

My Notes

of Nehemia Gordon and Dr. Miryam Brand, Ph.D. on

The Book of 1 Enoch

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Thus these are notes from the discussion of Nehemia Gordon and Dr. Miryam Brand.

Elohim can refer to either the Eternal Yahuah or to Angels. See **Psalms 8:5-6**

5 For thou hast made him a little lower ^{H2637} H4592 than the angels, ^{H4480} H430 and hast crowned ^{H5849} him with glory ^{H3519} and honor. ^{H1926}	5 (8:6) H2637 ותחסרהו H4592 מעט H430 מאלהים H3519 וכבוד H1926 והדר H5849: תעטררהו
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Book of 1 Enoch is made up of 5 to 6 separate books. The only thing each of these portions has in common is the character name of Enoch.

The Book of Parables (written around 70 A.D.) is the most unique. It uses different terminology. It speaks of the “son of man” or “the chosen one” is the Messianic figure. This is the only book of the five that now make up the Book of 1 Enoch that is NOT found in Qumran (Dead Sea Scrolls).

Some believe that as a result, it is a Christian book, written between A.D. 50-400. But the problem with this is that it doesn’t utilize Christian terminology. The REAL

PROBLEM IS THAT AT THE END OF THIS BOOK IT PORTRAYS ENOCH AS THE “SON OF MAN,” MAKING ENOCH THE LONG PROMISED MESSIAH. Therefore this cannot be a Christian work.

In the Testament of the Patriarchs, this has been **edited** by the Christians. Christians edited many things in what is referred to as the Correctories of Rome. It is very clear when they are adding Christian editions (edits).

Book of 1 Enoch was written during the second Temple period, with the first book written as early as (350 BC), and the last book of 1 Enoch written as late as (70 A.D.) Around the same period as Yahusha the Messiah. Thus the term “son of man” was being used in the Book of Parables around the time of the New Testament writers. Hebrew does not capitalize on these words.

Enoch walked with Yahuah:

1. Like Elijah was taken in a chariot of Fire.
2. Walking with Yahuah could mean Enoch Died
3. Could mean walked with angels, because who can walk with Yahuah.
4. I believe the keyword is “walked” which means (to go, went, come, walked). So Enoch went with Yahuah, and he was not for Yahuah took him, just like Elijah.

Book of the Watchers identifies the reason Enoch was taken to heaven was because of the sins of the watchers (fallen angels).

Enoch is asked by the Watchers (fallen sinful angels) to defend them. Yahuah said No! So this book depicts humans as praying for and or helping fallen angels.

Epistle of Jude 1:14-15:

“Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, ‘Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.’”

Amazingly, these two verses appear in **1 Enoch “Book of Parables.”** So what does this mean???

1. Either Jude considered 1 Enoch “Book of Parables” authoritative and copied from it or . . .
2. OR, 1 Enoch “Book of Parables” considered Jude authoritative and copied from it.

3. OR, this is an example of Christian EDITS. Where the Roman Christians inserted this from the Book of Enoch into Scripture via Jude.

The **Church Fathers** (first 400-500 years) in the Roman Catholic Church.

1 Enoch and Jubilees was written originally in Greek but was preserved in whole and full copies in Ethiopic, Ethiopian Church. The Ethiopian Church includes 1 Enoch in their Bible when no one else does.

The manuscripts are really late, of the 16th century.

Critical Edition = This is when you compare all the manuscripts. You then choose one text which is the best. Then have footnotes that compare all the differences from each available manuscript.

- Right now Loren Schookenbrook, Ph.D. professor specializes in the subject of Enoch.
- Some fragments are in the Ethiopian version, fragments in Greek and Aramaic. It is believed that 1 Enoch was original written in Aramaic, then translated to Greek, and then to Ethiopia.

The Book of Luminaries – This is an astronomical book with many observations of the MOON and is very confusing. A complete work written in Aramaic was found in Qumran and is VERY VERY DIFFERENT from the ETHIOPIAN VERSION THAT CAME DOWN TO US.

The fact that it was found in Qumran tells us this **BOOK OF LUMINARIES** and **Book of Jubilees** was written during the Second Temple Period.

Nehemiah's Theory revolves around **4 EZRA Chapter 14:45-46** – is literature from the second Temple period.

*“When the forty days were ended the most high spoke to me [Ezra], saying, make public the **twenty-four books** that you wrote first and let the worthy and the unworthy read them. But keep **the seventy** that were written last in order to give them to the wise among your people. For in them is the spring of understanding, the fountain of wisdom and the river of knowledge.” 4 EZRA 14:45-46*

Nehemiah believes this is describing two canons of the Old Testament. No one will dispute that this refers to the books that are referred to today as the Tanakh (the Hebrew Bible). The Hebrews always count them as 24 books even though the

Christians count them differently such as 1Kings and 2Kings. But then Ezra 14:46 speaks of the 70 books, which I have always understood to be held by a private group of Jews that were not known or assessable to the other Jews.

Dr. Brand: The Book of Jubilees is referred to as the other book that Moses wrote at Sinai. It is understood by the theologians that the Book of Jubilees is a retelling of Scripture during the second Temple period with their new theology baked in.

Also, the **Genesis Apocrypha** is retelling a Biblical story, there is a whole poem that goes into detail.

Secret Works – Apocrypha literally means hidden works.

FAKE BOOKS: Book of Enoch at the very end. Chapter 104:10 . . .

“And now I know this mystery that many sinners will alter and distort the words of truth and speak evil words and lie and concoct great fabrications and write books in their own words.” Book of 1Enoch 104:10

So according to 1Enoch a fake Scriptural wannabe, many people will be concocting great fabrications and writing FAKE BOOKS IN THEIR OWN WORDS THAT ARE NOT THE WORDS OF YAHUAH. Yet this is exactly what these five authors have done.

Scholars agree that ENOCH who was the seventh from Adam DID NOT WRITE ANY OF THESE FIVE BOOKS. But to give credibility to their book they used Enoch’s name. This is simply a forgery.

So what the five authors have in common is that they have all written works that they claim was from Enoch. Then these five works have been put together as one whole complete work.

So did he say this in chapter 104:10 to cover up his own crime???

There is a possibility that each of the five was simply channeling from the dark demonic spirit world what Satan was giving them to say.

BOOK OF WATCHERS

This incorporates the first 36 chapters of the Book of Enoch. The First Book of 1Enoch.

Watchers are, as some claim, the angels who mated with women. Erin means watchers. Meaning AWAKE – those who do not sleep.

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