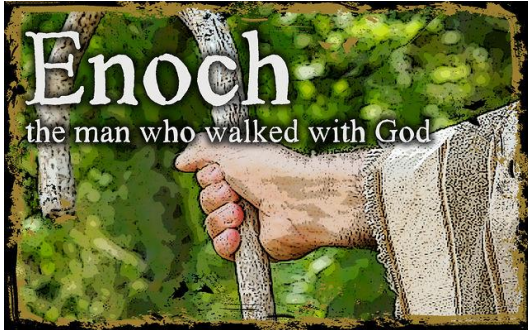


## The Men and Woman of Hebrews 11

### Enoch Walked with God – The Walk of Fellowship and Intimacy

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#### Enoch – Walking With God

##### Tree of Life Bible

**Heb 11:1** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of realities not seen.

Heb 11:2 For by it the elders received commendation.

Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen did not come from anything visible.

Heb 11:4 By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain. Through faith he was commended as righteous when God approved of his gifts. And through faith he still speaks, although he is dead.

Heb 11:5 **By faith Enoch** was taken so as not to see death, and he was not found because God took him. For before he was taken, he was commended as pleasing to God.

Heb 11:6 Now without faith it is impossible to please God. For the one who comes to God must believe that He exists and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. TLV

#### Complete Jewish Bible

Heb 11:1 Trusting is being confident of

what we hope for, convinced about things we do not see.

Heb 11:2 It was for this that Scripture attested the merit of the people of old.

Heb 11:3 By trusting, we understand that the universe was created through a spoken word of God, so that what is seen did not come into being out of existing phenomena.

**Heb 11:4** By trusting, Hevel offered a greater sacrifice than Kayin; because of this, he was attested as righteous, with God giving him this testimony on the ground of his gifts. Through having trusted, he still continues to speak, even though he is dead.

Heb 11:5 By trusting, Hanokh was taken away from this life without seeing death—"He was not to be found, because God took him away"—for he has been attested as having been, prior to being taken away, well pleasing to God.

Heb 11:6 And without trusting, it is impossible to be well pleasing to God, because whoever approaches him must trust that he does exist and that he becomes a Rewarder to those who seek him out. CJB

#### Genesis 5:21-24

Gen 5:21 Enoch lived 65 years, then fathered Methuselah.

Gen 5:22 Now Enoch walked with God continually for 300 years after he fathered Methuselah, and he fathered sons and daughters.

Gen 5:23 So all of Enoch's days were 365 years.

Gen 5:24 And Enoch continually walked with God—then he was not there, because God took him. TLV

## Jewish Study Bible Commentary

**21–23:** Significantly, Enoch occupies the seventh position and lives only 365 years (suggesting a connection with the solar cycle). Like Noah (6:9), he *walked with God*, though the meaning of the statement that *God took him* is unclear. Rashi thinks it means that God caused his death prematurely to spare him from sinning. It is possible that Enoch’s earthly life, like Elijah’s (2 Kings 2:11–12), ended without death.<sup>1</sup>

Most agree that Enoch did not experience death because all other references to lineage says each person “died” except for Enoch.

Vs. 22 – Hebrew for walk is ‘Halach’

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הלך

hâlak

#### **BDB Definition:**

1) to go, walk, come

1a) (Qal)

1a1) to go, walk, come, depart, proceed, move, go away

1a2) to die, live, manner of life (figuratively)

1b) (Piel)

1b1) to walk

1b2) to walk (figuratively)

1c) (Hithpael)

1c1) to traverse

1c2) to walk about

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Rashi Rabbi Shlomo Yitzhaki, the best-known Jewish commentator on the Bible. He lived in France at the end of the 11th century.

1d) (Niphal) to lead, bring, lead away, carry, cause to walk

Enoch and Noah were the only pre-flood (antediluvians) who “walked with God” 5:22, 6:9. Walk refers to ongoing intimacy.

Abel, Enoch and Noah are the only ones referred to in the Bible as being godly during this time:

Genesis 4:4

Genesis 5:22

Luke 17:26-27

Hebrews 11:1-7

1 Peter 2:20

2 Peter 2:4-5

Jude 14

It is clear that at the birth of Methuselah; Enoch received a revelation from God, for the meaning of his son’s name is “When he dies, it shall come” referring to the judgement of the Flood.

He also foretold the Second coming of Messiah to destroy the ungodly – Jude 14

Some believe he will return as one of the 2 witnesses of Revelation 11 to complete his earthly life and die, Rev. 11:7

Some feel that Enoch and Elijah could fulfill this? Speculation, but a possibility.

Zech. 4:11-14

<sup>1</sup> *The Jewish Study Bible*. 2004 (A. Berlin, M. Z. Brettler & M. Fishbane, Ed.) (20–21). New York: Oxford University Press.

Malachi 4:4-6  
Rev. 11: 3-11

The term “took” is taken to mean “Translated” without dying as in the case of Elijah.

**Enoch, is one of the briefest and most outstanding of biographies, one sentence revealing the history of 365 years, 300 of which were spent believing, being humble, holy and walking with God.**

**Some will try to say that that term “God took him” meant he died. However if you read the previous verses of those who went before him, it says ther“died”, but when it comes to Enoch, it says Gen 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he *was* not; for God took him.**

**The Hebrew word used regarding those who died is:**

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מוֹת

mûth

**BDB Definition:**

1) to die, kill, have one executed

1a) (Qal)

1a1) to die

1a2) to die (as penalty), be put to death

1a3) to die, perish (of a nation)

1a4) to die prematurely (by neglect of wise moral conduct)

1b) (Polel) to kill, put to death, dispatch

1c) (Hiphil) to kill, put to death

1d) (Hophal)

1d1) to be killed, be put to death

1d1a) to die prematurely

**For God Took Him is**

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לָקַח

lâqach

**BDB Definition:**

1) to take, get, fetch, lay hold of, seize, receive, acquire, buy, bring, marry, take a wife, snatch, take away.

So his departure was not via death, but of God snatching him away while he was still alive!

This was a very unique man indeed, we can only imagine what his relationship with God was, because there are not many details given of his life, just a few verses. Yet he is mentioned in several other places in scripture as an example of one who had an intimate relationship with God.

According to Jamieson-Faussett- Brown

**And Enoch walked with God** — a common phrase in Eastern countries denoting constant and familiar intercourse. Meaning an intimate, close relationship.

**was not; for God took him** — In Heb 11:5, we are informed that he was translated to heaven - a mighty miracle,

designed to effect what ordinary means of instruction had failed to accomplish, gave a palpable proof to an age of almost universal unbelief that the doctrines which he had taught (Jud 1:14, Jud 1:15) were true and that his devotedness to the cause of God and righteousness in the midst of opposition was highly pleasing to the mind of God.

### **Keil and Delitzsch**

Enoch (Gen 5:21), life had not only a different issue, but also a different form. Instead of the expression “and he lived,” which introduces in every other instance the length of life after the birth of the first-born, **we find in the case of Enoch this statement, “he walked with God (Elohim);” and instead of the expression “and he died,” the announcement, “and he was not, for God (Elohim) took him.”** The phrase “walked with God,” which is only applied to Enoch and Noah (Gen 6:9), denotes the most confidential intercourse, the closest communion with the personal God, a walking as it were by the side of God, who still continued His visible intercourse with men (vid., Gen 3:8). It must be distinguished from “walking before God” (Gen 17:1; Gen 24:40, etc.), and “walking after God” (Deu 13:4), both which phrases are used to indicate a pious, moral, blameless life under the law according to the directions of the divine commands.

Methuselah was the oldest man to live on earth, however Enoch is the longest to live without dying, i.e. 5,675 + years! Think about that!

Rev. 3:1-11

### **Recap:**

- #1. Enoch was the only one mentioned as being godly in Seth’s line except for Noah. 6:9, 7:1
- #2. He was a prophet – Jude 14
- #3. He was translated by faith – Romans 10:17, Hebrews 11:5
- #4. His experience parallels that of Elijah – 2 Kings 2

- Both were taken to heaven bodily without dying
- Both were prophets of Judgement
- Both fought idolatry and apostacy
- Both knew the time and purpose of their translation

Could not these 2 prophets live in Heaven all these millennia? Yes! Remember, Yeshua our Messiah is alive in Heaven in a resurrected Body!

### **Heaven is a material place with cities and inhabitants**

Heb. 11:1, 13-16

Heb 13:14

John 14:1-3

Reve. 4:4-6, 5:3-13, 12:12

Rev. 13:6; 18:20; 19:1-10

### **Food and living conditions**

Exodus 24:11

Ps. 78:25

Luke 22:16, 18, 30

John 6:31

Rev. 2:7, 17

Rev. 17:17, 22:

How close is our walk with God? Do we fall short at times by allowing things to distract us from prayer and study and fellowship with Him? I know I am guilty of that. Sometimes you can be so busy doing good things for the Kingdom, that we forget about your relationship with the King.

The great men and woman of God that we are studying, were men and woman who walked with God in obedience to His commands, teachings and instructions, even it meant losing their lives.

Their lives are an example for us, and should inspire us in our walk with God and with our Yeshua our Messiah., YHWH in the flesh, the Living Torah who showed us how to “Walk with God”. By His teaching and example.

### **Further study and Reflection “Walking in Obedience”**

(Gen 17:1 TLV) When Abram was 99 years old, Adonai appeared to Abram, and He said to him, “I am El Shaddai. Continually walk before Me and you will be blameless.

(Exo 16:4 TLV) Then Adonai said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. The people will go out and gather a day’s portion every day, so that I can test them to find out whether they will walk according to My Torah or not.

(Exo 18:20 TLV) Enlighten them as to the statutes and the laws, and show them the way by which they must walk and the work they must do.

(Lev 18:3 TLV) You are not to act as they do in the land of Egypt, where you used to live. Nor are you to act as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, nor are you to walk in their customs.

(Lev 18:4 TLV) You are to obey My ordinances and keep My statutes and walk in them—I am Adonai your God.

(Lev 20:23 TLV) You are not to walk in the ways of the nation which I am casting out before you, for they did all these things and therefore I abhorred them.

(Lev 26:3 TLV) “If you walk in My statutes, keep My mitzvot and carry them out,

(Lev 26:12 TLV) I will walk among you and will be your God, and you will be My people.

(Lev 26:13 TLV) I am Adonai your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, so that you would not be their slaves, and I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk upright.

(Deu 5:30 TLV) You are to walk in all the way that Adonai your God has commanded you, so that you may live and it may be well with you and you may prolong your days in the land that you will possess.

(Deu 6:7 TLV) You are to teach them diligently to your children, and speak of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down and when you rise up.

(Deu 8:6 TLV) So you are to keep the mitzvot of Adonai your God—to walk in His ways and to fear Him.

(Deu 10:12 TLV) “So now, O Israel, what does Adonai your God require of you, but to fear Adonai your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve Adonai your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

(Deu 11:19 TLV) You are to teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down and when you rise up.

(Deu 11:22 TLV) “For if you will diligently keep all this -mitzvah that I am commanding you to do—to love Adonai your God, to walk in all His ways and to cling to Him—

(Deu 26:17 TLV) Today you have affirmed Adonai as your God, that you will walk in His ways, keep His statutes, mitzvot and ordinances, and listen to His voice.

(Jos 22:5 TLV) Only be very careful to observe the mitzvah and the Torah which Moses the servant of Adonai commanded you, to love Adonai your God and walk in all His ways, and to keep His mitzvot, cling to Him and worship Him with all your heart and with all your soul.”

(Jdg 2:22 TLV) in order to test Israel by them, whether or not they will keep the way of Adonai to walk in it as their fathers did.”

(1Sa 2:30 TLV) Therefore Adonai God of Israel declares, I indeed said that your

house and your father’s house should walk before Me forever. But now declares Adonai, far be it from Me! For I will honor those who honor Me, but those who despise Me will be disdained.

(1Ki 2:3 TLV) Keep the charge of Adonai your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His decrees, according to what is written in the Torah of Moses, so that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn

(1Ki 2:4 TLV) so that Adonai may fulfill His word which He spoke concerning me, saying: ‘If your children watch their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.’

(1Ki 3:14 TLV) Furthermore, if you walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

(Neh 5:9 TLV) Then I said, “The thing that you are doing is not good! Shouldn’t you walk in the fear of our God, in order to avoid the reproach of our Gentile enemies?”

(Neh 10:30 TLV) all join their brothers the nobles, and enter into a curse and an oath to walk in the Torah of God given through Moses the servant of God, and to keep and do all the mitzvot of Adonai our Lord, along with His ordinances and His statute

(Psa 26:11 TLV) But I—I will walk in

my integrity. Redeem me and be gracious to me.

(Psa 81:13 TLV) So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart, to walk in their own counsels.

(Psa 84:12 TLV) For Adonai Elohim is a sun and a shield. Adonai gives grace and glory. No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

(Psa 86:11 TLV) Teach me Your way, Adonai, that I may walk in Your truth. Give me an undivided heart to fear Your Name.

(Psa 89:16 TLV) Blessed are the people who know the joyful shout, They walk in the light of Your presence, Adonai.

(Psa 119:1 TLV) Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the Torah of Adonai.

(Psa 119:3 TLV) who also do no injustice, but walk in His ways.

(Psa 119:35 TLV) Help me walk in the path of Your mitzvot—for I delight in it.

(Psa 119:45 TLV) and walk about in freedom. For I have sought Your precepts.

(Pro 2:7 TLV) He stores up sound wisdom for the upright. He is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

(Pro 3:23 TLV) Then you will walk on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble.

(Joh 8:12 TLV) Yeshua spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. The one who follows Me will no

longer walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

(Joh 12:35 TLV) Therefore Yeshua said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness will not overtake you. The one who walks in darkness doesn’t know where he is going.

(Rom 6:4 TLV) Therefore we were buried together with Him through immersion into death—in order that just as Messiah was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

(Rom 8:4 TLV) so that the requirement of the Torah might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Ruach.

(2Co 5:7 TLV) For we walk by faith, not by sight.

(2Co 6:16 TLV) What agreement does God’s Temple have with idols? For we are the temple of the living God—just as God said, “I will dwell in them and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

(Gal 5:16 TLV) But I say, walk by the Ruach, and you will not carry out the desires of the flesh.

(Gal 5:25 TLV) If we live by the Ruach, let us also walk by the Ruach.

(Eph 2:10 TLV) For we are His workmanship—created in Messiah Yeshua for good deeds, which God prepared beforehand so we might walk in them.

(Eph 4:1 TLV) Therefore I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you were called—

(Eph 5:2 TLV) and walk in love, just as Messiah also loved us and gave Himself up for us as an offering and sacrifice to God for a fragrant aroma.

(Eph 5:8 TLV) For once you were darkness, but now in union with the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light

(Eph 5:15 TLV) So pay close attention to how you walk—not as unwise people but as wise.

(Col 1:10 TLV) to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God.

(Col 2:6 TLV) Therefore as you received Messiah Yeshua as Lord, so continue to walk in Him—

(1Th 2:12 TLV) we exhorted and encouraged and urged each one of you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

(1Jn 1:7 TLV) But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of His Son Yeshua purifies us from all sin.

(1Jn 2:6 TLV) whoever claims to abide in Him must walk just as He walked.

(2Jn 1:6 TLV) Now this is love: that we walk according to His commands. This is the commandment—just as you heard

from the beginning—that you walk in love.

(Rev 3:4 TLV) “But still, you have a few people in Sardis who have not stained their clothes. They will walk with Me in white, because they are worthy.

**To be Continued.....**