

88 THE BOOK OF ENOCH IS FICTION

Introduction: The “Book of Enoch” is cited in Jude and 2 Peter and, because of that, some believe it has a high level of credibility. However, it was written sometime between 400 and 100 BC, and therefore, the pre-flood Enoch was not the author of the book. The author’s choice of Enoch for the main character, a righteous man who, it is thought, did not die, gives the book an air of gravitas and plausibility. Like today, fantastic, titillating tales were popular in the first century. We will seek to show that this book is contrary to the teachings of the Bible and is simply a work of fiction. We list eight prominent falsehoods it promotes.

1. FICTION: The wives of the “sons of God” became sirens—part woman and part bird.

Enoch: “*And the women also of the angels who went astray shall become sirens.*” Enoch 19:2

Comment: This is a reworking of Greek mythology to make it fit with the Old Testament. In Greek mythology, sirens were female human & bird hybrids who lured mariners to their death with their beautiful singing.

Scripture: (There are no references to sirens in the Bible.)

2. FICTION: Giants of the Old Testament were 4,500 feet tall.

Enoch: “*And they [daughters of men] became pregnant, and they bare great giants, whose height was three thousand ells [4,500 ft].*” Enoch 7:2 (an ell=approximately 45 inches)

Comment: Bible scholars indicate that Og, a giant in the Bible, could have been from 9 to 13 feet tall. Compare this to the Enochian assertion of 4,500 foot giants.

Scripture: “*For only Og, king of Bashan, remained of the remnant of the Rephaim. Behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron... Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its width, after the cubit of a man.*” Dt 3:11

3. FICTION: Azazel, a fallen angel, brought sin into the world.

Enoch: “*And the whole earth has been corrupted through the works that were taught by Azâzêl: to him ascribe all sin.*” Enoch 10:8

Comment: Paul made it very clear that Adam was responsible for bringing sin into the world.

Scripture: “*For since death came by man, the resurrection of the dead also came by man. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.*” I Cor 15:21-22

Scripture: “*Therefore, as sin entered into the world through one man, and death through sin, so death passed to all men because all sinned.*” Roman 5:12

4. FICTION: Sinners are/were in heaven but will be/were driven out.

Enoch: “*And after that I saw all the secrets of the heavens....2. And there I saw the mansions of the elect and the mansions of the holy, and mine eyes saw there all the sinners being driven from thence which deny the name of the Lord of Spirits, and being dragged off: and they could not abide...*” Enoch 41:1-2

Comment: There are no scriptures indicating that sinners have been or will be dragged out of heaven.

Scripture: “*In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it weren’t so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you.*” Jn 14:2

Scripture: “*For we don’t have here an enduring city, but we seek that which is to come.*” Heb 13:14

5. FICTION: The angels built the ark.

Enoch: “*And in those days the word of God came unto me, and He said unto me: ‘Noah, thy lot has come up before Me, a lot without blame, a lot of love and uprightness. 2. And now the angels are making a wooden (building), and when they have completed that task I will place My hand upon it and preserve it, and there shall come forth from it the seed of life, and a change shall set in so that the earth will not remain without inhabitant.*” Enoch 67:1-2

Comment: The writer appears to be trying to impress the reader with his special occult knowledge—that it was really angels, not Noah, who built the ark.

Scripture: “*God said to Noah...Make a ship of gopher wood. You shall make rooms in the ship, and shall seal it inside and outside with pitch. This is how you shall make it. The length of the ship shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits...*” Gen 6:13-15

Scripture: “*By faith Noah, being warned about things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared a ship for the saving of his house, through which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.*” Heb 11:7

6. FICTION: The sun god rides a chariot pushed by the wind.

Enoch: “*And first there goes forth the great luminary, named the Sun, and his circumference is like the circumference of the heaven, and he is quite filled with illuminating and heating fire. 5. The chariot on which he ascends, the wind drives...*” Enoch 72:4-5

FICTION: The moon goddess rides a chariot pushed by the wind.

Enoch: *"And after this law I saw another law dealing with the smaller luminary, which is named the Moon. And her circumference is like the circumference of the heaven, and her chariot in which she rides is driven by the wind, and light is given to her in (definite) measure."* Enoch 73:1-2.

Comment: Never in scripture do we see that the sun and moon are gods. This appears to be a version of ancient Greek mythology. Spouting special occult knowledge is a way of exalting oneself as a writer and enthralling the masses.

Scripture: *"God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light to the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good."* Gen 1:16-18

Comment: "Enoch" should have informed his readers that King Josiah destroyed the sun idolatry in Judah.

Scripture: *"He [Josiah] took away the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun, at the entrance of Yahweh's house, by the room of Nathan Melech the officer who was in the court; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire."* 2 Kings 23:11

7. FICTION: Noah was precocious, his eyes lit up the house, and he had a supernatural appearance.

Enoch: *"And his [Noah's] body was white as snow and red as the blooming of a rose, and the hair of his head and his long locks were white as wool, and his eyes beautiful. And when he opened his eyes, he lighted up the whole house like the sun, and the whole house was very bright. 3. And thereupon he arose in the hands of the midwife, opened his mouth, and conversed with the Lord of righteousness. 4. And his father Lamech was afraid of him and fled, and came to his father Methuselah. 5. And he said unto him: 'I have begotten a strange son, diverse from and unlike man, and resembling the sons of the God of heaven; and his nature is different and he is not like us, and his eyes are as the rays of the sun, and his countenance is glorious. 6. And it seems to me that he is not sprung from me but from the angels, and I fear that in his days a wonder may be wrought on the earth.'" Enoch 106:2-6*

Comment: There are no spectacular claims made about Noah's appearance in the Bible nor any of the other wild assertions. He was a godly man with a humble heart and therefore "blameless", but he also got drunk and cursed his son. It is a common device of story tellers as well as charlatans to claim special occult knowledge no one else has access to. That could be what is occurring in the Book of Enoch, where these kinds of extra-Biblical "revelations" are commonplace.

Scripture: *"But Noah found favor in Yahweh's eyes.... Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time. Noah walked with God."* Gen 6:8-9

8. FICTION: Two Hundred celestial angels married human women.

Enoch: *"And it came to pass when the children of men had multiplied that in those days were born unto them beautiful and comely daughters. And the angels, the children of the heaven, saw and lusted after them, and said to one another: 'Come, let us choose us wives from among the children of men and beget us children.'" Enoch 6:1-2*

Comment: Peter and Jude rebuked the teachers of the Book of Enoch for slandering God's majestic celestial angels, making them into wicked perverters of the divine order. These false teachers were guilty of blasphemy and returning to the "vomit" of their earlier Jewish and pagan myths. (2 Peter 2:22)

Scripture: *"Reckless, self-centered, they [false teachers] speak abusively of angelic majesties without trembling."* 2 Peter 2:10

Scripture: *"These [false teachers] also in their dreaming defile the flesh, despise authority, and slander celestial beings [the angels]." Jude 8*

Closing remarks: Preterist Papers, #65 and #72 treat the meaning of the New Testament references in The Book of Enoch. We have shown that the "angels in chains" is a reference to the Numbers 16 situation of Korah and his companions where they challenged Moses' authority and were swallowed up by the earth to await judgment. It is important that Bible readers not be led into "Jewish myths" (extra-biblical writings) believing that they contain valid information. The Book of Enoch is probably on par with "Harry Potter" when it comes to reliability. (See Titus 1:14)

Note: For an explanation of the use of the Book of Enoch in Peter and Jude see: <https://www.realdevil.info/dig1.htm>

Note: For more information debunking "Enoch", see: <http://www.refuteit.com/the-book-of-enoch-debunked.html>