

To the early Christians and their contemporary Jews, the Book of Enoch was scripture. In the New Testament, Jude quoted him.

14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,
 15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches* which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. (Jude 1:14-18)

We find a good translation of the original in R.H. Charles, "The Book of Enoch," *The Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament* [Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1976], 2:189. It reads,

9 And behold! He cometh with ten thousands of His holy ones
 To execute judgement upon all,
 And to destroy all the ungodly:
 And to convict all flesh
 Of all the works of their ungodliness which they have ungodly committed,
 And of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.

A different book called "The Book of the Secrets of Enoch," tells of Enoch's *sode* experience. The quote below is from Charles, 2:441-445.

R.H. Charles, "The Book the Secrets of Enoch of Enoch," *The Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament* [Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1976], 2:442-46.

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1 On the tenth Heaven, Aravoth, I saw the appearance of the Lord's face, like iron made to glow in fire, and brought out, emitting sparks, and it burns. Thus I saw the Lord's face, but the Lord's face is ineffable, marvellous and very awful, and very, very terrible.
 2 And who am I to tell of the Lord's unspeakable being, and of his very wonderful face? and I cannot tell the quantity of his many instructions, and various voices, the Lord's throne very great and not made with hands, nor the quantity of those standing round him, troops of cherubim and
 3 seraphim, nor their incessant singing, no'. his immutable beauty) and who shall tell of the ineffable greatness of his glory?
 4 And I fell prone and bowed down to the Lord,
 5 and the Lord with his lips said to me: 'Have courage, Enoch, do not fear, arise and stand before my face into eternity.'
 6 And the archistratege Michael lifted me up, and led me to before the Lord's face.

7 And the Lord said to his servants tempting them: 'Let Enoch stand before my face into eternity,' and the glorious ones bowed down to the Lord, and said: 'Let Enoch go according to Thy word.'

8 And the Lord said to Michael: 'Go and take Enoch from out his earthly garments, and anoint him with my sweet ointment,[footnote: "oil"] and put him into the garments of My glory.'

9 And Michael did thus, as the Lord told him. He anointed me, and dressed me, and the appearance of that ointment is more than the great light, and his ointment is like sweet dew, and its'

10 smell mild, shining like the sun's ray, and I looked at myself, and was like one of his glorious ones.

11 And the Lord summoned one of his archangels by name Pravuil, whose knowledge was quicker in wisdom than the other archangels, who wrote all the deeds of the Lord ; and the

12 Lord said to Pravuil: 'Bring out the books from my store-houses, and a reed of quick-writing, and give ii to Enoch, and deliver to him the choice and comforting books out of thy hand.'³

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1 And he was telling me all the works of heaven, earth and sea, and all the elements, their passages and goings, and the thunderings of the thunders, the sun and moon, the goings and changes of the stars, the seasons, years, days, and hours, the risings of the wind, the numbers of the angels,

2 and the formation of their songs, and all human things, the tongue of every human song and life, the commandments, instructions, and sweet voiced singings, and all things that it is fitting to learn. And Pravuil told *me*: 'All the things

[3-]4 that I have told thee, we have written. Sit and write all the souls of mankind, however many of them are born, and the places prepared for them

5 to eternity ; for all souls are prepared to eternity, before the formation of the world.' And all

6 double thirty days and thirty nights, and I wrote out all things exactly, and wrote three hundred and sixty-six books.

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1 And the Lord summoned me, and said to me: Enoch, sit down on my left with Gabriel.' And I bowed down to the Lord, and the Lord spoke

2 to me: Enoch, beloved, all thou seest, all things that are standing finished I tell to thee even before the very beginning, all that I created from non-being, and visible things from invisible.

3 Hear, Enoch, and take in these my words, for not to My angels have I told my secret, and I have not told them their rise, nor my endless realm, nor have they understood my creating,

4 which I tell thee to-day. For before all things were visible, I alone used to go about in the invisible things, like the sun from east to west, and west to from west to east. But even the sun has peace in itself, while I found no peace, because I "'as creating all things,

and I conceived the thought of placing foundations, and of creating visible creation.

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1 I commanded in the very lowest parts, that visible things should come down from invisible, and Adoil [footnote: Adoil. is from ... 'the hand of God.'] came down very great, and I beheld
 2 him, and lo! he had a belly of great light. And I said to him: 'Become undone, Adoil, [The footnote says Adoil is Hebrew for "the hand of God"] and let
 3 the visible come out of thee.' And he came undone, and a great light came out. And I was in the midst of the great light, and as there is born light from light, there came forth a great age, and showed all creation, which I had thought to
 4 create. And I saw that it was good. And I placed for myself a throne, and took my seat on it, and said to the light: 'Go thou up higher and fix thyself high above the throne, and be
 5 a foundation to the highest things.' And above the light there is nothing else, and then I bent up and looked up from my throne.

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1 And I summoned the very lowest a second time, and said: Let Archas ⁽⁸⁾ come forth hard, and he came forth hard from the invisible.
 (8) *Archas*. Or, "Spirit of creation"
 2 And Archas came forth, hard, heavy, and very red.
 3 And I said: Be opened, Archas, and let there be born from you, and he came undone, an age came forth, very great and very dark, bearing the creation of all lower things, and I saw that *it was* good and said to him:
 4 Go thence down below, and make yourself firm, and be a foundation for the lower things, and it happened and he went down and fixed himself, and became the foundation for the lower things, and below the darkness there is nothing else.