

## ENOCH, THE SEVENTH FROM ADAM

### **TEXT: GENESIS 5:1-32**

#### **Introduction:**

1. Genesis 5 gives us the line of Seth from Adam down to the three sons of Noah (5:1, 32).
2. It is somewhat monotonous -- "And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.... And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died...And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died....etc."
3. Until we get down to verses 21-24. Enoch never died.
4. "And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him" (5:24).
5. Enoch never died. Enoch is one of the great heroes of the Bible, though he is overshadowed by his great-grandson Noah.
6. Speaking of Enoch, R.A. Torrey wrote, "History outside of the Bible is utterly unacquainted with him, yet he stands out as one of the most remarkable and admirable men of whom history speaks, a man whom God honored as He has honored but one other member of the entire race."
7. The reference to the one other man is the prophet Elijah. Elijah went up into heaven by a whirlwind, riding in a chariot of fire, pulled by horses of fire.
8. Neither of these men ever died.
9. Enoch had a son named Methuselah, the oldest (969 years) man who ever lived. But he too eventually died (5:27).
10. But Enoch never died. Hebrews 11:5 says, "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death."
11. D.L. Moody said, "Enoch lived in a world molded and fashioned by the sons of Cain. They were the men of light and leading -- the men of culture and progress. Jabal took the lead in agriculture; Tubal-Cain was the manufacturer; and Jubal provided the music and amusement. No doubt they thought Enoch an odd man, not valuing the improvements they were making in the sin-blighted earth. He lived in the midst of the world as Cain and his descendants had made it. No one supposes that the ordered system of things round about us is the production of God's hand. Satan is the God and prince and head of that...In the midst of such a state of things, Enoch walked with God; and in the very same world we are also called to walk with God. The record of his life is that he had this testimony, that he pleased God."

#### **I. HIS GENEALOGY**

#### **II. HIS TESTIMONY**

#### **III. HIS TRANSLATION**

## I. HIS GENEALOGY

1. In Jude 14, we are told Enoch was "the seventh from Adam."
2. After Cain killed his brother Abel, Adam had a son named Seth. His name means "appointed" or "substitute" (Genesis 4:25).
3. Seth was the father of Enos.
4. Enos was the father of Cainan.
5. Cainan was the father of Mahalaleel.
6. Mahalaleel was the father of Jared.
7. And Jared was the father of Enoch (Gen. 5:18).
8. Enoch was "the seventh from Adam" (Jude 14) -- seven generations from Adam to Enoch.
9. Enoch had a son named Methuselah, the oldest man who ever lived. Methuselah's name means, "When he dies, it (the flood) shall be sent."
10. Enoch gave his son that name because Enoch was a prophet, and the flood began right after the death of Methuselah.

## II. HIS TESTIMONY

1. Hebrews 11:5 says, "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God."
2. Do you have that kind of testimony?
3. One preacher (John Phillips) described Enoch's life this way:
4. Surrounding gloom -- it was a wicked day and age (4:23, 24; 6:3).
5. Saving grace -- Enoch walked with God (5:22, 24).
6. Simple goodness -- "he had this testimony, that he pleased God."
7. Sudden glory -- God translated him into heaven.
8. There is an old story about a little girl who was told the story of Enoch in Sunday school, and when she came home her mother asked what she learned in Sunday School, and she said, "We learned about a man named Enoch. He used to go for long walks with God and one day they walked so far away from home that God said to him, 'Enoch you are a long way from home. It's closer to my house than your house, so just come on home with me.'"
9. Enoch was a great preacher. He preached about the second coming of Christ thousands of years before the first coming of Christ! (Jude 14, 15). Therefore, he was also a great prophet.
10. In fact, he is considered the very first prophet.
11. Twice we are told, "Enoch walked with God" (Gen. 5:22, 24).

12. To walk with God implies agreement. Amos 3:3 says, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"
13. To walk with God implies spiritual communion. First John 1:6, 7 says, "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."
14. To walk with God implies wisdom. Ephesians 5:15 says, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise."
15. This is what it means to walk with God. F.B. Meyer said, "Better to walk with God every day in calm, unbroken fellowship, than to have occasional rapturous experiences, succeeded by long relapses and backslidings."
16. To walk with God implies friendship and love. Spurgeon said, "The Lord will not walk with a man in whom He has no pleasure. Can two walk together, except they are agreed? If men walk contrary to God, He will not walk *with* them, but contrary to them. Walking together implies amity, friendship, intimacy, love—and these cannot exist between God and the soul unless the man is acceptable unto the Lord."
17. Romans 6:4 says we "walk in newness of life."
18. Romans 8:1 says we "walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."
19. Romans 8:4, and Galatians 5:16 and 5:25 says we "walk in the Spirit."
20. Romans 13:13 says, "Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying."
21. Second Corinthians 5:7 says, "For we walk by faith, not by sight."
22. Ephesians 5:2 says we are to "walk in love."
23. Colossians 4:5 says we are to "walk in wisdom."
24. As we consider Enoch's testimony, let us look at his message (Jude 14, 15).
25. Enoch preached against ungodliness -- the word "ungodly" is found four times in Jude 15.
26. Like Enoch, we are surrounded by ungodliness. In fact, Enoch was not only referring to the ungodliness of his day (the ungodliness which eventually brought on the flood), but of our own day.
27. We are living in a very ungodly day and age. I recently read an article that said some of the biggest television shows for the new TV

season will feature homosexuality, especially lesbianism. Hollywood is promoting perversion.

28. Movies and television programs are getting filthier and filthier, and America is being destroyed by all this filth.
29. What was it like in the days of Enoch? Genesis 6:11 says, "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence." Ten people were shot dead at a college in Oregon the other day.
30. The shooter asked his victims, "Are you a Christian?" If the victim said yes, he or she was killed instantly.
31. If they said no, or didn't answer, they were shot in the legs.
32. The school was a so-called "gun-free zone," meaning innocent people were not allowed to defend themselves against killers. Even the school security officer was unarmed!

### **III. HIS TRANSLATION**

1. Genesis 5:24 says, "And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him."
2. Hebrews 11:5 says, "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him."
3. There is only other man who never died, and that was the prophet Elijah (II Kings 2:1-11).
4. At the rapture there will be many people who will leave this world without dying (I Thess. 4:13-18).
5. The word "rapture" does not appear in the New Testament, but the doctrine goes all the way back to Enoch.
6. The word "rapture" means "to snatch away," "to catch up," "to be caught up."
7. Our Lord said, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3).
8. The Lord is coming back. Are you ready?

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Much has been written and much has been preached about the significance of the name of Enoch's son Methuselah -- "When he dies, it (the flood) shall be sent."

2. A.W. Pink wrote, "Methuselah signifies, 'When he is dead it shall be sent,' i.e., the Deluge. In all probability then, a Divine revelation is memorialized in this name...It is certainly implied that from the time Methuselah was born, the world lost all its attractiveness for Enoch and from that time on, if never before, he walked with God" (*Gleanings in Genesis*).
3. Pink said, "the world lost all its attractiveness for Enoch and from that time on, if never before, he walked with God."
4. Beloved, may the world lose all of its attractiveness for us, and may we learn to walk with God like Enoch learned to walk with God!
5. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:1-3).