

## THE RETURN OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF ENOCH

THUS FAR WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT SCRIPTURAL PROPHECIES. ENOCH, HOWEVER, IS NOT IN THE BIBLICAL CANON. WHILE IT WAS AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF LITERATURE IN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY THAT JESUS AND THE APOSTLES WERE FAMILIAR WITH AND, WHILE PARTS OF THE BOOK OF ENOCH ARE QUOTED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, THE ENTIRE BOOK OF ENOCH IS NOT SCRIPTURE.

### I. THE BOOK OF ENOCH

#### A. 1 Enoch 1:1-3

- 1) “the words of the blessing with which Enoch blessed the righteous chosen who will be present on the day of tribulation, to remove all the enemies and the righteous will be saved. And he took up his discourse and said, “Enoch, a righteous man whose eyes were opened by God, who had the vision of the Holy One and of heaven, which he showed me. From the words of the watchers and holy ones I heard everything; and as I heard everything from them, I also understood what I saw. Not for this generation do I expound, but concerning one that is distant I speak. And concerning the chosen I speak now, and concerning them I take up my discourse”
  - a) the blessing of Moses ([Deuteronomy 33](#)) and the blessing of Enoch have a lot of similarities, as do the desert prophecies and Enoch
  - b) Enoch’s introduction is similar to Balaam’s ([Numbers 24](#))
  - c) “the watchers” is a term for principalities or powerful divine beings that are not God

#### B. 1 Enoch 1:1-9

- 1) “the Great Holy One will come forth from his dwelling and the eternal God will tread from thence upon Mount Sinai. He will appear with his army, he will appear with his mighty host from the heaven of heavens. All the watchers will fear and quake, and those who are hiding in all the ends of the earth will sing; All the ends of the earth will be shaken, and trembling and great fear will seize them [the watchers] unto the ends of the earth. The high mountains will be shaken and fall and break apart, and the high hills will be made low and melt like wax before the fire; The earth will be wholly rent asunder, and everything on the earth will perish, and there will be judgment on all. With the righteous he will make peace, and over the chosen there will be protection, and upon them will be mercy. They will all be God’s, and he will grant them his good pleasure. He will bless (them) all, and he will help (them) all. Light will shine upon them, and he will make peace with them. Behold, he comes with the myriads of his holy ones, to execute judgment on all, and to destroy all the wicked, and to convict all flesh for all the wicked deeds that

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they have done, and the proud and hard words that wicked sinners spoke against him”

- a) we have already read Scriptural prophecies of the Lord marching up from the south, etc; in all those passages it is *implicitly* expressed that He will come from the region of Sinai, but here it is *explicitly* stated
  - i. the book of Enoch has 4 well-known translations. Two of them make it sound like God comes directly from heaven and lands on Mount Sinai, whereas 2 say that, through the process of His march, He comes through that region. Personally, I think the latter is more accurate
- b) “all the watchers will fear and quake” ([Habakkuk 3:7](#))
- c) “the high hills will be made low and melt like wax before the fire” ([Psalm 97:5](#))
- d) “over the chosen there will be protection” it is amazing to see this influential 1<sup>st</sup> century document talking about the Goshen principle: the Lord protecting His people in the midst of judgement, not through being raptured to heaven but by providing divine protection to them on the earth
- e) “behold, he comes with the myriads of his holy ones” clear allusions back to [Deuteronomy 33](#) and so many other passages we have looked at. Jude quotes this in one of the clearest prophecies in the New Testament about the second coming of Jesus ([Jude 14-15](#))
- f) this twofold theme repeated in Scripture is echoed here: punishment for the wicked and salvation for the righteous