



# Can We Hear Enoch's Trumpet?

Jude 14-16

Genesis 5:18-32; Hebrews 11:1-6

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## A Letter to Saints (Jude 1-2; **1 John 2:29 - 3:10**)

- How do I know if I am a saint?

## A Serious Call (Jude 3-4)

- Contending **EARNESTLY** for THE FAITH - Are you obeying this command?

## Enoch's Prophecy Against the Ungodly (Jude 14-16)

- "seventh from Adam" – Jude 14 - through Seth - the godly line.
  - As opposed to the third from Adam through Cain – the "ungodly" line. (Genesis 4:17)
- Enoch lived in wicked times – times very much like **TODAY**. See Gen 6:5, 11, 12
  - ★ See Matthew 13:33
  - Preacher for his times – notice his emphasis on the word "ungodly." Jude 14-15
    - Our times: Isaiah 5:20; Mat 24:37-44; 2 Tim 3:1-5; 4:3-4; 1 Timothy 4:1; 1 John 5:19.
    - ★ God always has His spokesmen! In His mercy, He sends His messengers to warn His people and to preach repentance! (See 2 Chronicles 36:14-16; 24:18-21; 33:10; 2 Kings 17:13; Jeremiah 7:13, 25-26; 25:3-4; 26:5; 29:19; 32:31-33; 35:15; 44:4-5)
- Enoch prophesied (preached God's Word) against the **UNGODLY**.
- Enoch prophesied **JUDGMENT** against the **UNGODLY**.
- The **UNGODLY** are those who are not **SAINTS**.
  - Look at Psalm 1 –
    - ➔ Either you are **BLESSED** (vv. 1-3) OR you are **WICKED** (vv. 4-6)
- The **LORD** will come **with** His saints to judge! (1 Thess. 3:13)
  - "saints" is "holy ones" and could include the angels. (2 Thess. 1:6-9)
- The **LORD** will come to bring vengeance against those who do not **KNOW** God (John 17:3) and those who do not **OBEY** the Gospel. (2 Thess. 1:7-8) **NOTE:** This verse does not say "**believe**" but "**obey**" the Gospel! (See also Hebrews 5:9; 1 Peter 4:17; Galatians 3:1; 5:7)
- **WHAT MOVED ENOCH TO MAKE SUCH A PROPHECY?**
  - ① **AFTER** Enoch begot Methuselah he walked with God. **PARENTHOOD** ought to drive us **closer** to God.

- ② Methuselah literally means “when he dies there will be an emission” or “when he dies it will be sent” – the JUDGMENT or the FLOOD!
- ③ He **walked** with God!

## Enoch Walked with God (Genesis 5:24)

- “walk” signifies:
  - a **voluntary act** - a **steady advance** - a **progress**
- Our “walk” is our life. “To walk” means “to live.”
- ★ Read Psalm 119:1, 3, 35, 45; 128:1; Romans 8:1-4; Galatians 5:16, 25; Eph 2:10; 4:1; 5:8; Colossians 1:9-11; 1 Thess 2:12; **4:1**; 1 John 1:6-7; 2 John 6.
- **Before** Enoch walked with God:
  - He walked “according to the course of this world.” Ephesians 2:2; John 7:7: 15:19; Romans 12:2; Galatians 1:4; James 4:4; 1 John 5:19.
  - He walked in his “own way.” Isaiah 53:6; 55:7; Romans 3:12
- **After** Methuselah’s birth, Enoch no longer walked as above, but **with God**.
- Enoch **walked** with God **300** years.
- “walked with God” implies:
  - ① Enoch, a sinner and enemy of God, was now **reconciled** to God. (2 Cor 5:20)
    - Only when two agree can they walk **together**. (Amos 3:3)
    - His mind, heart, and will were **transformed!** (Romans 12:2) **FAITH TRANSFORMS! People can see the transformation!!**
  - ② Enoch **surrendered** his life to God. His name means “dedicated”. Enoch had to submit and conform himself **to GOD** – it could never be the other way around. He walked **humbly** with God. (Micah 6:8; Isaiah 57:15) To walk humbly is to **deny self**. (Luke 9:23)
  - ③ Enoch’s life was **controlled by God’s word**. Faith presupposes **revelation from God!** (Romans 10:17) He **lived** by faith and not sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7) He did not live by culture, tradition, opinions of others, **but by the WRITTEN Word of God**.
  - ④ Enoch lived **for** God. He lived a life of **separation**. He chose God and not the world. (James 4:4; John 15:19; 1 John 2:15-16; Hebrews 11:25-26) He chose **holiness**. (1 Peter 1:15-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:7)
  - ⑤ Enoch **persevered** in his walk – his walk was his life! He walked with God for **300** years! He did not quit, give up, take a break, become sluggish or lazy, walk away, etc. (Mat 24:13; Romans 2:17)
    - Enoch’s faith was NOT an easy FAITH.
      - He walked with God for **300** years!
      - He walked with God during very **ungodly** times. (See Genesis 6:5; Jude 14, 15)
  - ⑥ Enoch’s walk was with **absolute courage and confidence**. (Psalm 23:3-4; 3:6; 27:1-4; 118:6; Isaiah 41:10; 1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

- ⑦ Enoch's walk was a walk **opposed** by and **contrary** to the world. (John 15:18-20; 17:14, 16; James 4:4; Proverbs 29:27)
- The more he walked with God the more he **hated** sin. (Psalm 119:104, 113, 128, 163)
  - He walked in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7; 2 John 4; 3 John 4; Ephesians 5:8; Philipians 2:15).
  - He was not afraid to preach against the darkness and to expose darkness. (Ephesians 5:11)
  - When we walk with God we call sin what it is. Others may call it “a failure,” “a mistake,” “a short coming,” “a weakness”, etc. Others may excuse it. **BUT those who walk with God hate sin and call it treason, rebellion, evil, ungodly, etc. and are not ashamed to do so!**

### **TAKEN!** (Hebrews 11:5)

- “TAKEN” is the KEY word in this verse in that it is used 3 times.
- μετατίθημι metatithemi {met-at-ith'-ay-mee} – “to pass over”; “translate”
- (Colossians 1:13) **GOD** has **delivered us** into the kingdom of His dear Son.”
- (John 5:24) Those who believe have already “**passed over**” death unto life.
- Enoch's translation teaches us some important truths:
  - Those who believe live in such a way that their affections and thoughts are on things above **NOW** because of faith. (Colossians 3:1-3)
  - When a sinner is saved through faith he is **immediately** “translated” out of this world into the presence of God. (Ephesians 2:6)
  - There is a LIFE after death! This is real **HOPE**.
- Some other truths taught by Enoch's translation:
  - ① God is **sovereign** over death and life. (Job 14:5; 12:10; Psalm 139:16; Ephesians 1:11; Matthew 10:29)
  - ② God's plan for Abel was **martyrdom**, but His plan for Enoch was **translation**. (Psalm 31:15; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
  - ③ What God did for Enoch He has promised to do for an entire generation of His people. (1 Corinthians 15:51-52)
  - ④ As Enoch was translated body and soul; all will spend eternity with body and soul – either in Heaven or in Hell.
  - ⑤ Godliness does not guarantee long life. Others in Genesis lived longer than Enoch. Meditate on John the Baptist.
- **BEFORE** his translation, Enoch, **pleased God**.
  - One pleases God by living (obeying) the will of God.
  - An unsaved person **cannot** do anything to please God! (Romans 8:8)
  - We are to be God-pleasers and not people pleasers – even in our work places. (Ephesians 6:5-7; 1 Thessalonians 2:4; Galatians 1:10)

- Children obeying their parents pleases God – this we must teach our children. (Colossians 3:2) Disobedient children are NOT pleasing to God.
- We are to live our lives to please God. (1 Thessalonians 4:1)
- Obedience pleases God. (1 John 3:22; Colossians 1:10)

## How Shall We Walk (LIVE) With God?

- ① First remember: **ONLY** those who walk with God get to heaven! (Matthew 7:13-14; 16:24-25; Acts 14:22; John 15:18-20; **Matthew 11:29**)
- ② We must **AGREE with GOD**. (Amos 3:3; 2 Corinthians 6:14-16)
- ③ **HUMBLE** ourselves to walk with God. (Micah 6:8; James 4:6-10)
- ④ We must walk **as CHRIST** walked. (1 John 1:6-7; **2:6**)
- ⑤ We must walk according to His **COMMANDMENTS**. (2 John 6; Psalm 119:105)
- ⑥ We must walk **WORTHY** of our citizenship. (Col. 1:10; Philippians 3:20)
- ⑦ We must walk in the **WORKS** that God has ordained for us to do. (Eph 2:10)
- ⑧ We must **PERSEVERE** in our walk with God. Enoch persevered for 300 years! (Matthew 24:13) We cannot give up or quit or become “sluggish” or “lazy” (Hebrews 6:11-12).
- ⑨ We “can” walk with complete **CONFIDENCE**. If God is for us, who can be against me? (Psalm 23; Romans 8:31)
- ⑩ We “can” walk in complete **SATISFACTION**. (Psalm 16:11; 36:8-9)

## What Will Be the Results of Our Walk?

- ① We will **GROW** in **GRACE**. (Proverbs 4:18)
  - The more we grow in grace the more we will **LOVE** God and **HATE** sin. (Psalm 119:104, 128; Psalm 97:10; 2 Peter 3:18; Romans 12:9)
  - The more we grow in grace the more He will **INCREASE** and the more we will **DECREASE**. (John 3:30)
  - The more we grow in grace the more we see ourselves as completely **HELPLESS** and our complete **DEPENDENCY** on God.
- ② We will **GROW** in **KNOWLEDGE** of God and Christ Jesus
  - The more we will know His **LOVE**. (Philip 3:8; Col 1:10; 3:18)
  - “It is one thing to **TALK** about God, to **REASON** and **SPECULATE** about God, to **HEAR** and **READ** of Him, but it is quite another thing to **KNOW** Him and **WALK** with Him.”
- ③ We will receive a **deeper** sense of **JOY** and **PEACE**.
  - Romans 5:1; 8:6, 31; 14:17; 15:13; Philippians 4:6-7.
- ④ We will **WITNESS** for the Lord. (Jude 14, 15)
  - First, we walk, then we talk!
- ⑤ We will be **TAKEN** by God! (John 14:1-6)
  - (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) Taken!
  - (1 Corinthians 15:50-52) “in a twinkling of an eye”
  - May it be said of us . . . **“they walked with God and God took them!”**