about what Origen and Epiphanius believed and explained and what was written in the Book of the Jubilees all show that Jewish writers before the time of Jesus and the early Church Fathers seemed to have been knowledgeable about the ideas written in the Book of Enoch.

Genesis 5:18-32 reads: "When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of Enoch. And after he became the father of Enoch, Jared lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Jared lived 962 years, and then he died. When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. Enoch walked with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Enoch lived 365 years. Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away. When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he became the father of Lamech. And after he became the father of Lamech, Methuselah lived 782 years and had other sons

and daughters. Altogether, Methuselah lived 969 years, and then he died. When Lamech had lived 182 years, he had a son. He named him Noah and said, 'He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the Lord has cursed.' After Noah was born, Lamech lived 595 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Lamech lived 777 years, and then he died. After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham and Japheth."

This gives us the story of Jared becoming the father of Enoch. It tells us of Enoch becoming the father of Methuselah and that God took Enoch away when he had lived 365 years. We learn that Methuselah was the father of Lamech, that Lamech was the father of Noah, and that at the age of 500 he became the father of Ham, Shem and Japheth.

Genesis 6:1-8 reads: "When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. Then the Lord said, 'My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years.' The Nephilim were on the earth in those days and also afterward when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown. The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. So the Lord said, 'I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth – men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air – for I am grieved that I have made them.' But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord."

This gives us the story of how the sons of God (angels) had children with the daughters of man. We are told that the Nephilim were on the earth during that time and they were men of renown. We also learn about the great wickedness of men that so grieved the Lord that he declared he would wipe them and the animals from the face of the earth. But the last thing we read is the Noah found favor (grace) in the eyes of the Lord.

Genesis 6:9-22 reads: "This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God was how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, 'I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. This is how you are to build it: the ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. Make a roof for it and finish the ark to within 18 inches of the top. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. But I will establish my covenant with you and you will enter the ark – you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.' Noah did everything just as God commanded him."

Here we learn that God told Noah what he was going to do to mankind and the animals and that Noah should build an ark to save his family and at least one pair of all the animals (even more of some). We read that God told Noah how to construct the ark and that Noah did everything as God commanded.

Genesis 7:1-16 reads: "The Lord then said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. Take with you seven of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate and two of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, and also seven of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth. Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have

made.’ And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him. Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth. And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood. Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah. And after the seven days the floodwaters came on the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, on the seventeenth day of the second month – on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark. They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings. Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the Lord shut him in.”

This passage gives us more information about God revealing to Noah how many of each animal to take into the ark and that God was going to cause rain to fall for 40 days and nights to wipe out all the people and animals. We learn that Noah was 600 years old when the flood waters came, that he and his family and all the animals entered the ark, and that God shut them in the ark. The name Methuselah means “when he is dead it shall be sent.” By calculating the ages of Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, and Noah, we can see that Methuselah died the year the flood began. [For more information about all of this see the Genesis study by Dr. Cobb on the media page of the Roanoke Baptist Church website <http://www.roanokebaptist.org/Media.html>.]

The following quote from the writing of the early Church Father Irenaeus (175 – 185 AD) shows that he not only knew of the Book of Enoch but used some of the information in it when demonstrating Apostolic preaching. It shows he accepted the description about the fallen angels teaching heavenly secrets to human women and thereby introduced evil things into the lives of humans.

18. And for a very long while wickedness extended and spread, and reached and laid hold upon the whole race of mankind, until a very small seed of righteousness remained among them and illicit unions took place upon the earth, since angels were united with the daughters of the race of mankind; and they bore to them sons who for their exceeding greatness were called giants. And the angels brought as presents to their wives teachings of wickedness, in that they brought them the virtues of roots and herbs, dyeing in colors and cosmetics, the discovery of rare substances, love-potions, aversions, amours, concupiscence, constraints of love, spells of bewitchment, and all sorcery and idolatry hateful to God; by the entry of which things into the world evil extended and spread, while righteousness was diminished and enfeebled. (Irenaeus, *A Discourse in Demonstration of the Apostolic Preaching*)

This account from Enoch is much more detailed than what is given in biblical passages but does not disagree with them. The characteristics of God described in verses 9:4 -6 of Enoch are consistent with his character described throughout the Bible.

Chapter 12

1. Before these things Enoch was hidden, and no one of the children of men knew where he was hidden, and where he abode, and what had become of him.
2. And his activities had to do with the Watchers, and his days were with the holy ones.
3. And I Enoch was blessing the Lord of majesty and the King of the ages, and lo! the Watchers called me Enoch the scribe
4. And said to me: 'Enoch, thou scribe of righteousness, go, declare to the Watchers of the heaven who have left the high heaven, the holy eternal place, and have defiled themselves with women, and have

done as the children of earth do, and have taken unto themselves wives:

5. "Ye have wrought great destruction on the earth, and ye shall have no peace, nor forgiveness of sin.
6. And inasmuch as they delight themselves in their children, the murder of their beloved ones shall they see, and over the destruction of their children shall they lament, and shall make supplication unto eternity, but mercy and peace shall ye not attain."

Chapter 13

1. And Enoch went and said: 'Azâzêl, thou shalt have no peace: a severe sentence has gone forth against thee to put thee in bonds.
2. And thou shalt not have toleration nor request granted to thee, because of the unrighteousness which thou hast taught, and because of all the works of godlessness and unrighteousness and sin which thou hast shown to men.'
3. Then I went and spoke to them all together, and they were all afraid, and fear and trembling seized them.
4. And they besought me to draw up a petition for them that they might find forgiveness and to read their petition in the presence of the Lord of heaven.
5. For from thenceforward they could not speak with Him nor lift up their eyes to heaven for shame of their sins for which they had been condemned.
6. Then I wrote out their petition, and the prayer in regard to their spirits and their deeds individually and in regard to their requests that they should have forgiveness and length.
7. And I went off and sat down at the waters of Dan, in the land of Dan, to the south of the west of Hermon. I read their petition till I fell asleep.
8. And behold a dream came to me, and visions fell down upon me, and I saw visions of chastisement, and a voice came bidding me to tell it to the sons of heaven, and reprimand them.
9. And when I awaked, I came unto them, and they were all sitting gathered together, weeping in Abelsjâîl, which is between Lebanon and Sênêsêr, with their faces covered.
10. And I recounted before them all the visions which I had seen in sleep, and I began to speak the words of righteousness, and to reprimand the heavenly Watchers.

Chapter 14

1. The book of the words of righteousness, and of the reprimand of the eternal Watchers in accordance with the command of the Holy Great One in that vision.
2. I saw in my sleep what I will now say with a tongue of flesh and with the breath of my mouth which the Great One has given to men to converse therewith and understand with the heart.
3. As He has created and given to man the power of understanding the word of wisdom, so has He created me also and given me the power of reprimanding the Watchers, the children of heaven.

4. I wrote out your petition, and in my vision it appeared thus, that your petition will not be granted unto you throughout all the days of eternity, and that judgement has been finally passed upon you.
5. Yea your petition will not be granted unto you. And from henceforth you shall not ascend into heaven unto all eternity, and in bonds of the earth the decree has gone forth to bind you for all the days of the world.
6. And that previously you shall have seen the destruction of your beloved sons and ye shall have no pleasure in them, but they shall fall before you by the sword.
7. And your petition on their behalf shall not be granted, nor yet on your own even though you weep and pray and speak all the words contained in the writing which I have written.
8. And the vision was shown to me thus: behold, in the vision clouds invited me and a mist summoned me, and the course of the stars and the lightnings sped and hastened me, and the winds in the vision caused me to fly and lifted me upward, and bore me into heaven.
9. And I went in till I drew nigh to a wall which is built of crystals and surrounded by tongues of fire: and it began to affright [frighten] me.
10. And I went into the tongues of fire and drew nigh to a large house which was built of crystals: and the walls of the house were like a tessellated floor made of crystals, and its groundwork was of crystal.
11. Its ceiling was like the path of the stars and the lightnings, and between them were fiery cherubim, and their heaven was clear as water.
12. A flaming fire surrounded the walls, and its portals blazed with fire.
13. And I entered into that house, and it was hot as fire and cold as ice. There were no delights of life therein.
14. Fear covered me, and trembling got hold upon me and as I quaked and trembled, I fell upon my face.
15. And I beheld a vision, and lo! there was a second house, greater than the former, and the entire portal stood open before me, and it was built of flames of fire.
16. And in every respect it so excelled in splendor and magnificence and extent that I cannot describe to you its splendor and its extent.
17. And its floor was of fire, and above it were lightnings and the path of the stars, and its ceiling also was flaming fire.
18. And I looked and saw therein a lofty throne. Its appearance was as crystal, and the wheels thereof as the shining sun, and there was the vision of cherubim.
19. And from underneath the throne came streams of flaming fire so that I could not look thereon.
20. And the Great Glory sat thereon and His raiment shone more brightly than the sun and was whiter than any snow.

21. None of the angels could enter and could behold His face by reason of the magnificence and glory and no flesh could behold Him.
22. The flaming fire was round about Him, and a great fire stood before Him, and none around could draw nigh Him.
23. Ten thousand times ten thousand (stood) before Him, yet He needed no counselor. And the most holy ones who were nigh to Him did not leave by night nor depart from Him.
24. And until then I had been prostrate on my face, trembling and the Lord called me with His own mouth, and said to me: 'Come hither, Enoch, and hear my word.'
25. And one of the holy ones came to me and woke me, and He made me rise up and approach the door and I bowed my face downwards.

Chapter 15

1. And He answered and said to me, and I heard His voice: 'Fear not, Enoch, thou righteous man and scribe of righteousness.
2. Approach hither and hear my voice and go, say to the Watchers of heaven, who have sent thee to intercede for them: "You should intercede" for men, and not men for you.
3. Wherefore have ye left the high, holy, and eternal heaven and lain with women and defiled yourselves with the daughters of men and taken to yourselves wives and done like the children of earth and begotten giants as your sons.
4. And though ye were holy, spiritual, living the eternal life, you have defiled yourselves with the blood of women, and have begotten children with the blood of flesh, and, as the children of men, have lusted after flesh and blood as those also do who die and perish.
5. Therefore have I given them wives also that they might impregnate them, and beget children by them,
6. That thus nothing might be wanting to them on earth. But you were formerly spiritual, living the eternal life, and immortal for all generations of the world.
7. And therefore I have not appointed wives for you, for as for the spiritual ones of the heaven, in heaven is their dwelling.
8. And now, the giants who are produced from the spirits and flesh, shall be called evil spirits upon the earth, and on the earth shall be their dwelling.
9. Evil spirits have proceeded from their bodies because they are born from men and from the holy Watchers is their beginning and primal origin.
10. They shall be evil spirits on earth, and evil spirits shall they be called. As for the spirits of heaven, in heaven shall be their dwelling, but as for the spirits of the earth which were born upon the earth, on the earth shall be their dwelling.
11. And the spirits of the giants afflict, oppress, destroy, attack, do battle, and work destruction on the earth, and cause trouble.

12. They take no food, but nevertheless hunger and thirst, and cause offences. And these spirits shall rise up against the children of men and against the women, because they have proceeded from them.

Chapter 16

1. From the days of the slaughter and destruction and death of the giants, from the souls of whose flesh the spirits, having gone forth, shall destroy without incurring judgement -- thus shall they destroy until the day of the consummation, the great judgement in which the age shall be consummated,
2. Over the Watchers and the godless, yea, shall be wholly consummated." And now as to the Watchers who have sent thee to intercede for them, who had been aforetime in heaven, say to them:
3. "You have been in heaven, but all the mysteries had not yet been revealed to you, and you knew worthless ones, and these in the hardness of your hearts you have made known to the women, and through these mysteries women and men work much evil on earth."
4. Say to them therefore: "You have no peace."

These chapters describe Enoch engaging in dialog with the Watchers (fallen angels who had children by means of human women) and taking a petition from them to the Lord. They give the reply God revealed to Enoch for him to give to the Watchers that they shall never obtain peace and remission of sin and shall not rejoice in their offspring but see their destruction. God also sends a rebuke to them because they should have been interceding for men rather than having a man intercede for them. God's throne and its surroundings in the spiritual realm are described. We are told that the angels from their beginning were eternal spiritual beings not subject to death and that wives were not made for them like for humans and that human procreation was to be done on earth. God says the offspring of the Watchers and human women will be called evil spirits and their habitation, even after the death of their physical bodies, will be on earth and these evil spirits shall be like clouds which oppress, corrupt, and cause lamentation. They shall be concealed and not rise up against humans until they are called forth during the days of slaughter and destruction (Tribulation). Thus they shall endure hunger and thirst until the day of the great consummation (destruction) of the world which will bring the destruction of the Watchers and the impious. All of this is happening because the Watchers have revealed mysteries that they knew in heaven to human women and those mysteries have brought multiplied evils on earth. Chapter 12 begins with the information that Enoch was concealed and his whereabouts and dealings with the Watchers was not known to men.

The following are verses from the Bible that speak about what is written in Chapters 12 through 16:

Genesis 5:24 reads: Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away."

This verse describes Enoch being taken up to heaven by God and agrees with men not knowing where he was as described in the Book of Enoch.

Isaiah 6:1-5 reads: "In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.' At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke."

Ezekiel 1:4-6, and 22-28 read: "I looked, and I was a windstorm coming out of the north – an immense cloud with flashing lightning and surrounded by brilliant light. The center of the fire looked like glowing metal, and

in the fire was what looked like four living creatures. In appearance their form was that of a man, but each of them had four faces and four wings.” ... “Spread out above the heads of the living creatures was what looked like an expanse, sparkling like ice and awesome. Under the expanse their wings were stretched out one toward the other, and each had two wings covering its body. When the creatures moved I heard the sound of their wings, like the roar of rushing waters, like the voice of the Almighty, like the tumult of an army. When they stood still, they lowered their wings. Then there came a voice from above the expanse over their heads as they stood with lowered wings. Above the expanse over their heads was what looked like a throne of sapphire, and high above on the throne was a figure like that of a man. I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded him. Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. When I saw it, I fell facedown, and I heard the voice of one speaking.”

Revelation 4:1-8 reads: “After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.’ At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne. Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.”

These verses describe the throne of God in the spiritual universe and are somewhat similar to the description given in the Book of Enoch.

Luke 8:26-33, 36 reads: “They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, ‘what do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!’ For Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. Jesus asked him, ‘What is your name?’ ‘Legion,’ he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.” ... “Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured.”

Revelation 9:1-11 reads: “The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. They were not given power to kill them, but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes a man. During those days men will seek death, but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them. The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. Their hair was like women’s hair, and their teeth were like lions’ teeth. They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. They had tails and stings like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. They had a king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek Apollyon.”

These verses describe fallen angels being confined in an abyss and being released during the Tribulation to torment those who are not putting their trust in God. These angels are led by a fallen angel named Abaddon (Hebrew) and Apollyon (Greek). Both Abaddon and Apollyon mean destroyer or destruction. This is not the another name for the fallen angel, Satan, which means adversary.

The early Church Father Irenaeus in writing against heresies about perfect righteousness not being conferred by circumcision nor any legal ceremonies gives the follow statement: “Enoch, too, pleasing God, without circumcision, discharged the office of God’s legate to the angels although he was a man, and was translated, and is preserved until now as a witness of the just judgment of God, because the angels when they had transgressed fell to the earth for judgment, but the man who pleased [God] was translated for salvation.” (Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*, Book 4, Chap 16) The idea that Enoch was God’s emissary (legate) is not found anywhere but in the Book of Enoch. This shows Irenaeus accepted the Book of Enoch and considered it should be used in teaching doctrine to believers.

These verses agree with several things described in the Book of Enoch but without all the details about the fallen angels and their evil action of procreating with human women, the deaths of children of those unions, and that the spirits of those children will remain on earth as evil spirits tormenting humans until the time of the destruction of the earth. The Revelation 9 passage tells of the release of fallen angels from the Abyss during the Tribulation to torment but not kill humans and this agrees with the Book of Enoch.

Chapter 17

1. And they took and brought me to a place in which those who were there were like flaming fire, and, when they wished, they appeared as men.
2. And they brought me to the place of darkness, and to a mountain the point of whose summit reached to heaven.
3. And I saw the places of the luminaries and the treasuries of the stars and of the thunder and in the uttermost depths,
4. Where were a fiery bow and arrows and their quiver, and a fiery sword and all the lightnings. And they took me to the living waters,
5. And to the fire of the west, which receives every setting of the sun. And I came to a river of fire in which the fire flows like water and discharges itself into the great sea towards the west.
6. I saw the great rivers and came to the great river and to the great darkness, and went to the place where no flesh walks.
7. I saw the mountains of the darkness of winter and the place whence all the waters of the deep flow.
8. I saw the mouths of all the rivers of the earth and the mouth of the deep.

Chapter 18

1. I saw the treasuries of all the winds. I saw how He had furnished with them the whole creation
2. And the firm foundations of the earth. And I saw the corner-stone of the earth. I saw the four winds which bear the earth and the firmament of the heaven.

3. And I saw how the winds stretch out the vaults of heaven, and have their station between heaven and earth: these are the pillars of the heaven.
4. I saw the winds of heaven which turn and bring the circumference of the sun and all the stars to their setting.
5. I saw the winds on the earth carrying the clouds. I saw the paths of the angels. I saw at the end of the earth the firmament of the heaven above.
6. And I proceeded and saw a place which burns day and night, where there are seven mountains of magnificent stones, three towards the east, and three towards the south.
7. And as for those towards the east, one was of colored stone, and one of pearl, and one of jacinth, and those towards the south of red stone.
8. But the middle one reached to heaven like the throne of God, of alabaster, and the summit of the throne was of sapphire. And I saw a flaming fire.
9. And beyond these mountains is a region -- the end of the great earth. There the heavens were completed. And I saw a deep abyss, with columns of heavenly fire, and among them I saw columns of fire fall, which were beyond measure alike towards the height and towards the depth.
10. And beyond that abyss I saw a place which had no firmament of the heaven above, and no firmly founded earth beneath it: there was no water upon it, and no birds,
11. But it was a waste and horrible place. I saw there seven stars like great burning mountains,
12. And to me, when I inquired regarding them, the angel said: 'This place is the end of heaven and earth.
13. This has become a prison for the stars and the host of heaven. And the stars which roll over the fire are they which have transgressed the commandment of the Lord in the beginning of their rising, because they did not come forth at their appointed times.
14. And He was wroth [angry] with them, and bound them till the time when their guilt should be consummated even for ten thousand years.'

Chapter 19

1. And Uriel said to me: 'Here shall stand the angels who have connected themselves with women, and their spirits assuming many different forms are defiling mankind and shall lead them astray into sacrificing to demons as gods.
2. Here shall they stand, till the day of the great judgement in which they shall be judged till they are made an end of. And the women also of the angels who went astray shall become sirens.'
3. And I, Enoch, alone, saw the vision, the ends of all things: and no man shall see as I have seen.

Chapter 20

1. And these are the names of the holy angels who watch.

2. Uriel, one of the holy angels, who is over the world and over Tartarus.
3. Raphael, one of the holy angels, who is over the spirits of men.
4. Raguel, one of the holy angels, who takes vengeance on the world of the luminaries.
5. Michael, one of the holy angels, who is over human virtue and over the nations.
6. Saraqâël, one of the holy angels, who is set over the spirits, who sin in the spirit.
7. Gabriel, one of the holy angels, who is over Paradise and the serpents and the Cherubim.
8. Remiel, one of the holy angels, whom God set over those who rise.

In chapters 17 - 20, Enoch describes his journey to the end of heaven and the abyss where the fallen angels who cohabited with human women are imprisoned until they will be judged at the end of all things. He says that he alone saw the end of all things and no man will see it as he has seen it. Then it is revealed that there are seven archangels and the names and their function (primary responsibility) is given.

Except for the existence of the abyss and that Satan and the angels who follow him will be judged at the end of things, none of this information is found in any biblical verses. Much of what is written must be symbolic in nature because it is an attempt to describe things that have not been revealed in any other way to humans. Although there are no biblical passages describing the abyss or the fallen angels imprisoned there at this time, there is no reason to reject the information. In fact, Tertullian, in his teaching about idolatry, quotes that Enoch predicted ““the demons, and the spirits of the angelic apostates, would turn into idolatry all the elements, all the gamiture of the universe, all things contained in the heaven, in the sea, in the earth, that they might be consecrated as God, in opposition to God.”” (Tertullian, *On Idolatry*, Chap 4 and Chap 15) This is like what is revealed in the Book of Enoch and it is the only place he could get this information to teach believers about the origins of idolatry.

Chapter 21

1. And I proceeded to where things were chaotic.
2. And I saw there something horrible.
3. I saw neither a heaven above nor a firmly founded earth, but a place chaotic and horrible.
4. And there I saw seven stars of the heaven bound together in it, like great mountains and burning with fire.
5. Then I said: 'For what sin are they bound, and on what account have they been cast in hither?' Then said Uriel, one of the holy angels, who was with me, and was chief over them, and said:
6. 'Enoch, why do thou ask, and why are thou eager for the truth? These are of the number of the stars of heaven, which have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and are bound here till ten thousand years, the time entailed by their sins, are consummated.'

7. And from thence I went to another place, which was still more horrible than the former, and I saw a horrible thing: a great fire there which burnt and blazed, and the place was cleft as far as the abyss, being full of great descending columns of fire.
8. Neither its extent or magnitude could I see nor could I conjecture. Then I said: 'How fearful is the place and how terrible to look upon!'
9. Then Uriel answered me, one of the holy angels who was with me, and said unto me: 'Enoch, why have thou such fear and fright?'
10. And I answered: 'Because of this fearful place, and because of the spectacle of the pain.' And he said unto me: 'This place is the prison of the angels, and here they will be imprisoned for ever.'

Chapter 22

1. And thence I went to another place and a mountain and of hard rock.
2. And there was in it four hollow places, deep and wide and very smooth. How smooth are the hollow places and deep and dark to look at.
3. Then Raphael answered, one of the holy angels who was with me, and said unto me: 'These hollow places have been created for this very purpose that the spirits of the souls of the dead should assemble therein, yea that all the souls of the children of men should assemble here.
4. And these places have been made to receive them till the day of their judgement and till their appointed period, till the great judgement comes upon them.'
5. I saw the spirit of a dead man making suit, and his voice went forth to heaven and made suit. And I asked Raphael, the angel who was with me, and I said unto him:
6. 'This spirit which makes suit, whose is it, whose voice goes forth and makes suit to heaven?'
7. And he answered me saying: 'This is the spirit which went forth from Abel, whom his brother Cain slew, and he makes his suit against him till his seed is destroyed from the face of the earth, and his seed is annihilated from amongst the seed of men.'
8. Then I asked regarding it, and regarding all the hollow places: 'Why is one separated from the other?'
9. And he answered me and said unto me: 'These three have been made that the spirits of the dead might be separated. And such a division has been made for the spirits of the righteous, in which there is the bright spring of water.
10. And such has been made for sinners when they die and are buried in the earth and judgement has not been executed on them in their lifetime.
11. Here their spirits shall be set apart in this great pain till the great day of judgement and punishment and torment of those who curse forever and retribution for their spirits. There He shall bind them forever.
12. And such a division has been made for the spirits of those who make their suit, who make disclosures concerning their destruction, when they were slain in the days of the sinners.

13. Such has been made for the spirits of men who were not righteous but sinners, who were complete in transgression, and of the transgressors they shall be companions. But their spirits shall not be slain in the day of judgement nor shall they be raised from thence.'
14. Then I blessed the Lord of glory and said: 'Blessed be my Lord, the Lord of righteousness, who rules forever.'

Chapter 23

1. From thence I went to another place to the west of the ends of the earth.
2. And I saw a burning fire which ran without resting, and paused not from its course day or night but ran regularly.
3. And I asked saying: 'What is this which rests not?'
4. Then Raguel, one of the holy angels who was with me, answered me and said unto me: 'This course of fire which thou hast seen is the fire in the west which persecutes all the luminaries of heaven.'

Chapter 24

1. And from thence I went to another place of the earth, and he showed me a mountain range of fire which burnt day and night.
2. And I went beyond it and saw seven magnificent mountains all differing each from the other, and the stones (thereof) were magnificent and beautiful, magnificent as a whole, of glorious appearance and fair exterior: three towards the east, one founded on the other, and three towards the south, one upon the other, and deep rough ravines, no one of which joined with any other.
3. And the seventh mountain was in the midst of these, and it excelled them in height, resembling the seat of a throne and fragrant trees encircled the throne.
4. And among them was a tree such as I had never yet smelled, neither was any among them nor were others like it. It had a fragrance beyond all fragrance, and its leaves and blooms and wood wither not for ever.
5. And its fruit is beautiful, and its fruit resembles the dates of a palm. Then I said: 'How beautiful is this tree, and fragrant, and its leaves are fair, and its blooms very delightful in appearance.'
6. Then answered Michael, one of the holy and honored angels who was with me, and was their leader.

Chapter 25

1. And he said unto me: 'Enoch, why dost thou ask me regarding the fragrance of the tree,
2. And why dost thou wish to learn the truth?' Then I answered him saying: 'I wish to know about everything, but especially about this tree.'
3. And he answered saying: 'This high mountain which thou hast seen, whose summit is like the throne of God, is His throne, where the Holy Great One, the Lord of Glory, the Eternal King, will sit, when He shall come down to visit the earth with goodness.'

4. And as for this fragrant tree no mortal is permitted to touch it till the great judgement, when He shall take vengeance on all and bring everything to its consummation forever.
5. It shall then be given to the righteous and holy. Its fruit shall be for food to the elect. It shall be transplanted to the holy place, to the temple of the Lord, the Eternal King.
6. Then shall they rejoice with joy and be glad, and into the holy place shall they enter. And its fragrance shall be in their bones, and they shall live a long life on earth, such as thy fathers lived. And in their days shall no sorrow or plague or torment or calamity touch them.'
7. Then blessed I the God of Glory, the Eternal King, who has prepared such things for the righteous, and has created them and promised to give to them.

Chapter 26

1. And I went from thence to the middle of the earth, and I saw a blessed place in which there were trees with branches abiding and blooming of a dismembered tree.
2. And there I saw a holy mountain, and underneath the mountain to the east there was a stream and it flowed towards the south.
3. And I saw towards the east another mountain higher than this, and between them a deep and narrow ravine.
4. In it also ran a stream underneath the mountain. And to the west thereof there was another mountain, lower than the former and of small elevation, and a ravine deep and dry between them
5. And another deep and dry ravine was at the extremities of the three mountains. And all the ravines were deep and narrow, being formed of hard rock, and trees were not planted upon them.
6. And I marveled at the rocks, and I marveled at the ravine, yea, I marveled very much.

Chapter 27

1. Then said I: 'For what object is this blessed land, which is entirely filled with trees, and this accursed valley between?'
2. Then Uriel, one of the holy angels who was with me, answered and said: 'This accursed valley is for those who are accursed for ever. Here shall all the accursed be gathered together who utter with their lips against the Lord unseemly words and of His glory speak hard things. Here shall they be gathered together, and here shall be their place of judgement.
3. In the last days there shall be upon them the spectacle of righteous judgement in the presence of the righteous for ever. Here shall the merciful bless the Lord of glory, the Eternal King.
4. In the days of judgement over the former, they shall bless Him for the mercy in accordance with which He has assigned them their lot.'
5. Then I blessed the Lord of Glory and set forth His glory and lauded Him gloriously.

Chapter 28

1. And thence I went towards the east, into the midst of the mountain range of the desert, and I saw a wilderness and it was solitary, full of trees and plants.
2. And water gushed forth from above.
3. Rushing like a copious watercourse which flowed towards the north-west it caused clouds and dew to ascend on every side.

Chapter 29

1. And thence I went to another place in the desert, and approached to the east of this mountain range.
2. And there I saw aromatic trees exhaling the fragrance of frankincense and myrrh, and the trees also were similar to the almond tree.

Chapter 30

1. And beyond these, I went afar to the east, and I saw another place, a valley (full) of water.
2. And therein there was a tree, the color of fragrant trees such as the mastic.
3. And on the sides of those valleys I saw fragrant cinnamon. And beyond these I proceeded to the east.

Chapter 31

1. And I saw other mountains, and among them were groves of trees, and there flowed forth from them nectar, which is named sarara and galbanum.
2. And beyond these mountains I saw another mountain to the east of the ends of the earth, whereon were aloe-trees, and all the trees were full of stacte, being like almond-trees.
3. And when one burnt it, it smelt sweeter than any fragrant odor.

Chapter 32

1. And after these fragrant odors, as I looked towards the north over the mountains I saw seven mountains full of choice nard and fragrant trees and cinnamon and pepper.
2. And thence I went over the summits of all these mountains, far towards the east of the earth, and passed above the Erythraean Sea and went far from it, and passed over the angel Zotiel. And I came to the Garden of Righteousness,
3. And from afar off, I saw trees more numerous than I these trees and great trees, very great, beautiful, and glorious, and magnificent, and the tree of knowledge, whose holy fruit they eat and know great wisdom.

4. That tree is in height like the fir, and its leaves are like those of the Carob tree. And its fruit is like the clusters of the vine, very beautiful, and the fragrance of the tree penetrates afar.
5. Then I said: 'How beautiful is the tree, and how attractive is its look!' Then Raphael the holy angel, who was with me, answered me and said: 'This is the tree of wisdom, of which thy father old in years and thy aged mother, who were before thee, have eaten, and they learned wisdom and their eyes were opened, and they knew that they were naked and they were driven out of the garden.'

Chapter 33

1. And from thence I went to the ends of the earth and saw there great beasts, each differed from the other. And I saw birds also differing in appearance and beauty and voice, the one differing from the other. And to the east of those beasts I saw the ends of the earth whereon the heaven rests and the portals of the heaven open.
2. And I saw how the stars of heaven come forth, and I counted the portals out of which they proceed,
3. And wrote down all their outlets, of each individual star by itself, according to their number and their names, their courses and their positions, and their times and their months, as Uriel the holy angel who was with me showed me.
4. He showed all things to me and wrote them down for me, also their names he wrote for me, and their laws and their companies.

Chapter 34

1. And from thence I went towards the north to the ends of the earth, and there I saw a great and glorious device at the ends of the whole earth.
2. And here I saw three portals of heaven open in the heaven. Through each of them proceed north winds. When they blow there is cold, hail, frost, snow, dew, and rain.
3. And out of one portal they blow for good, but when they blow through the other two portals, it is with violence and affliction on the earth, and they blow with violence.

Chapter 35

1. And from thence I went towards the west to the ends of the earth,
2. And saw there three portals of the heaven open such as I had seen in the east, the same number of portals, and the same number of outlets.

Chapter 36

1. And from thence I went to the south to the ends of the earth, and saw there three open portals of the heaven, and thence there come dew, rain, and wind.
2. And from thence I went to the east to the ends of the heaven, and saw here the three eastern portals of heaven open and small portals above them.
3. Through each of these small portals pass the stars of heaven and run their course to the west on the path which is shown to them. And as often as I saw I blessed always the Lord of Glory, and I continued to

bless the Lord of Glory who has wrought great and glorious wonders, to show the greatness of His work to the angels and to spirits and to men, that they might praise His work and all His creation. That they might see the work of His might and praise the great work of His hands and bless Him forever.

Chapter 21 describes a place where seven of the fallen angels (stars) are presently imprisoned and then describes the place where the fallen (rebellious) angels will be imprisoned forever. The first place is described as chaotic without a sky (firmament) or earth. This sounds similar to the description of the physical universe in Genesis 1:1-2 before God began creating everything in it. The second place is described as more horrible with a great blazing fire and its extent or magnitude could not be determined.

Chapter 22 describes the place where the souls of the dead go to await their future judgment as having four deep, hollow places. One place is described as having the soul of Abel who makes suit (cries out for justice) to heaven about Cain killing him. One of the places is described as a pleasant place for the souls of the righteous and having a spring of water. Another place is described as being for the spirits who have not been judged during their lifetime and that they will be in great pain until final judgment and punishment.

Chapter 23 says that there is a fire which persecutes all the stars of heaven (fallen angels).

Chapters 24 – 25 describe a throne on top of a mountain with trees circling it. Among the trees was a particular tree with fruit and odor unlike any of the other trees. When asked about that tree, an angel says no mortal is allowed to touch it until after the great judgment and then it would be given to the righteous as food and would be transplanted to the holy place, the temple of the Lord, the Eternal King. There the righteous will live long lives with no sorrow, plague, torment or calamity.

Chapters 26 – 27 describe mountains and deep ravines which are said to be an accursed valley where those who are accursed will be forever.

Chapters 28 – 32 describe more mountains with trees and beyond these is the Garden of Righteousness with the tree from which Adam and Eve ate and were therefore driven from the Garden.

Chapters 33 – 36 describe portals that open from the spiritual realm into the physical realm.

The following Bible verses relate to chapters 21 - 36 of the Book of Enoch:

Genesis 1:1-2 reads: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”

Genesis 2:8 – 9 reads: “Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. And the Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground – trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the gardens were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”

Genesis 2 16-17 reads: “And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.’”

Genesis 3:1-13 tells of Eve being enticed to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil while Adam was also there. Then verses 6 and 7 read: “When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband who was with her and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.” After that the passage describes the result of their disobedience by eating of the tree of which Adam had been told not to eat.

Genesis 3:23 – 24 reads: “So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.”

Genesis 4:1-10 tells about the first two sons of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and tells how Cain attacked and killed his brother. Verse 10 reads: “The Lord said, ‘What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground.’”

Luke 16:1-31 records Jesus’ description about what happened to a rich man (who did not have faith in and obey God) and a man named Lazarus (who had faith in and tried to obey God) after their deaths. Verses 22 and 26 read as follow: “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’”

Revelation 20:11-15 reads: “Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

Revelation 21:1-4 reads: “Then I was a new heaven and a new earth, for the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’”

Revelation 22:1-5 reads: “Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.”

These verses show us that the chapters from the Book of Enoch contain truth. The chapters also give us additional details about the afterlife and God’s judgment of rebellious angels and men. That additional information is not necessary for understanding God’s plan for dealing with man’s sin (rebellion against God’s authority and not trusting his control over our life) but it does help us understand some of the information that he has preserved for us in the Bible and which the Jews of Jesus’ day would have understood.

Chapter 37

1. The second vision which he saw, the vision of wisdom, which Enoch the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Cainan, the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, saw.
2. And this is the beginning of the words of wisdom which I lifted up my voice to speak and say to those which dwell on earth: Hear, ye men of old time, and see, ye that come after, the words of the Holy One

which I will speak before the Lord of Spirits.

3. It were better to declare them only to the men of old time, but even from those that come after we will not withhold the beginning of wisdom.
4. Till the present day such wisdom has never been given by the Lord of Spirits as I have received according to my insight, according to the good pleasure of the Lord of Spirits by whom the lot of eternal life has been given to me.
5. Now three Parables were imparted to me, and I lifted up my voice and recounted them to those that dwell on the earth.

First Parable

Chapter 38

1. When the congregation of the righteous shall appear, and sinners shall be judged for their sins, and shall be driven from the face of the earth,
2. And when the Righteous One shall appear before the eyes of the righteous, whose elect works hang upon the Lord of Spirits, and light shall appear to the righteous and the elect who dwell on the earth, where then will be the dwelling of the sinners, and where the resting-place of those who have denied the Lord of Spirits? It had been good for them if they had not been born.
3. When the secrets of the righteous shall be revealed and the sinners judged, and the godless driven from the presence of the righteous and elect,
4. From that time those that possess the earth shall no longer be powerful and exalted, and they shall not be able to behold the face of the holy, for the Lord of Spirits has caused His light to appear on the face of the holy, righteous, and elect.
5. Then shall the kings and the mighty perish and be given into the hands of the righteous and holy.
6. And thence forward none shall seek for themselves mercy from the Lord of Spirits for their life is at an end.

Chapter 39

1. And it shall come to pass in those days that elect and holy children [*These would be the angels, the Sons of God.*] will descend from the high heaven, and their seed will become one with the children of men.
2. And in those days Enoch received books of zeal and wrath, and books of disquiet and expulsion. And mercy shall not be accorded to them, says the Lord of Spirits.
3. And in those days a whirlwind carried me off from the earth, and set me down at the end of the heavens.
4. And there I saw another vision, the dwelling places of the holy, and the resting places of the righteous.
5. Here mine eyes saw their dwellings with His righteous angels, and their resting places with the holy. And they petitioned and interceded and prayed for the children of men, and righteousness flowed before them as water, and mercy like dew upon the earth. Thus it is among them for ever and ever.

6. And in that place mine eyes saw the Elect One of righteousness and of faith, and I saw his dwelling place under the wings of the Lord of Spirits.
7. And righteousness shall prevail in his days, and the righteous and elect shall be without number before Him for ever and ever. And all the righteous and elect before Him shall be strong as fiery lights, and their mouth shall be full of blessing, and their lips extol the name of the Lord of Spirits, and righteousness before Him shall never fail, and uprightness shall never fail before Him.
8. There I wished to dwell, and my spirit longed for that dwelling place. And there heretofore has been my portion, for so has it been established concerning me before the Lord of Spirits.
9. In those days I praised and extolled the name of the Lord of Spirits with blessings and praises, because He has destined me for blessing and glory according to the good pleasure of the Lord of Spirits.
10. For a long time my eyes regarded that place, and I blessed Him and praised Him, saying: 'Blessed is He, and may He be blessed from the beginning and for evermore.' And before Him there is no ceasing. He knows before the world was created what is forever and what will be from generation unto generation.
11. Those who sleep not bless Thee. They stand before Thy glory and bless, praise, and extol, saying: 'Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Spirits. He fills the earth with spirits.'
12. And here my eyes saw all those who sleep not. They stand before Him and bless and say: 'Blessed be Thou, and blessed be the name of the Lord for ever and ever.' And my face was changed, for I could no longer behold.

Chapter 40

1. And after that I saw thousands of thousands and ten thousand times ten thousand. I saw a multitude beyond number and reckoning who stood before the Lord of Spirits.
2. And on the four sides of the Lord of Spirits I saw four presences, different from those that sleep not, and I learned their names for the angel that went with me made known to me their names and showed me all the hidden things.
3. And I heard the voices of those four presences as they uttered praises before the Lord of Glory.
4. The first voice blesses the Lord of Spirits for ever and ever.
5. And the second voice I heard blessing the Elect One and the elect ones who hang upon the Lord of Spirits.
6. And the third voice I heard pray and intercede for those who dwell on the earth and supplicate in the name of the Lord of Spirits.
7. And I heard the fourth voice fending off the satans [*adversaries*] and forbidding them to come before the Lord of Spirits to accuse them who dwell on the earth.
8. After that I asked the angel of peace who went with me, who showed me everything that is hidden: 'Who are these four presences which I have seen and whose words I have heard and written down?' And he said to me: 'This first is Michael, the merciful and long-suffering.'

9. And the second, who is set over all the diseases and all the wounds of the children of men, is Raphael. And the third, who is set over all the powers, is Gabriel. And the fourth, who is set over the repentance unto hope of those who inherit eternal life, is named Phanuel.'
10. These are the four angels of the Lord of Spirits and the four voices I heard in those days.

Chapter 41

1. And after that I saw all the secrets of the heavens, and how the kingdom is divided, and how the actions of men are weighed in the balance.
2. And there I saw the mansions of the elect and the mansions of the holy, and mine eyes saw there all the sinners being driven from thence which deny the name of the Lord of Spirits, and being dragged off. And they could not abide because of the punishment which proceeds from the Lord of Spirits.
3. And there mine eyes saw the secrets of the lightning and of the thunder, and the secrets of the winds, how they are divided to blow over the earth, and the secrets of the clouds and dew,
4. And there I saw from whence they proceed in that place and from whence they saturate the dusty earth. And there I saw closed chambers out of which the winds are divided, the chamber of the hail and winds, the chamber of the mist, and of the clouds, and the cloud thereof hovers over the earth from the beginning of the world.
5. And I saw the chambers of the sun and moon, whence they proceed and whither they come again, and their glorious return, and how one is superior to the other, and their stately orbit, and how they do not leave their orbit, and they add nothing to their orbit and they take nothing from it, and they keep faith with each other, in accordance with the oath by which they are bound together.
6. And first the sun goes forth and traverses his path according to the commandment of the Lord of Spirits, and mighty is His name for ever and ever.
7. And after that I saw the hidden and the visible path of the moon, and she accomplishes the course of her path in that place by day and by night -- the one holding a position opposite to the other before the Lord of Spirits. And they give thanks and praise and rest not for unto them is their thanksgiving rest.
8. For the sun changes oft for a blessing or a curse, and the course of the path of the moon is light to the righteous and darkness to the sinners in the name of the Lord, who made a separation between the light and the darkness, and divided the spirits of men, and strengthened the spirits of the righteous in the name of His righteousness.
9. For no angel hinders and no power is able to hinder for He appoints a judge for them all and He judges them all before Him.

Chapter 42

1. Wisdom found no place where she might dwell. Then a dwelling place was assigned her in the heavens.
2. Wisdom went forth to make her dwelling among the children of men, and found no dwelling place. Wisdom returned to her place, and took her seat among the angels.
3. And unrighteousness went forth from her chambers. Whom she sought not she found, and dwelt with them as rain in a desert and dew on a thirsty land.

Chapter 43

1. And I saw other lightnings and the stars of heaven, and I saw how He called them all by their names and they hearkened unto Him. And I saw how they are weighed in a righteous balance according to their proportions of light. I saw the width of their spaces and the day of their appearing, and how their revolution produces lightning. And I saw their revolution according to the number of the angels, and how they keep faith with each other.
2. And I asked the angel who went with me who showed me what was hidden: 'What are these?' And he said to me: 'The Lord of Spirits hath showed thee their parabolic meaning (lit. 'their parable'). These are the names of the holy who dwell on the earth and believe in the name of the Lord of Spirits for ever and ever.'

Chapter 44

1. Also another phenomenon I saw in regard to the lightnings, how some of the stars arise and become lightnings and cannot part with their new form.

Chapter 37 explains that what Enoch has seen and the wisdom he has of its meaning were given to him by the Lord of Spirits (which would be understood as the Holy Spirit) who also has given him eternal life. It says he spoke to people of old time (his time) but the information was also for those who come after. We are told that Enoch has been given three parables to tell to the people.

Chapter 38 begins the first of the parables which continues through chapter 44. It tells of a time when the Righteous One (which would be Jesus) and the righteous shall appear and when the sinners will be judged for their sins and driven from the face of the earth. This would seem to be the end of the Tribulation. And it asks where the resting place of those who have denied the Lord of Spirits will be when they will not be able to seek mercy from the Lord because their life is at an end. It states that it had been good for them if they had not been born.

Chapter 39 begins with a reminder of how some angels came and mated with humans and that Enoch had been given books (scrolls) about God's disquiet at their actions and their expulsion from heaven. Then it tells of the dwelling place of the righteous with the Elect One (Jesus) and that righteousness shall prevail with righteousness and uprightness never failing to be before him. It tells how Enoch longed for that dwelling place where the Lord of Spirits has established he shall dwell. It tells of those who do not sleep (angels) praising God saying "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Spirits."

Chapter 40 tells of four presences on the four sides of the Lord of Spirits and names them as Michael, Raphael, Gabriel, and Phanuel. It speaks of them uttering praises and blessing before the Lord forever and ever.

Chapter 41 tells that Enoch was shown the secrets of heaven. He sees the mansions of the elect and all the sinners being dragged off because of their punishment. He is shown the secrets of the origins of the earth's winds, rain, hail, and clouds. He is shown the chambers (home) of the sun and moon and their paths. It finishes by observing that no angel or power can hinder what God has ordained and that he judges them all.

Chapter 42 explains that wisdom looked for a place to dwell among the children of men but found no place so dwells with the angels in heaven while unrighteousness went out, not looking for a place to dwell, but found one with humans.

Chapter 43 and 44 explain that God knows all the angels by name, their activity, and that they cannot change. It also says he knows the names of the holy (righteous) that dwell on earth and believe in the name of the Lord of Spirits forever.

The following Bible passages relate to what is discussed in chapters 37 to 44 of the Book of Enoch:

Psalms 17:8 reads: "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings"

Psalms 91:4 reads: "He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."

Ezekiel 1:4-9 reads: "I looked and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north – an immense cloud with flashing lightning and surrounded by brilliant light. The center of the fire looked like glowing metal, and in the fire was what looked like four living creatures. In appearance their form was that of a man, but each of them had four faces and four wings. Their legs were straight; their feet were like burnished bronze. Under their wings on their four sides they had the hands of a man. All four of them had faces and wings, and their wings touched one another. Each one went straight ahead; they did not turn as they moved."

Matthew 26:24 reads: "The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

John 14:1-4 reads: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms (mansions). If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

Revelation 4:6-8 reads: "Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.'"

Revelation 19:11-21 describes the coming of Jesus to earth at the end of the Tribulation with the armies of heaven following him. Verse 15 reads: "Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron scepter. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty." Verses 19 through 21 read: "Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh."

Revelation 21:1-4 reads: "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'"

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foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.”

The Second Parable

Chapter 45

1. And this is the second Parable concerning those who deny the name of the dwelling of the holy ones and the Lord of Spirits.
2. And into the heaven they shall not ascend, and on the earth they shall not come. Such shall be the lot of the sinners who have denied the name of the Lord of Spirits, who are thus preserved for the day of suffering and tribulation.
3. On that day Mine Elect One shall sit on the throne of glory and shall try their works, and their places of rest shall be innumerable. And their souls shall grow strong within them when they see Mine Elect Ones, and those who have called upon My glorious name.
4. Then will I cause Mine Elect One to dwell among them. And I will transform the heaven and make it an eternal blessing and light.
5. And I will transform the earth and make it a blessing. And I will cause Mine elect ones to dwell upon it, but the sinners and evil-doers shall not set foot thereon for I have provided and satisfied with peace my righteous ones and have caused them to dwell before Me. But for the sinners there is judgement impending with me so that I shall destroy them from the face of the earth.

Chapter 46

1. And there I saw One who had a head of days, and His head was white like wool, and with Him was another being whose countenance had the appearance of a man, and his face was full of graciousness, like one of the holy angels.
2. And I asked the angel who went with me and showed me all the hidden things, concerning that Son of Man, who he was, and whence he was, and why he went with the Head of Days?
3. And he answered and said unto me: This is the Son of Man who has righteousness, with whom dwells righteousness, and who reveals all the treasures of that which is hidden, because the Lord of Spirits hath chosen him, and whose lot has the pre-eminence before the Lord of Spirits in uprightness for ever.
4. And this Son of Man whom thou hast seen shall raise up the kings and the mighty from their seats and the strong from their thrones, and shall loosen the reins of the strong and break the teeth of the sinners.
5. And He shall put down the kings from their thrones and kingdoms because they do not extol and praise Him, nor humbly acknowledge whence the kingdom was bestowed upon them.
6. And He shall put down the countenance of the strong, and shall fill them with shame. And darkness shall be their dwelling, and worms shall be their bed, and they shall have no hope of rising from their beds, because they do not extol the name of the Lord of Spirits.

7. And these are they who judge the stars of heaven, and raise their hands against the Most High, and tread upon the earth and dwell upon it. And all their deeds manifest unrighteousness, and their power rests upon their riches, and their faith is in the gods which they have made with their hands, and they deny the name of the Lord of Spirits.
8. And they persecute the houses of His congregations, and the faithful who hang upon the name of the Lord of Spirits.

Chapter 47

1. And in those days shall have ascended the prayer of the righteous and the blood of the righteous from the earth before the Lord of Spirits.
2. In those days the holy ones who dwell above in the heavens shall unite with one voice and supplicate and pray and praise, and give thanks and bless the name of the Lord of Spirits on behalf of the blood of the righteous which has been shed, and that the prayer of the righteous may not be in vain before the Lord of Spirits, that judgement may be done unto them, and that they may not have to suffer for ever.
3. In those days I saw the Head of Days when He seated himself upon the throne of His glory, and the books of the living were opened before Him, and all His host which is in heaven above and His counselors stood before Him.
4. And the hearts of the holy were filled with joy because the number of the righteous had been offered, and the prayer of the righteous had been heard, and the blood of the righteous required [presented] before the Lord of Spirits.

Chapter 48

1. And in that place I saw the fountain of righteousness which was inexhaustible. And around it were many fountains of wisdom and all the thirsty drank of them and were filled with wisdom, and their dwellings were with the righteous and holy and elect.
2. And at that hour the Son of Man was named in the presence of the Lord of Spirits and his name before the Head of Days.
3. Yea, before the sun and the signs were created, before the stars of the heaven were made, His name was named before the Lord of Spirits.
4. He shall be a staff to the righteous whereon to stay themselves and not fall, and he shall be the light of the Gentiles, and the hope of those who are troubled of heart.
5. All who dwell on earth shall fall down and worship before him, and will praise and bless and celebrate with song the Lord of Spirits.
6. And for this reason has he been chosen and hidden before Him, before the creation of the world and for evermore.
7. And the wisdom of the Lord of Spirits has revealed him to the holy and righteous, for he has preserved the lot of the righteous because they have hated and despised this world of unrighteousness, and have hated all its works and ways in the name of the Lord of Spirits. For in his name they are saved and according to his good pleasure has it been in regard to their life.

8. In these days downcast in countenance shall the kings of the earth have become, and the strong who possess the land because of the works of their hands for on the day of their anguish and affliction they shall not be able to save themselves.
9. And I will give them over into the hands of Mine elect as straw in the fire so shall they burn before the face of the holy. As lead in the water shall they sink before the face of the righteous and no trace of them shall any more be found.
10. And on the day of their affliction there shall be rest on the earth and before them they shall fall and not rise again. And there shall be no one to take them with his hands and raise them for they have denied the Lord of Spirits and His Anointed. The name of the Lord of Spirits be blessed.

Chapter 49

1. For wisdom is poured out like water and glory fails not before him for evermore.
2. For he is mighty in all the secrets of righteousness and unrighteousness shall disappear as a shadow and have no continuance. Because the Elect One stands before the Lord of Spirits and his glory is for ever and ever and his might unto all generations.
3. And in him dwell the spirit of wisdom and the spirit which gives insight and the spirit of understanding and of might and the spirit of those who have fallen asleep in righteousness.
4. And he shall judge the secret things and none shall be able to utter a lying word before him for he is the Elect One before the Lord of Spirits according to His good pleasure.

Chapter 50

1. And in those days a change shall take place for the holy and elect, and the light of days shall abide upon them and glory and honor shall turn to the holy.
2. On the day of affliction on which evil shall have been treasured up against the sinners and the righteous shall be victorious in the name of the Lord of Spirits. And He will cause the others to witness this that they may repent and forgo the works of their hands.
3. They shall have no honor through the name of the Lord of Spirits yet through His name shall they be saved. And the Lord of Spirits will have compassion on them for His compassion is great.
4. And He is righteous also in His judgement and in the presence of His glory unrighteousness also shall not maintain itself. At His judgement the unrepentant shall perish before Him.
5. And from henceforth I will have no mercy on them, says the Lord of Spirits.

Chapter 51

1. And in those days shall the earth also give back that which has been entrusted to it and Sheol also shall give back that which it has received and hell shall give back that which it owes.
2. For in those days the Elect One shall arise and he shall choose the righteous and holy from among them. For the day has drawn nigh that they should be saved.

3. And the Elect One shall in those days sit on his throne and his mouth shall pour forth all the secrets of wisdom and counsel for the Lord of Spirits has given them to him and hath glorified him.
4. And in those days shall the mountains leap like rams and the hills also shall skip like lambs satisfied with milk and the faces of all the angels in heaven shall be lighted up with joy.
5. And the earth shall rejoice, and the righteous shall dwell upon it and the elect shall walk thereon.

Chapter 52

1. And after those days in that place where I had seen all the visions of that which is hidden for I had been carried off in a whirlwind and they had borne me towards the west.
2. There mine eyes saw all the secret things of heaven that shall be, a mountain of iron, and a mountain of copper, and a mountain of silver, and a mountain of gold, and a mountain of soft metal, and a mountain of lead.
3. And I asked the angel who went with me, saying, 'What things are these which I have seen in secret?'
4. And he said unto me: 'All these things which thou hast seen shall serve the dominion of His Anointed that he may be potent and mighty on the earth.'
5. And that angel of peace answered, saying unto me: 'Wait a little, and there shall be revealed unto thee all the secret things which surround the Lord of Spirits. And these mountains which thine eyes have seen, the mountain of iron, and the mountain of copper, and the mountain of silver and the mountain of gold, and the mountain of soft metal, and the mountain of lead. All these shall be in the presence of the Elect One as wax before the fire and like the water which streams down from above upon those mountains and they shall become powerless before his feet.
6. And it shall come to pass in those days that none shall be saved either by gold or by silver, and none be able to escape.
7. And there shall be no iron for war nor shall one clothe oneself with a breastplate. Bronze shall be of no service, and tin shall be of no service and shall not be esteemed, and lead shall not be desired.
8. And all these things shall be denied and destroyed from the surface of the earth when the Elect One shall appear before the face of the Lord of Spirits.'

Chapter 53

1. There mine eyes saw a deep valley with open mouths.
2. All who dwell on the earth and sea and islands shall bring to him gifts and presents and tokens of homage, but that deep valley shall not become full. And their hands commit lawless deeds, and the sinners devour all whom they lawlessly oppress. Yet the sinners shall be destroyed before the face of the Lord of Spirits, and they shall be banished from off the face of His earth, and they shall perish for ever and ever.
3. For I saw all the angels of punishment abiding (there) and preparing all the instruments of Satan.
4. And I asked the angel of peace who went with me: 'For whom are they preparing these instruments?'

5. And he said unto me: 'They prepare these for the kings and the mighty of this earth, that they may thereby be destroyed.'
6. And after this the Righteous and Elect One shall cause the house of his congregation to appear. Henceforth they shall be no more hindered in the name of the Lord of Spirits.
7. And these mountains shall not stand as the earth before his righteousness, but the hills shall be as a fountain of water and the righteous shall have rest from the oppression of sinners.'

Chapter 54

1. And I looked and turned to another part of the earth, and saw there a deep valley with burning fire.
2. And they brought the kings and the mighty, and began to cast them into this deep valley.
3. And there mine eyes saw how they made these their instruments, iron chains of immeasurable weight.
4. And I asked the angel of peace who went with me, saying: 'For whom are these chains being prepared?'
5. And he said unto me: 'These are being prepared for the hosts of Azâzêl, so that they may take them and cast them into the abyss of complete condemnation, and they shall cover their jaws with rough stones as the Lord of Spirits commanded.'
6. And Michael, and Gabriel, and Raphael, and Phanuel shall take hold of them on that great day, and cast them on that day into the burning furnace, that the Lord of Spirits may take vengeance on them for their unrighteousness in becoming subject to Satan and leading astray those who dwell on the earth.'
7. And in those days shall punishment come from the Lord of Spirits, and he will open all the chambers of waters which are above the heavens, and of the fountains which are beneath the earth.
8. And all the waters shall be joined with the waters that which is above the heavens is the masculine,
9. And the water which is beneath the earth is the feminine. And they shall destroy all who dwell on the earth and those who dwell under the ends of the heaven.
10. And when they have recognized their unrighteousness which they have wrought on the earth, then by these shall they perish.

Chapter 55

1. And after that the Head of Days repented and said: 'In vain have I destroyed all who dwell on the earth.'
2. And He swore by His great name: 'Henceforth I will not do so to all who dwell on the earth, and I will set a sign in the heaven: and this shall be a pledge of good faith between Me and them for ever, so long as heaven is above the earth. And this is in accordance with My command.'
3. When I have desired to take hold of them by the hand of the angels on the day of tribulation and pain because of this, I will cause My chastisement and My wrath to abide upon them, says God, the Lord of Spirits.

4. Ye mighty kings who dwell on the earth, ye shall have to behold Mine Elect One, how he sits on the throne of glory and judges Azâzêl, and all his associates, and all his hosts in the name of the Lord of Spirits.'

Chapter 56

1. And I saw there the hosts of the angels of punishment going, and they held scourges and chains of iron and bronze. And I asked the angel of peace who went with me, saying: 'To whom are these who hold the scourges going?'
2. And he said unto me: 'To their elect and beloved ones, that they may be cast into the chasm of the abyss of the valley.'
3. And then that valley shall be filled with their elect and beloved, and the days of their lives shall be at an end. And the days of their leading astray shall not thenceforward be reckoned.
4. And in those days the angels shall return and hurl themselves to the east upon the Parthians and Medes. They shall stir up the kings, so that a spirit of unrest shall come upon them and they shall rouse them from their thrones that they may break forth as lions from their lairs and as hungry wolves among their flocks.
5. And they shall go up and tread underfoot the land of His elect ones and the land of His elect ones shall be before them a threshing-floor and a highway.
6. But the city of my righteous shall be a hindrance to their horses, and they shall begin to fight among themselves and their right hand shall be strong against themselves.
7. And a man shall not know his brother, nor a son his father or his mother, until there be no number of the corpses through their slaughter and their punishment be not in vain.
8. In those days Sheol shall open its jaws and they shall be swallowed up therein and their destruction shall be at an end. Sheol shall devour the sinners in the presence of the elect.'

Chapter 57

1. And it came to pass after this that I saw another host of wagons, and men riding thereon, and coming on the winds from the east, and from the west to the south.
2. And the noise of their wagons was heard, and when this turmoil took place the holy ones from heaven remarked it, and the pillars of the earth were moved from their place, and the sound thereof was heard from the one end of heaven to the other, in one day. And they shall all fall down and worship the Lord of Spirits.
3. And this is the end of the second Parable.

Chapter 45 begins the second parable about the future of those who reject the Lord of Spirits and those who follow him. Here, it is said that those who reject the Lord of Spirits will be preserved for the day of suffering and tribulation when the Elect One (Jesus) sits on the throne of glory and judges their works. Heaven and earth will be transformed and those who follow the Lord of Spirits will be his elect ones and will dwell on that earth because he has given them his peace. But those who have rejected the Lord of Spirits will not set foot on that earth but will be destroyed from the face of the earth.

Chapter 46 describes a being who had a head of days, white like wool, and another being who had the appearance of a man with a face full of graciousness like one of the holy angels. When asked who that second being was, an angel said he is the Son of Man who has righteousness and who reveals all the treasures that are hidden. This Son of Man will break the teeth of sinners and put down kings from their thrones because they do not praise him. He will fill them with shame and darkness will be their dwelling. All their deeds manifest unrighteousness and their power rests upon their riches. Their faith is in the gods which they have made with their hands. They not only deny the name of the Lord of Spirits but also persecute the houses of His congregations and the faithful who follow the name of the Lord of Spirits.

Chapter 47 begins with the cries of the righteous to the Lord of Spirits because of their blood that was shed upon the earth. We are informed that the holy ones who dwell above in the heavens (angels) intercede for those righteous ones with the Lord of Spirits. The Head of Days is seated on the throne of his glory and the books of the living were opened before him. The angels surrounding him are filled with joy because the blood of the righteous has been presented before the Lord of Spirits.

Chapter 48 describes the Son of Man being presented before the Lord of Spirits and that he shall be a staff for the righteous, a light to the Gentiles, and the hope of those who are troubled. We learn that the Lord of Spirits has revealed the Son of Man to the holy and righteous and in his name they are saved. It is announced that the kings of the earth and strong who possess due to the works of their hands will be judged because they have denied the Lord of Spirits and will not be able to save themselves.

Chapter 49 explains that all the secrets of righteousness, wisdom, and all the things done in secret are known by the Son of Man.

Chapter 50 explains that a change will take place for the holy and elect (people) and the light of days shall be on them (as opposed to the night of evil that now troubles them) and glory and honor shall be to the holy. They shall not have honor through the name of the Lord of Spirits yet through his name they shall be saved. At the judgment of the Lord of Spirits the unrepentant shall perish.

Chapter 51 continues the thought of the time of judgment and that the earth and the holding place of the dead (often called Sheol or the underworld) will give up the people. This is the resurrection of the dead and the catching up (rapture) of people. The Elect One (Jesus) will arise and choose the righteous and holy and they will be saved to which all creation and the angels will rejoice.

Chapter 52 has the vision changing to when the Elect One reigns on earth and the mountains, no matter what they are made of, will melt like wax before him. At that time, nothing that man considers important will any longer be esteemed.

Chapter 53 partially describes the judgment of the wicked angels and people. It also announces the appearance of the house of congregation of the Elect One and that the righteous will have rest from the oppression of sinners.

Chapter 54 again gives a partial description of the judgment of the wicked angels and people. It describes that all the waters above the earth and beneath the earth being joined together in a flood to destroy all who dwell on the earth.

Chapter 55 says that the Head of Days has sworn never to destroy all the earth by flood and has set a sign in heaven as a pledge of good faith between him and people. But he will still cause his wrath to abide with them for disobedience.

Chapter 56 describes more about the punishment of the wicked angels being cast into the chasm of the abyss. It also describes that the city of the righteous will be a hindrance to the activities of the wicked and that they will fight against each other until Sheol will swallow them.

Chapter 57 describes a host of men in wagons coming that cause the angels of heaven to remark about it. Then the pillars of the earth are removed and the sound is heard from one end of heaven to the other. The men will all fall down and worship the Lord of Spirits. This ends the second parable.

The following Bible passages relate to what is discussed in chapter 45 through 57 of the Book of Enoch:

Genesis 4:10 reads: "The Lord said, 'What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground.'"

Genesis 6:17 reads: "I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish."

Genesis 8:21-22 reads: "The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: 'Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.'"

Genesis 9:12-16 reads: "and God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come; I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind of the earth.'"

Job 13:15 reads: "Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him; I will surely defend my ways to his face."

Psalms 23:4 reads: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

Psalms 110:1-2, 5-6 read: "the Lord says to my Lord; 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.' The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion; you will rule in the midst of your enemies." "The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on the day of his wrath. He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth."

Daniel 7:9-10 reads: "As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before. The court was seated, and the books were opened."

Daniel 7:13-14 reads: "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed." Daniel is the first to use the term "son of man" (here and in Daniel 4:25) to refer to the Messiah (first promised by God in Genesis 3:15). Here we can see that the Messiah is Jesus, whose kingdom will never be destroyed.

Daniel 12:1-3 reads: “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people, everyone whose name is found written in the book, will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.” This is the first announcement of the resurrection of the dead.

Isaiah 42:5-7 reads: “This is what the God the Lord says – he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: ‘I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.’”

Isaiah 45:18-24 reads: “For this is what the Lord says, he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited, he says: ‘I am the Lord, and there is no other. I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness; I have not said to Jacob’s descendants, “Seek me in vain.” I, the Lord, speak the truth; I declare what is right. Gather together and come; assemble, you fugitives from the nations. Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood, who pray to gods that cannot save. Declare what is to be, present it, let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the Lord? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me. Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. They will say of me, “In the Lord alone are righteousness and strength.” All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame.’”

Isaiah 49:6 reads: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.”

Isaiah 61:1-2 reads: “The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn.” This is the passage that Jesus quotes in Luke 4 at the beginning of his ministry and says that it is fulfilled at that time in the hearing of his audience.

Micah 1:3-4 reads: “Look! The Lord is coming from his dwelling place; he comes down and treads the high places of the earth. The mountains melt beneath him and the valleys split apart, like wax before the fire, like water rushing down a slope.”

In all the following passages Jesus refers to himself as the Son of Man: Matt 8:20; 12:8, 32, 40-41; 16:27; 19:28; 20:18, 28; 24:30; 25:31; Mark 2:28; 8:38; 10:45; 14:62; Luke 9:58; 12:8; 18:8; 19:10; and John 3:14. In Acts 7:56, as Stephen is being stoned to death, he says that he sees “heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” Steven is the only believer in all the New Testament books to use the term “Son of Man” to refer to Jesus.

Luke 2:29-32 reads: “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

John 8:12 reads: “When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’”

In John 9:5, Jesus says of himself: “While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

John 14:8-10 reads: “Philip said, ‘Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.’ Jesus answered: ‘Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.’”

Acts 2:21 reads: “And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Acts 4:12 reads: “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

Romans 10:12-13 reads: “For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’”

Romans 14:11 reads: “It is written: ‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘Every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.’”

Philippians 2:5-11 reads: “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

2 Peter 3:10-13 reads: “But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.”

Revelation 5:11-12 reads: “Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang: ‘Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!’”

Revelation 20:11-15 reads: “Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

Revelation 21:1-4 reads: “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’”