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In Defense of the Book of Enoch

Is the Book of Enoch Genuine? – DRAFT – A WORK IN PROCESS

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Chapter 1 - Introduction

Many modern scholars, especially those who control the editing of the relevant page on Wikipedia, consider the Book of Enoch to be apocryphal or a pseudepigrapha.¹ As a long-time in-depth student of the Bible and prophecy (being a scripture compiler), and having read two translations of the Dead Sea Scrolls fragments and more complete versions of some of those books as found among other troves of ancient documents, I rather see a remarkable consistency between the ancient accounts that should require us to reevaluate the Book of Enoch and to seriously consider it as being authentic. Whether our modern era translations are subject to the vagaries of translational, fragmentary or translator bias issues is left for someone more familiar with the ancient languages to determine.

While some trace its origins to 100-200 BCE, while I agree that perhaps the earliest known copies were dated to then, from internal and external evidence, I find that there is strong evidence for its authenticity and that it, in fact, dates to the time of Enoch around 600 *Anno Mundi* (A.M.) or year of the world.

In this document, I will review a number of the teachings found in the Book of Enoch, which an in-depth student will find echoed in the canonical books of the Bible. I will also reference books found among the Dead Sea Scrolls, the most valuable trove of ancient documents ever found. These more closely reflected the scriptures of Jesus' day than our canon today and one can easily agree that the books of the New Testament were not part of the canon of Jesus' time as they didn't even exist then.

Based upon my scrutiny of the book and books that reference it, I have concluded that the Book of Enoch is genuine and is truly attributable to Enoch (and several of his offspring), the seventh from Adam rather than being the creative work of one or more rabbis or scribes as some skeptics suggest. Moreover, I believe that the book is very relevant to our time in earth's history, is essential to understanding the book of Revelation as well as Jesus' teachings and is well-worth studying in detail.

¹ pseudepigrapha: 1. Spurious writings, especially writings falsely attributed to biblical characters or times.
2. A body of texts written between 200 b.c. and a.d. 200 and spuriously ascribed to various prophets and kings of Hebrew Scriptures.

Chapter 2 – External Evidence

Let's look at crucial external evidence regarding the writings of Enoch. From the Book of *Jubilees (The Law and the Testimony)* as dictated to Moses by the Angel of God's presence during his first 40-days up on Mt. Sinai, we read the following history:

And in the eleventh jubilee [512–518 *Anno Mundi*] Jared took to himself a wife, and her name was Baraka, the daughter of Rasujal, a daughter of his father's brother, in the fourth week of this jubilee, [522 A.M.] and she bare him a son in the fifth week, in the fourth year of the jubilee, and ¹⁷ he called his name Enoch.

And he was the first among men that are born on earth who learnt writing and knowledge and wisdom and who wrote down the signs of heaven according to the order of their months in a book, that men might know the seasons of the years according to the order of ¹⁸ their separate months. And he was the first to write a testimony and he testified to the sons of men among the generations of the earth, and recounted the weeks of the jubilees, and made known to them the days of the years, and set in order the months and recounted the Sabbaths of the years ¹⁹ as we [the angels] made (them), known to him. And what was and what will be, he saw in a vision of his sleep, as it will happen to the children of men throughout their generations until the day of judgment; he saw and understood everything, and wrote his testimony, and placed the testimony on earth for all ²⁰ the children of men and for their generations.

Note that the angel stated that what Enoch wrote was to be a testimony on earth for ALL generations! It was not to be hidden away, obscured by skepticism, but rather as a testimony to what was and what will be.

Later in the book of Enoch, Enoch tells Methuselah to preserve the writings and deliver them to the generations of the world.

Chapter 82:

¹ And now, my son Methuselah, all these things I am recounting to thee and writing down for thee! and I have revealed to thee everything, and given thee books concerning all these: so preserve, my son Methuselah, the books from thy father's hand, and (see) that thou deliver them to the generations of the world.

The books were not intended to be sealed, hidden away, but shared as a testimony to all the world, for all their generations.

Continuing in *The Law and the Testimony*, we read the following:

Law and Testimony 12:25-27 “And the LORD God said [to his angel]: 'Open his [Abram's] mouth and his ears, that he may hear and speak with his mouth, with the language which has been revealed'; for it had ceased from the mouths of all the children of men from the day of the overthrow (of Babel). And I opened his mouth,

and his ears and his lips, and I began to speak with him in Hebrew in the tongue of the creation. And he took the books of his fathers, and these were written in Hebrew, and he transcribed them, and he began from henceforth to study them, and I made known to him that which he could not (understand), and he studied them during the six rainy months.”

From the recitation of the angel, one can conclude that Hebrew (ancient Hebrew) was the language given to Adam and spoken by all humanity until it was removed by God at the tower of Babel incident. Thus Enoch, who the angel stated was the first among men who learned writing, would have written his documents/books in the ancient Hebrew language. Furthermore, as noted above, after the language confusion at tower of Babel, no one could read or understand these books. The ancient *book of Jasher* (the righteous), states that Abram had lived with Noah and Shem for some time and indeed as *Jasher* makes clear, Melchizedek is the same as Shem (or Sem – from which we get the term Semites) and Shem (along with his grandson Eber) was the founder of the city which was called Salem (the town of Sem or peace), and which we now call Jerusalem. Abram had obtained copies of the ancient books but could not read them, until the angel of the Lord revealed the language to him.

Note the following phrases which emphasize the importance of this book:

- placed the testimony on earth for **all** ²⁰ the children of men and **for their generations**.
- preserve, my son Methuselah, the books from thy father's hand, and (see) that thou deliver them **to the generations of the world**

Why is this book so important that it was to be preserved through all generations until the day of Judgment? Why is it, or rather the teachings in it, so important that we shouldn't discard or ignore it?

Chapter 3 – Evidence to be covered

I'm going to provide a bulleted list (not in any order) of evidence and then provide details and references later in this document.

- The oldest known copies of part of the Book of Enoch dates back to ~300 BC. There is no reason these couldn't have been copies of more ancient documents which no longer exist or remain yet hidden away. But here is the point: without a doubt, portions of the book have been found that were clearly written before the time of Christ.
- In the Book of Enoch, there are detailed and frequent references to the Elect One, the Holy One, the Son of Man, before whom every knee will bow, who is coming to judge the earth. The term "Son of Man" is used 18 times in the Book of Enoch and His relationship to God is clearly portrayed. This Son of Man is also referred to by a powerful name, called (by one translator) "the Oath", which John the apostle calls "the Word". All things were created through this Word.²
- No reference to the Mosaic, the Sinaitic covenant or Torah is made in the Book of Enoch, as those events had not yet occurred. It doesn't even reference the Sabbath, something that would have been very significant to a Jewish author. If the book had a more recent origination (i.e. 200 BCE), it is likely that another author would have included some reference to those.
- The Book of Enoch clearly defines who were the sons of God that sinned against God and took as wives the daughters of men and were defiled by their blood. Their offspring set up the events that led to the Noachian flood. In Genesis, which is a very condensed version of *the Law and the Testimony*, this is summarized in a very brief sentence (Gen. 6:1-4 when the Sons of God took wives of the daughters of men), and then again in Leviticus 16:8 as part of the Day of Atonement service. The scapegoat [goat for Azazel] ritual is a mimicking of the sentence levied on Azazel, one of the fallen angels named in the Book of Enoch,
- the lineage of Enoch back to Adam is used.
- Rather unique concepts found in the Book of Enoch are referred to by a number of Bible writers including
 - There are fallen angels bound in chains awaiting judgment (2 Peter 2:4, Jude 1:6)
 - The concept that there are a certain number of martyrs that God needs to sit on the thrones judging the world (Revelation 6:9-11, 20:4)
 - The concept of death as a pit from which supplication to the Almighty can be made. For example: Abel's blood crying out (Genesis 4:8-10; Hebrews 11:4, 12:24), and the souls under the altar petitioning God (Revelation 6:9-11). There are over 27 references in the Bible where the term "the pit" is used within the context of death or the grave, beginning with Job to Ezekiel to Jonah. Nowhere in scripture does one find an original thought or experience in which the grave is seen as a pit; yet Enoch is shown four hollows or pits under a great mountain and

² A key point is a Messiah called "Son of Man", with divine attributes, who existed before our earth's Creation, who will act directly in the final judgment and sit on a throne of glory (1 Enoch 46:1-4, 48:2-7, 69:26-29)[12]:562-563.

the angel tells him that when people die, their spirits are placed into one of the four pits or divisions.

- The book contains a lot of prophecy (a testimony), some of which has been fulfilled, some of which awaits a future fulfillment. Absent the clear inspiration of God, for a scribe (however clever) to have assembled such prophecies is a bit presumptuous and preposterous. Few dare to predict the future with such clear statements. Given the past accurate fulfillments, why would the author lie in the book regarding his authorship?
- Some think some of the wording strange of views that Enoch was shown, of the earth, horses, mountains of metal, etc. but a student of prophecy will recognize similar verbiage and concepts in some of the books of the Minor Prophets such as Zachariah.
- In a sense, like the book of Daniel, the words of Enoch were “hidden” or “sealed” for many years only coming to light and receiving much exposure in the final days of earth’s history. Why now?
- In order to more clearly understand the book of Revelation (which is very important for our time), a good grasp of Enoch is essential as there are a number of parallels.
- Sentence is handed down on the fallen angels for them to be bound for seventy generations (7,000 years?). Many believe that God has set a time of 7,000 years for transgression to run its course, 6,000 years for transgression in human history and 1,000 years during which the earth lies desolate (the millennium). This promise of the Word to restore Adam to his Eden after 6000 years of transgression is repeated a number of times in the first book of Adam and Eve, which is then followed by the millennium. At the end of that time will be the great judgment, the lake of fire and the earth made new.

Let’s look at a number of these astounding points.

Chapter 4 – The Role of the Son of Man

In the book of Matthew, Jesus calls himself the “Son of Man” 31 times. The term “Son of Man” is used 88 times in the New Testament in reference to Jesus. The Sanhedrin was especially upset when Jesus called himself the “Son of Man.” Why? Let us look at several significant Bible passages and then the Book of Enoch which foretold the coming of this “Son of Man” and His role as Judge and Savior.

Daniel 7:13

“I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the **Son of Man**, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.

Daniel’s use of “the” suggests a prior familiarity, rather than this being Daniel’s first exposure. How did Daniel know about the Son of Man? ... unless perhaps he had read about Him in the Book of Enoch and recognized Him when he saw the Son of Man in vision? We will look at that in a moment, but first let’s look at some of the more significant references in the Bible where Jesus refers to himself as the Son of Man, or where others refer to Jesus as the Son of Man.

Matthew 16:27-28

“For the **Son of Man** will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the **Son of Man** coming in His kingdom.”

Matthew 18:11

“For the **Son of Man** has come to save that which was lost.”

Matthew 19:28

So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the **Son of Man** sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Matthew 24:23-44

²³ “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here *is* the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe *it*. ²⁴ For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ See, I have told you beforehand.

²⁶ “Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; *or* ‘Look, *He is* in the inner rooms!’ do not believe *it*. ²⁷ For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the **Son of Man** be. ²⁸ For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

²⁹ “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then the sign of the **Son of Man** will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the **Son of Man**

coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³² “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer *is* near. ³³ So you also, when you see all these things, know that it^[d] is near—at the doors! ³⁴ Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

³⁶ “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven,^[e] but My Father only. ³⁷ But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the **Son of Man** be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the **Son of Man** be. ⁴⁰ Then two *men* will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two *women will be* grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴² Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour^[f] your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also be ready, for the **Son of Man** is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Matthew 25:31

“When the **Son of Man** comes in His glory, and all the holy[a] angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

Matthew 26:62-65

⁶² And the high priest arose and said to Him, “Do You answer nothing? What *is it* these men testify against You?” ⁶³ But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, “I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!”

⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, “*It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.*”

⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, “He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy!

Revelation 14:14-15

¹⁴ Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat *One* like the **Son of Man**, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. ¹⁵ And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, “Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You^[a] to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.”

Do we find this **Son of Man** talked about in the Book of Enoch? Do we find Him within the context of the Judgment? Absolutely, many times as well. Phrases enclosed in brackets [] were in the original translation.

Enoch 46

¹ And there I saw One who had a head of days (the Ancient of Days), And His head was white like wool, And with Him was another being whose countenance had the appearance of a man, And his face was full of graciousness, like one of the holy angels.

² And I asked the angel who went with me and showed me all the hidden things, concerning that ³ **Son of Man**, who he was, and whence he was, (and) why he went with the Ancient of Days? And he answered and said unto me: This is the **Son of Man** who hath righteousness, With whom dwelleth righteousness, And who revealeth all the treasures of that which is hidden, Because the Lord of Hosts hath chosen him, And whose lot hath the pre-eminence before the Lord of Hosts in uprightness for ever.

⁴ And this **Son of Man** whom thou hast seen Shall raise up [remove] the kings and the mighty from their seats, And shall loosen the reins of the strong, And break the teeth of the sinners.

⁵ [And he shall put down the kings from their thrones and kingdoms] Because they do not extol and praise Him, Nor humbly acknowledge whence the kingdom was bestowed upon them.

⁶ And he shall put down the countenance of the strong, and shall fill them with shame. And darkness shall be their dwelling, and worms shall be their bed, and they shall have no hope of rising from their beds, because they do not extol the name of the Lord of Hosts.

⁷ And these are they who judge the stars of heaven, [And raise their hands against the Most High], and tread upon the earth and dwell upon it. And all their deeds manifest unrighteousness, and their power rests upon their riches, and their faith is in the gods which they have made with their hands, and they deny the name of the Lord of Hosts, ⁸ and they persecute the houses of His congregations, and the faithful who hang upon the name of the Lord of Hosts.

Enoch 47

¹ And in those days shall have ascended the prayer of the righteous, And the blood of the righteous from the earth before the Lord of Hosts.

² In those days the holy ones who dwell above in the heavens Shall unite with one voice And supplicate and pray [and praise, And give thanks and bless the name of the Lord of Hosts On behalf of the blood of the righteous which has been shed, And that the prayer of the righteous may not be in vain before the Lord of Hosts, That judgement may be done unto them, And that they may not have to suffer for ever.

³ In those days I saw the Ancient of Days when He seated himself upon the throne of His glory, And the books of the living were opened before Him: And all His host which is in heaven above and His counselors stood before Him, ⁴ And the hearts of the holy were filled with joy; Because the number of the righteous had been offered, And the prayer of the righteous had been heard, And the blood of the righteous been required before the Lord of Hosts.

Enoch 48

¹ And in that place I saw the fountain of righteousness Which was inexhaustible: And around it were many fountains of wisdom: And all the thirsty drank of them, And were filled with wisdom, And their dwellings were with the righteous and holy and elect.

² And at that hour that **Son of Man** was named In the presence of the Lord of Hosts, And his name before the Ancient of Days.

³ Yea, before the sun and the signs were created, Before the stars of the heaven were made, His name was named before the Lord of Hosts.

⁴ He shall be a staff to the righteous whereon to stay themselves and not fall, And he shall be the light of the Gentiles, And the hope of those who are troubled of heart.

⁵ All who dwell on earth shall fall down and worship before him [see Philippians 2:10], And will praise and bless and celebrate with song the Lord of Hosts. ⁶ And for this reason hath he been chosen and hidden before Him, Before the creation of the world and for evermore.

⁷ And the wisdom of the Lord of Hosts hath revealed him to the holy and righteous; For he hath preserved the lot of the righteous, Because they have hated and despised this world of unrighteousness, And have hated all its works and ways in the name of the Lord of Hosts: For in his name they are saved [see Acts 4:12; 1 John 2:15], And according to his good pleasure hath it been in regard to their life.

⁸ In these days downcast in countenance shall the kings of the earth have become, And the strong who possess the land because of the works of their hands, For on the day of their anguish and affliction they shall not (be able to) save themselves. And I will give them over into the hands of **Mine elect**: As straw in the fire so shall they burn before the face of the holy [see Isaiah 47:14]: As lead in the water shall they sink before the face of the righteous, And no trace of them shall any more be found.

¹⁰ And on the day of their affliction there shall be rest on the earth, And before them they shall fall and not rise again: And there shall be no one to take them with his hands and raise them: For they have denied the Lord of Hosts and **His Anointed**. The name of the Lord of Hosts be blessed.

Enoch 49

¹ For wisdom is poured out like water, And glory faileth not before him for evermore.

² For he is mighty in all the secrets of righteousness, And unrighteousness shall disappear as a shadow, And have no continuance; Because the **Anointed One** standeth before the Lord of Hosts, And his glory is for ever and ever, And his might unto all generations.

³ And in him dwells the spirit of wisdom, And the spirit which gives insight, And the spirit of understanding and of might, And the spirit of those who have fallen asleep in righteousness.

⁴ And he shall judge the secret things, And none shall be able to utter a lying word before him; For he is the **Anointed One** before the Lord of Hosts according to His good pleasure [see Psalm 9:8].

Enoch 50

¹ And in those days a change shall take place for the holy and elect, And the light of days shall abide upon them, And glory and honour shall turn to the holy,

² On the day of affliction on which evil shall have been treasured up against the sinners. And the righteous shall be victorious in the name of the Lord of Hosts: And He will cause the others to witness (this) That they may repent And forgo the works of their hands.

³ They shall have no honour through the name of the Lord of Hosts, Yet through His name shall they be saved, And the Lord of Hosts will have compassion on them, For His compassion is great.

⁴ And He is righteous also in His judgement, And in the presence of His glory unrighteousness also shall not maintain itself: At His judgement the unrepentant shall perish before Him.

⁵ And from henceforth I will have no mercy on them, saith the Lord of Hosts.

Enoch 51

¹ And in those days shall **the earth also give back** that which has been entrusted to it, And **Sheol also shall give back** that which it has received, **And hell shall give back** that which it owes.

^{1a}: For in those days the **Anointed One** shall arise, ² And he shall choose the righteous and holy from among them: For the day has drawn nigh that they should be saved.

³ And the **Anointed One** shall in those days sit on My throne, And his mouth shall pour forth all the secrets of wisdom and counsel: For the Lord of Hosts hath given (them) to him and hath glorified him.

⁴ And in those days shall the mountains leap like rams, And the hills also shall skip like lambs satisfied with milk, And the faces of [all] the angels in heaven shall be lighted up with joy.

^{5b}: And the earth shall rejoice,

^{5c}: And the righteous shall dwell upon it,

^{5d}: And the elect shall walk thereon.

Enoch 62

¹ And thus the Lord commanded the kings and the mighty and the exalted, and those who dwell on the earth, and said: ' Open your eyes and lift up your horns if ye are able to recognize the **Anointed One**.'

² And the Lord of Hosts seated him on the throne of His glory, And the spirit of righteousness was poured out upon him, And the word of his mouth slays all the sinners [see Revelation 19:15, 21], And all the unrighteous are destroyed from before his face.

³ And there shall stand up in that day all the kings and the mighty, And the exalted and those who hold the earth, And they shall see and recognize How he sits on the throne of his glory, And righteousness is judged before him, And no lying word is spoken before him. ⁴ Then shall pain come upon them as on a woman in travail, When her child enters the mouth of the womb, And she has pain in bringing forth.

And one portion of them shall look on the other, And they shall be terrified [see Luke 23:30; Revelation 6:16], And they shall be downcast of countenance, And pain shall seize them, When they see that **Son of Man** Sitting on the throne of his glory.⁶ And the kings and the mighty and all who possess the earth shall bless and glorify and extol him who rules over all, who was hidden.

⁷ For from the beginning the **Son of Man** was hidden, And the Most High preserved him in the presence of His might, And revealed him to the elect.⁸ And the congregation of the elect and holy shall be sown, And all the elect shall stand before him on that day.⁹ And all the kings and the mighty and the exalted and those who rule the earth Shall fall down before him on their faces, And worship and set their hope upon that **Son of Man**, And petition him and supplicate for mercy at his hands. [see Isaiah 45:23; Romans 14:11; Philippians 2:5-11]

¹⁰ Nevertheless that Lord of Hosts will so press them That they shall hastily go forth from His presence, And their faces shall be filled with shame, And the darkness grow deeper on their faces.¹¹ And He will deliver them to the angels for punishment, To execute vengeance on them because they have oppressed His children and His elect

¹² And they shall be a spectacle for the righteous and for His elect: They shall rejoice over them, Because the wrath of the Lord of Hosts resteth upon them, And His sword is drunk with their blood. [see Jeremiah 46:10]

¹³ And the righteous and elect shall be saved on that day, And they shall never thenceforward see the face of the sinners and unrighteous.¹⁴ And the Lord of Hosts will abide over them, And with that **Son of Man** shall they eat And lie down and rise up for ever and ever.¹⁵ And the righteous and elect shall have risen from the earth, And ceased to be of downcast countenance. And they shall have been clothed with garments of glory,¹⁶ And these shall be the garments of life from the Lord of Hosts: And your garments shall not grow old, Nor your glory pass away before the Lord of Hosts.

Enoch 69

²⁶ And there was great joy amongst them, And they blessed and glorified and extolled Because the name of that **Son of Man** had been revealed unto them.²⁷ And he sat on the throne of his glory, And the sum of judgement was given unto the **Son of Man**, And he caused the sinners to pass away and be destroyed from off the face of the earth, And those who have led the world astray.²⁸ With chains shall they be bound, And in their assemblage-place of destruction shall they be imprisoned, And all their works vanish from the face of the earth.

²⁹ And from henceforth there shall be nothing corruptible; For that **Son of Man** has appeared, And has seated himself on the throne of his glory, And all evil shall pass away before his face, And the word of that **Son of Man** shall go forth And be strong before the Lord of Hosts.

Enoch is clearly foretelling the role of the Son of Man, the Anointed One who is to judge the world with righteousness, One Who will destroy all the ungodly, but save the righteous. Note that the righteous are saved by clinging/hanging on the Lord of Hosts, claiming the name of the Son of Man and by their rejection of the things of this world.

Nowhere in the Old Testament do we find anything so close to the copious amount of detail of Christ's mission as we find in the Book of Enoch. Given that the earliest existing copy was written hundreds of years prior to the time of Christ, who taught the author of all these things? How would some clever scribe come up with all of the forgoing? Are these not a clear sign of book's inspired nature? Inspired books don't bear false information, especially pertaining to its authorship.

Chapter __ – Jude, the brother of Jesus and James quotes from the Book of Enoch and did not question the authorship of the Book of Enoch

James and Jude, authors of two of the New Testament books bearing their names and brothers of Jesus, were leaders in the early Christian church. Jesus' disciples and his brothers recognized Jesus as the Son of Man, the one who was to judge. Jude quoted from the Book of Enoch:

Jude 1:14-15

¹⁴And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, ¹⁵To 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.

Here is the passage from the Book of Enoch that Jude was quoting:

Enoch 1

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.

Note there is no qualifier, no doubt in Jude's mind regarding the authorship of the quote. He just accepted the Book of Enoch at face value, including its authenticity and quotes it essentially verbatim.

Furthermore, in verse 6, Jude states:

⁶ And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

The last reference, these angels presently bound in chains, I will look at in more detail in later chapters.

Chapter __ – When did the Watchers come down to earth and take wives?

Twice in the Book of Enoch, it is mentioned that the Watchers made the decision to come down **in the days of Jared**, the father of Enoch.

Enoch 6

¹And it came to pass when the children of men had multiplied that in those days were born unto. ² 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. ³ and beget us children.'

And Semjaza, who was their leader, said unto them: 'I fear ye will not. ⁴ indeed agree to do this deed, and I alone shall have to pay the penalty of a great sin.'

And they all answered him and said: 'Let us all swear an oath, and all bind ourselves by mutual imprecations. ⁵ not to abandon this plan but to do this thing.'

Then sware they all together and bound themselves. ⁶ by mutual imprecations upon it. And they were in all two hundred; who descended in the days of Jared on the summit of Mount Hermon, and they called it Mount Hermon, because they had sworn. ⁷ and bound themselves by mutual imprecations upon it.

Enoch 37

¹ The second vision which he saw, the vision of wisdom -which Enoch the son of Jared, the son ² of Mahalalel, the son of Cainan, the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, saw.

Enoch 106

And I, Enoch, answered and said unto him: 'The Lord will do a new thing on the earth, and this I have already seen in a vision, and make known to thee that in the generation of my father Jared, some of the angels of heaven transgressed the word of the Lord. And behold they commit sin and transgress the law, and have united themselves with women and commit sin with them, and have married some of them, and have begot children by them. And they shall produce on the earth giants not according to the spirit, but according to the flesh, and there shall be a great punishment on the earth, and the earth shall be cleansed from all impurity. Yea, there shall come a great destruction over the whole earth, and there shall be a deluge and ¹⁶ a great destruction for one year. And this son who has been born unto you shall be left on the earth, and his three children shall be saved with him: when all mankind that are on the earth ⁸ shall die [he and his sons shall be saved]. And now make known to thy son Lamech that he who has been born is in truth his son, and call his name Noah; for he shall be left to you, and he and his sons shall be saved from the destruction, which shall come upon the earth on account of all the sin and all the unrighteousness, which shall be consummated on the earth in his days. And after that there shall be still more unrighteousness than that which was first consummated on the earth; for I know the mysteries of the holy ones; for He, the Lord, has showed me and informed me, and I have read (them) in the heavenly tablets.

In the book of the Law and the Testimony (Jubilees) the angel dictating the book confirms that these angels came down and sinned with the daughters of men.

Chapter __ – Part of the Day of Atonement Ritual is in remembrance of the fallen Watcher Azazel's fate

The word scapegoat as referenced in the King James Version of the Bible is really a misnomer. The actual Hebrew term for the word translated as scapegoat is Azazel. Strong's Concordance Word #5799, when transliterated is: `aza'zel. Let's read it in the original, then with the proper replacement.

Leviticus 16:8 Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat. ⁹ And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the LORD's lot fell, and offer it *as* a sin offering. ¹⁰ But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make atonement upon it, *and* to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness.

The footnote for the NIV says re: scapegoat: "Leviticus 16:8 That is, the goat of removal; Hebrew *Azazel*; also in verses 10 and 26"

So substituting that name for scapegoat and YHVH for the LORD:

Leviticus 16:8 Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one lot for YHVH and the other lot for Azazel. ⁹ And Aaron shall bring the goat on which YHVH's lot fell, and offer it *as* a sin offering. ¹⁰ But the goat on which the lot fell to for Azazel shall be presented alive before YHVH, to make atonement upon it, *and* to let it go as Azazel into the wilderness.

So who was Azazel? A number of the fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls mention Azazel and his sin against the God and the daughters of men. Our clearest depiction is found in the Book of Enoch. Azazel was one of the Watchers who willfully rebelled against God's command, who descended with around 200 of his companion watchers, and who took himself a human wife and taught men and women all sorts of unrighteousness.

Enoch 8

¹ And Azazel taught men to make swords, and knives, and shields, and breastplates, and made known to them the metals of the earth and the art of working them, and bracelets, and ornaments, and the use of antimony, and the beautifying of the eyelids, and all kinds of costly stones, and all ² colouring tinctures. And there arose much godlessness, and they committed fornication, and they ³ were led astray, and became corrupt in all their ways.

The righteous angels appeal to God to judge what is going on in the world and sentence is rendered upon the fallen angels

Thou seest what Azazel hath done, who hath taught all unrighteousness on earth and revealed the eternal secrets which were (preserved) in heaven, which ⁷ men were striving to learn: And Semjaza, to whom Thou hast given authority to bear rule over his associates.

Sentence is then handed down from the Lord regarding Azazel. Note carefully the following passage and compare it to the Day of Atonement service quoted earlier.

And again the Lord said to Raphael: 'Bind Azazel hand and foot, and cast him into the darkness: and make an opening⁵ in the desert, which is in Dudael, and cast him therein. And place upon him rough and jagged rocks, and cover him with darkness, and let him abide there for ever, and cover his face that he may^{6,7} not see light. And on the day of the great judgement he shall be cast into the fire. And heal the earth which the angels have corrupted, and proclaim the healing of the earth, that they may heal the plague, and that all the children of men may not perish through all the secret things that the⁸ Watchers have disclosed and have taught their sons. And the whole earth has been corrupted⁹ through the works that were taught by Azazel: to him ascribe all sin.'

So in the cleansing of the sanctuary Day of Atonement Service, the sins from the sanctuary were transferred from the sanctuary and all placed on the head of this goat for Azazel. Note that the goat bears away all the Israelites' iniquities / sins.

²⁰“And when he [Aaron] has made an end of atoning for the Holy *Place*, the tabernacle of meeting, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat [for Azazel]. ²¹ Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it **all** the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send *it* away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man. ²² The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.

²⁶ And he who released the goat as Azazel shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp.

²⁹“*This* shall be a statute forever for you: In the seventh month, on the tenth *day* of the month,

Before we go further into the sentence handed down to Azazel and his followers, note the following Bible texts:

2 Peter 2:4

For if God did not spare **angels** when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for **judgment**;

Jude 1:6

And the **angels** who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home—these he has kept in darkness, bound with **everlasting chains** for **judgment** on the great Day.

Let's go back to the story in Enoch:

Enoch 13

¹ And Enoch went and said: 'Azazel, thou shalt have no peace: a severe sentence has gone forth ² against thee to put thee in bonds: And thou shalt not have toleration nor request granted to thee, because of the unrighteousness which thou hast taught, and because of all the works of godlessness ³ and unrighteousness and sin which thou hast shown to men.'

Then I went and spoke to them all ⁴ together, and they were all afraid, and fear and trembling seized them.

Enoch 54

¹ And I looked and turned to another part of the earth, and saw there a deep valley with burning ² fire. And they brought the kings and the mighty, and began to cast them into this deep valley.

³ And there mine eyes saw how they made these their instruments, iron chains of immeasurable weight.

⁴ And I asked the angel of peace who went with me, saying: ' For whom are these chains being prepared ? '

And he said unto me: ' These are being prepared for the hosts of Azazel, so that they may take them and cast them into the abyss of complete condemnation, and they shall cover their jaws with rough stones as the Lord of Hosts commanded.

⁶ And Michael, and Gabriel, and Raphael, and Phanuel shall take hold of them on that great day [the Day of Judgment], and cast them on that day into the burning furnace, that the Lord of Hosts may take vengeance on them for their unrighteousness in becoming subject to Satan and leading astray those who dwell on the earth.'

³ When I have desired to take hold of them by the hand of the angels on the day of tribulation and pain because of this, I will cause My chastisement and My wrath to abide upon them, saith ⁴ God, the Lord of Hosts. Ye mighty kings who dwell on the earth, ye shall have to behold Mine Anointed One, how he sits on the throne of glory and judges Azazel, and all his associates, and all his hosts in the name of the Lord of Hosts.'

Notice who judges the rebellious Azazel and his followers. It is none other than Mine Anointed One, the Elect One, the Son of Man, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

And where are they cast on the Day of Judgment? Into a burning furnace, i.e. into Revelation's lake of fire.

Chapter __ – Didn't writing start with Moses?

I'm not sure where this perspective came from except that Moses was the first author of any part of the Bible. But just being the first writer of a compilation is no evidence that writing didn't exist before then.

As mentioned in my introduction, the angel of the Lord (as recorded in the book of Jubilees) said that Enoch was the first to be taught writing, and what he wrote down was to be preserved for all generations. And Enoch told his son Methuselah to share his writing for the world. Let's look at more internal evidence.

According to the Book of Enoch, writing was taught to humans by the Watchers / angels that came down and dwelt with man. Enoch was several times in the book called a scribe. Let's look at the details.

The word "writ" as in "writing" or "written" is used 26 times in the Book of Enoch. The term "book" is used 35 times, the word "scribe" is used 4 times. Let's see if the book divulges how writing came about.

Writing was taught to Enoch in the days of his father Jared when the watchers came down.

And the fourth [angel] was named Penemuel: he taught the ⁹ children of men the bitter and the sweet, and he taught them all the secrets of their wisdom. And he instructed mankind in **writing** with ink and paper, and thereby many sinned from eternity to ¹⁰ eternity and until this day. For men were not created for such a purpose, to give confirmation ¹¹ to their good faith with pen and ink. For men were created exactly like the angels, to the intent that they should continue pure and righteous, and death, which destroys everything, could not have taken hold of them, but through this their knowledge they are perishing, and through this power ¹² it is consuming me.

Enoch 14

And (that) previously you shall have seen the destruction of your beloved sons and ye shall have no pleasure in them, but they shall fall before ⁷ you by the sword. And your petition on their behalf shall not be granted, nor yet on your own: even though you weep and pray and speak all the words contained in the **writing** which I have ⁸ **written**.

Enoch 40

After that I asked the angel of peace who went with me, who showed me everything that is hidden: 'Who are these four presences which I have ⁹ seen and whose words I have heard and **written** down?'

Enoch 82

¹ And now, my son Methuselah, all these things I am recounting to thee and **writing** down for thee! and I have revealed to thee everything, and given thee **books**

concerning all these: so preserve, my son Methuselah, the **books** from thy father's hand, and (see) that thou deliver them to the generations of the world.

Enoch 83

¹ And now, my son Methuselah, I will show thee all my visions which I have seen, recounting ² them before thee.

Two visions I saw before I took a wife, and the one was quite unlike the other: the first when I was learning to **write**: the second before I took thy mother, (when) I saw a terrible ³ vision. And regarding them I prayed to the Lord.

I had laid me down in the house of my grandfather Mahalalel, (when) I saw in a vision how the heaven (firmament) collapsed and was borne off and fell to ⁴ the earth.

Given the preponderance of evidence and the rather lengthy nature of the various books of Enoch, one may conclude that he certainly knew how to write, and that he was taught how to write by one of the Watchers (an angel) that dwelt among men.

Chapter __ – God has a specified number of thrones of judgment to fill, thus a certain number of martyrs

In Revelation we find several references to a certain number of martyrs and their duty during the 1,000 years of earth's desolation.

Revelation 6:9-11 (NKJV)

⁹ When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. ¹⁰ And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” ¹¹ Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

Revelation 20:4-5

⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then *I saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵ But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection.

We see this same concept or teaching in the Book of Enoch.

Enoch 47

¹ And in those days shall have ascended the prayer of the righteous, And the blood of the righteous from the earth before the Lord of Hosts.

² In those days the holy ones who dwell above in the heavens Shall unite with one voice And supplicate and pray [and praise], And give thanks and bless the name of the Lord of Hosts On behalf of the blood of the righteous which has been shed, And that the prayer of the righteous may not be in vain before the Lord of Hosts, That judgement may be done unto them, And that they may not have to suffer for ever.

³ In those days I saw the Ancient of Days when He seated himself upon the throne of His glory, And the books of the living were opened before Him: And all His host which is in heaven above and His counselors stood before Him, ⁴ And the hearts of the holy were filled with joy; Because the number of the righteous had been offered, And the prayer of the righteous had been heard, And the blood of the righteous been required before the Lord of Hosts.

Why does God need a certain number of the righteous to be martyred? I'm not quite sure, but according to Revelation 20:4-5 and other sources, the martyrs of the end of time (those who refused to accept the mark of the beast) are resurrected to sit on thrones judging the wicked. Ellen White in several of her books shared a number of visions that she had.

Then I saw thrones, and Jesus and the redeemed saints sat upon them; and the saints reigned as kings and priests unto God, and the wicked dead were judged, and their acts were compared with the statute book, the word of God, and they were judged according to the deeds done in the body. Jesus, in union with the saints, meted out to the wicked the portion they must suffer, according to their works; and it was written in the book of death, and set off against their names. Satan and his angels were also judged by Jesus and the saints. Satan's punishment was to be far greater than that of those whom he had deceived. It so far exceeded their punishment that it could not be compared with theirs. After all those whom he had deceived had perished, Satan was to still live and suffer on much longer. {*Spiritual Gifts* by Ellen White, Vol 1 p. 212}

In other recorded visions, she mentioned that she saw that the martyrs were honored in a special way with white robes with a red border on their garments.

As we were traveling along, we met a company who also were gazing at the glories of the place. I noticed red as a border on their garments; their crowns were brilliant; their robes were pure white. As we greeted them, I asked Jesus who they were. He said they were martyrs that had been slain for Him. With them was an innumerable company of little ones; they also had a hem of red on their garments. {*Early Writings* by Ellen White, p. 18.2}

Now Christ again appears to the view of His enemies. Far above the city, upon a foundation of burnished gold, is a throne, high and lifted up. ...

Nearest the throne are those who were once zealous in the cause of Satan, but who, plucked as brands from the burning, have followed their Saviour with deep, intense devotion. Next are those who perfected Christian characters in the midst of falsehood and infidelity, those who honored the law of God when the Christian world declared it void [the 144,000], and the millions, of all ages, who were martyred for their faith. And beyond is the "great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, . . . before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." Revelation 7:9.

Amid the ransomed throng are the apostles of Christ, the heroic Paul, the ardent Peter, the loved and loving John, and their truehearted brethren, and with them the vast host of martyrs; while outside the walls, with every vile and abominable thing, are those by whom they were persecuted, imprisoned, and slain. {*The Great Controversy* by Ellen White, pp. 665, 667}

The following bible verses come to mind:

Hebrews 9:21-23

²¹ Moreover he [Moses] sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. ²² And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. ²³ It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

Christ was the ultimate sacrifice, but is there a possibility that the blood of the righteous martyrs was required as sacrifices as well?

"Because the number of the righteous had been offered, And the prayer of the righteous had been heard, And the blood of the righteous been required before the Lord of Hosts."

Chapter __ – The Son of Man and the Word (the Oath)

In the following section, the term “oath” has been replaced with our more commonly understood “Word” as used by the apostle John. See if you find similarities with John 1. Notice the immediate connection of the Word with the Son of Man (Jesus).

Enoch 69

¹⁵ And this is the task of Kasbeel, the chief of the Word which he showed to the holy ones when he dwelt high ⁴ above in glory, and its name is Biqa. This (angel) requested Michael to show him the hidden name that he might enunciate it in the Word, so that those might quake before that name and Word who revealed all that was in secret to the children of men. And this is the power of this Word, for it is powerful and strong, and he placed this Word . . . in the hand of Michael. ¹⁶ And these are the secrets of this Word . . . And they are strong through his Word:

And the heaven was suspended before the world was created, And (stands) for ever. ¹⁷ And through it the earth was founded upon the water, And from the secret recesses of the mountains come beautiful waters, From the creation of the world and unto eternity. ¹⁸

And through that Word the sea was created, And as its foundation He set for it the sand against the time of (its) anger, And it dare not pass beyond it from the creation of the world unto eternity.

⁹ And through that Word are the depths made fast, And abide and stir not from their place from eternity to eternity.

²⁰ And through that Word the sun and moon complete their course, And deviate not from their ordinance from eternity to eternity.

²¹ And through that Word the stars complete their course, And He calls them by their names, And they answer Him from eternity to eternity. ²² [And in like manner the spirits [breath] of the water, and of the winds, and of all zephyrs, and (their) paths ²³ from all the quarters of the winds. And there are preserved the voices of the thunder and the light of the lightnings: and there are preserved the chambers of the hail and the chambers of the ²⁴ hoarfrost, and the chambers of the mist, and the chambers of the rain and the dew. And all these believe and give thanks before the Lord of Hosts, and glorify (Him) with all their power, and their food is in every act of thanksgiving: they thank and glorify and extol the name of the Lord of Hosts for ever and ever.] ³

³ Note the similar list from the Book of Jubilees 2:2-3 referring to the first day of Creation:

For on the first day He created the **heavens** which are above and the **earth** and the **waters** and **all the spirits** (hosts) which serve before him: the angels of the presence, and the angels of sanctification, and the angels [of the spirit of fire and the angels] of the spirit of the winds, and the angels of the spirit of the clouds, and of darkness, and of snow and of hail and of hoar frost, and the angels of the voices and of the thunder and of the lightning, and the angels of the spirits of cold and of heat, and of winter and of spring and of autumn and of summer and of all the spirits of his creatures which are in the heavens and on the earth, (He created) the **abysses** (the deep) and the **darkness**, eventide (and night), and the **light**, dawn and day, which He hath ³ prepared in the knowledge of his heart. And thereupon we saw His works, and praised Him, and lauded before Him on account of all His works; for seven great works did He create on the first day.

²⁵ And this **Word** is mighty over them And through it [they are preserved and] their paths are preserved, And their course is not destroyed.

²⁶ And there was great joy amongst them, And they blessed and glorified and extolled Because the name of that **Son of Man** had been revealed unto them. ²⁷ And he sat on the throne of his glory, And the sum of judgement was given unto the **Son of Man**, And he caused the sinners to pass away and be destroyed from off the face of the earth, And those who have led the world astray. ²⁸ With chains shall they be bound, And in their assemblage-place of destruction shall they be imprisoned, And all their works vanish from the face of the earth.

²⁹ And from henceforth there shall be nothing corruptible; For that **Son of Man** has appeared, And has seated himself on the throne of his glory, And all evil shall pass away before his face, And the **word** of that **Son of Man** shall go forth And be strong before the Lord of Hosts.

And now, let's look at John's version. By the way, where did John get this unique concept of Jesus as the Word, and that all things were created through Him?

John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God. ²The same was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life; and the life was the light of men. ⁵And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. ⁸He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

⁹That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. ¹¹He came unto his own, and his own received him not. ¹²But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: ¹³Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the **Word** was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

In John's later epistle of 1st John, his view remained consistent in equating Jesus as the Word.

1 John 5

⁵Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. ⁷For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the **Word**, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

The passage I quoted earlier from Enoch contained this phrase “the earth was founded upon the water” (verse 17). Note that Peter echoed this view. I will quote both the NIV and KJV translations.

2 Peter 3:5-7 (NIV)

⁵ But they deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. ⁶ By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. ⁷ By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

2 Peter 3:5-7 (KJV)

⁵For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: ⁶Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: ⁷But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

So the disciples appeared to be quite familiar with the Book of Enoch, and incorporated parts of it into their own writings.

Chapter __ – Defiling the pure with women

In Revelation we see the 144,000 who are said to be pure, without guile or fault, but also they “are ones who were not defiled by women, for they are virgins.”

Revelation 14

Revelation 14 ¹Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred *and* forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads. ² And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

³ They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred *and* forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. ⁴ These are the ones who were **not defiled with women, for they are virgins.** These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from *among* men, *being* firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. ⁵ And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

This concept of "not defiled by women" seems a little strange at first glance as God gave women to men in order for them to procreate. As the writer of Hebrews says, “Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.” Hebrews 13:4

Can we learn something from the Book of Enoch to help us understand this point?

Enoch 15

¹ And He (God) answered and said to me, and I heard His voice: 'Fear not, Enoch, thou righteous ² man and scribe of righteousness: approach hither and hear my voice.

And go, say to the Watchers of heaven, who have sent thee to intercede for them: "You should intercede for men, and not men ³ for you: Wherefore have ye left the high, holy, and eternal heaven, and lain with women, and defiled yourselves with the daughters of men and taken to yourselves wives, and done like the children ⁴ of earth, and begotten giants (as your) sons?"

And though ye were holy, spiritual, living the eternal life, you have defiled yourselves with the blood of women, and have begotten (children) with the blood of flesh, and, as the children of men, have lusted after flesh and blood as those also do who die ⁵ and perish.

Therefore have I given them (men) wives also that they might impregnate them, and beget ⁶ children by them, that thus nothing might be wanting to them on earth.

But you were formerly ⁷ spiritual, living the eternal life, and immortal for all generations of the world. And therefore I have not appointed wives for you; for as for the spiritual ones of the heaven, in heaven is their dwelling.

Enoch 12

¹ Before these things Enoch was hidden, and no one of the children of men knew where he was ² hidden, and where he abode, and what had become of him. And his activities had to do with the Watchers, and his days were with the holy ones.

³ And I Enoch was blessing the Lord of majesty and the King of the ages, and lo! the Watchers ⁴ called me -Enoch the scribe- and said to me: 'Enoch, thou scribe of righteousness, go, declare to the Watchers of the heaven who have left the high heaven, the holy eternal place, and have defiled themselves with women, and have done as the children of earth do, and have taken unto themselves ⁵ wives: "Ye have wrought great destruction on the earth: And ye shall have no peace nor forgiveness ⁶ of sin: and inasmuch as they delight themselves in their children, The murder of their beloved ones shall they see, and over the destruction of their children shall they lament, and shall make supplication unto eternity, but mercy and peace shall ye not attain."'

There are some applications from the above passages to the 144,000. The 144,000 are pure, sons of God (males) that have elected to remain literal virgins, that is not partaking of the earthly pleasures of consummation with women. In addition, there is no deceit in them for they are without fault before the throne of God (there are no un-confessed sins that they are guilty of), and Revelation 7:4-8 make it clear these are from the 12 tribes of Israel with John specifically listing twelve tribes by name.

As a minor point of interest in this list, the tribe of Dan is not mentioned and Joseph is represented twice, by the tribes of Joseph (Ephraim) and Manasseh. In Revelation 21, it is mentioned that the wall of the New Jerusalem has twelve gates and the wall has twelve foundations. The names written on the gates "are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel," while on the twelve foundations are written "the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb." Since Judas' name was replaced with Matthias (Acts 1:26), I wonder if Dan's name was replaced with Manasseh's on the gates.

Chapter __ – In Revelation, John sees blood rise as high as the horse’s bridles.

Revelation 14:17-20

¹⁷ Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. ¹⁸ And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.” ¹⁹ So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw *it* into the great winepress of the wrath of God. ²⁰ And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses’ bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

We know this takes place at the time of the battle of Armageddon during which the nations gather together to fight against the Lord, but He turns them against one another and they slay each other (similar parallels to when Edom, Moab and Ammon gathered to attack God’s people Israel), and which is also foretold in Revelation 17 when the Beast/Angel from the Abyss gathers the nations to destroy Babylon Mystery Religion because “For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.” Rev. 17:17.

We find a similar reference in the Book of Enoch.

First God provokes these giants, the offspring of the human / watchers, to kill each other (perhaps this is where the Titans and Olympians of Greek Mythology had their origins?). Then in the Day of Judgment, let’s read what happens.

Chapter 100

¹ And in those days in one place the fathers together with their sons shall be smitten And brothers one with another shall fall in death Till the streams flow with their blood. ² For a man shall not withhold his hand from slaying his sons and his sons’ sons, And the sinner shall not withhold his hand from his honoured brother: From dawn till sunset they shall slay one another. ³ And the horse shall walk up to the breast in the blood of sinners, And the chariot shall be submerged to its height. ⁴ In those days the angels shall descend into the secret places And gather together into one place all those who brought down sin And the Most High will arise on that day of judgement To execute great judgement amongst sinners. ⁵ And over all the righteous and holy He will appoint guardians from amongst the holy angels To guard them as the apple of an eye, Until He makes an end of all wickedness and all sin, And though



the righteous sleep a long sleep, they have nought to fear.

As shown the foregoing picture, the breast of a horse and the bridle of a horse are essentially the same height, just two different ways to describe the same event.

Chapter __ – The angels in heaven veil their faces from the Almighty

Reference is made in the writings of Ellen White and other messengers that the holy angels veil their faces in the presence of the Almighty God. In Isaiah 6:2, we see seraphs (seraphim) who cover their faces. In Enoch, we find the same behavior.

Part 3 Chapter 14

And I looked and saw therein a lofty throne: its appearance was as crystal, and the wheels thereof as the shining sun, and there was the vision of ¹⁹ cherubim.

And from underneath the throne came streams of flaming fire so that I could not look ²⁰ thereon. And the Great Glory sat thereon, and His raiment shone more brightly than the sun and ²¹ was whiter than any snow.

None of the angels could enter and could behold His face by reason ²² of the magnificence and glory and no flesh could behold Him. The flaming fire was round about Him, and a great fire stood before Him, and none around could draw nigh Him: ten thousand times ²³ ten thousand (stood) before Him, yet He needed no counselor. And the most holy ones who were ²⁴ nigh to Him did not leave by night nor depart from Him.

Isaiah 6:2

"Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying."

"The seraphim are not sinful humans burdened with impure hearts. Yet as angelic beings, they are still creatures, and even in their lofty status as consorts of the heavenly host it is necessary for them to shield their eyes from a direct gaze on the face of God. They are fearfully and wonderfully made, equipped by their Creator with a special pair of wings to cover their faces in His majestic presence." *Classic Teachings on the Nature of God* by R. C. Sproul, p. 23.

Here are some quotations from the pen of Ellen White regarding this same behavior:

Humility and reverence should characterize the deportment of all who come into the presence of God. In the name of Jesus we may come before Him with confidence, but we must not approach Him with the boldness of presumption, as though He were on a level with ourselves. There are those who address the great and all-powerful and holy God, who dwelleth in light unapproachable, as they would address an equal, or even an inferior. There are those who conduct themselves in His house as they would not presume to do in the audience chamber of an earthly ruler. These should remember that they are in His sight whom seraphim adore, before whom angels veil their faces. God is greatly to be revered; all who truly realize His presence will bow in humility before Him, and, like Jacob beholding the vision of God, they will cry out, "How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." {PP 252.1}

Those who think to make the supposed difficulties of Scripture plain, in measuring by their finite rule that which is inspired and that which is not inspired, **had better cover their faces**, as Elijah when the still small voice spoke to him; for they are in the presence of God and holy angels, who for ages have communicated to men light and knowledge, telling them what to do, and what not to do, unfolding before them scenes of thrilling interest, waymark by waymark in symbols and signs and illustrations. {7BC 944.9}

Sabbath, July 10: I spoke to the people. . . . I felt the deep movings of the Spirit of God upon me. Brother Lacey, a young man, stood up before the people to pray. That act so pained my heart I said, "Brother Lacey, get down upon your knees," which he did. I knew if any human being knew whom he was addressing--the great and holy God, who dwelleth in light inapproachable, **before whom angels veil their faces** and cry, "Holy, holy, holy"--he would not stand erect before his students and present his petitions to God.--MS 174, 1897. [SEE 2SM, PP. 311-316, FOR COUNSEL GIVEN IN CONNECTION WITH THIS EXPERIENCE.] {4BIO 309.1} EGW Vol. 4, The Australian Years 1891-1900 by Arthur L White 1983. Chap 25 Avondale - A New Start in Christian Education.

The following are interesting and informative messages as conveyed through two more recent dreams.

REVERENCE MY SANCTUARY

October 12, 2010

The Herald [Gabriel] now asks if I will come with him. I give him my right hand and we are immediately someplace that needs great description. ...

I am in what I know to be the outer court of one of the rooms leading to the reverent throne room of God. It is a most beautiful structure, and I know I cannot call it a building or mansion. However, this is where God's presence is. The Herald says that I will be taken to the very throne of the heavenly Father, but instructs that I will not be able to look upon His reverence, because I would be consumed, even in a dream. The Herald explains that he, along with many others who serve, will protect me from the great power of the Great I AM.

I know that I am standing on the outside of the inner part of the great Holy City. We begin walking and enter into the first room. I cannot describe the size of the room. We then enter into another very large room which is inside the previous room. We continue on into other very large rooms that are within rooms and now stand at the threshold of the innermost of all rooms. In a most subdued voice, the Herald states that we are about to enter into the most holy and reverent throne room. He whispers that this is where we will find God's presence, and that from this point on we will lift a little off the ground. No one is to touch the ground, because that would desecrate the very presence of Him who is the Father. I am only to look, listen, and not speak unless asked to. I am to be brought into the presence of the Great I AM.

As we cross the threshold, our feet leave the ground. Angels accompany us and they, along with the Herald, shield my eyes from looking upon Him who sits on

the throne. I am able to see what I can only describe as a very, very, very bright Being who sits on a throne. I cannot see God's form, only His brightness. His throne is like a room, which He sits upon. It is not a large chair as I have thought it to be but made with many steps that ascend upwards. It is an enormous sitting area, possibly thousands of feet wide, deep, and high. The great and perfect most holy and reverent throne is made of clear, purified gold, which speaks of its reverence. Above this throne is the most perfect rainbow that stands as the Great Promise Keeper's perfect promise.

Angels and other created beings throughout the universe obey the heavenly Father's instructions. No one desecrates the ground in the most holy and reverent throne room of the One of Great Holiness. The cherubim hover in His presence as they cover their perfectly created and noble faces. It is as if even showing their faces would be a desecration to the Great Almighty. The seraphim, with their six wings, also hover in God's presence. They use two wings to cover their head, two middle wings to keep them aloft, and two wings to cover their lower body and feet. I understand that their wings are not used to keep them flying but to show reverence to the Holy Father. These angels, along with the cherubim, join in praising God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit by singing "Holy, Holy, Holy" to Their glory. The singing I hear is nothing like the music of many worship services on earth, which destroy the reverence.

Many angels enter in and are quickly dispatched, including the angels who excel in strength, those who excel in speed, and the recording and marking angels. Many angels come into His grand divine presence. I especially notice the reverence and awe that is shown in this room. There is no unnecessary talking. No one speaks unless addressed by the voice of Him who sits on the throne. It is the voice I have heard that resembles the sound of many waters. The music is holy and reverent, and the singing is to God's glory. It is very different from the music presented in our worship services. As the angels approach God's throne in reverence, even though the face of each angel was created perfect and noble, each one covers it out of reverence and respect.

Without uttering a word, the Herald and the accompanying angels quickly usher me from the most holy and reverent throne room to the next room. ...

THE JOURNEY HOME

May 12, 2011

I now stand on what I can only describe as a flat, bright cloud of enormous size. The feel beneath my bare feet is that of a very soft substance. After what seems like only a moment, I notice that Jesus is holding my right hand. He says my heavenly name and begins to explain things to me as we walk along. It seems that at times He and I are the only two on this cloud. At other times, I see a countless number of people.

Jesus and I begin walking toward the middle of the cloud, which is in the far distance. I am made to know that God's presence is there. I am only able to see His immense brightness but not His form, because my eyes are shielded. I have a desire to go to Him, but I understand that I am not ready yet. ...

Chapter __ – The Pit and the State of the Dead

For an extensive update of this chapter, download the file *States of the Dead* from http://www.bibleplus.org/endoftime/States_of_the_Dead.pdf

Many people, including myself, held that death is a state of sleep from which there is no communication. The Bible writers and Jesus make reference several times to this:

Psalm 13:3

³ Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;

Psalm 90:5

⁵ Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

Jeremiah 51:39

³⁹ In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the LORD.

Daniel 12:2

² And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

John 11:11-13

¹¹ These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. ¹² Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. ¹³ Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

1 Corinthians 15:51

⁵¹ Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

Ephesians 5:14

¹⁴ Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

1 Thessalonians 4:13

¹³ But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

But there are also a number of bible references that give one pause and make one ask: "Is sleep the *only* state of death, or are there other states?"

Let's look at a number of those:

Jesus made the interesting comment quoted in three places in the first three gospels:

Matthew 22:32 **I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.**"

Mark 12:27 He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!"

Luke 20:38 For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.

Revelation 1:18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of **Hades** and of **Death**.

Note the two unique places that Jesus mentions: Hades and Death

David wrote:

Psalm 16:10

But Thou didst not leave His soul in hell; nor didst Thou suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption.

Peter quoted this verse in Acts 2:27 referring to Jesus:

Because thou wilt not leave **my soul in hell**, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. (KJV)

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. (ESV)

Most modern versions translate Hell as Hades, the NIV as “realm of the dead”, the NLT “among the dead”, but most of the rest as Hades.

David when he wrote this Psalm was not referring to burning in eternal fire, simply Hades or Sheol (as the Aramaic translation puts it), the realm of the dead where it is very hot. The soul to the realm of the dead, the body to be decayed or corrupted. A two part harmony.

In the Bible, we frequently have references to the Pit as a description for the grave. However, from the grave, communication with God (not with the yet living) in some cases seems possible.

There is the concept of death as a pit from which supplication to the Almighty can be made (Abel’s blood (Genesis 4:8-10; Hebrews 11:4, 12:24), the souls under the altar (Revelation 6:9-11). And in Isaiah 14, hell is astir to meet the King of Babylon and there is communication between the residents of hell and the incoming deceased king. There are over 27 references in scripture where it uses the term “the pit” within the context of death or the grave, beginning with Job, the first book of the Bible written, through to Ezekiel (or Jonah). Nowhere in scripture does anyone **see** the grave as a pit, yet Enoch is shown 4 pits or hollow places under a great mountain.

Here is a passage from Enoch that gives an interesting perspective on the grave and helps explain many formerly difficult-to-explain passages (I will look at those in the next few pages):

Part 5 Chapter 22

¹ And thence I went to another place, and [*saw a*] mountain of hard rock.

² And there was in it **four hollow places** [pits], deep and wide and very smooth. How smooth are the hollow places and deep and dark to look at.

³ Then Raphael, one of the holy angels who was with me, answered, and said unto me: 'These hollow places have been created for this very purpose, that the spirits of the souls of the dead should ⁴ assemble therein, yea that all the souls of the children of men should assemble here. And these places have been made to receive them till the day of their judgement and till their appointed period, till the great judgement (comes) upon them.'

I saw (the spirit of) a dead man making suit, ⁵ and his voice went forth to heaven and made suit. And I asked Raphael, the angel who was ⁶ with me, and I said unto him: 'This spirit which maketh suit, whose is it, whose voice goeth forth and maketh suit to heaven?'

⁷ And he answered me saying: 'This is the spirit which went forth from Abel, whom his brother Cain slew, and he makes his suit against him till his seed is destroyed from the face of the earth, and his seed is annihilated from amongst the seed of men.'

⁸ The I asked regarding it, and regarding all the hollow places: 'Why is one separated from the other?'

⁹ And he answered me and said unto me: 'These three have been made that the spirits of the dead might be separated.

And such a division has been made (for) the spirits of the righteous, in which there is the bright spring of ¹⁰ water.

And such has been made for sinners when they die and are buried in the earth and judgement has not been executed on them in their ¹¹ lifetime. Here their spirits shall be set apart in this great pain till the great day of judgement and punishment and torment of those who curse for ever and retribution for their spirits. There ¹² He shall bind them for ever.

And such a division has been made for the spirits of those who make their suit, who make disclosures concerning their destruction, when they were slain in the days ¹³ of the sinners.

Such has been made for the spirits of men who were not righteous but sinners, who were complete in transgression, and of the transgressors they shall be companions: but their spirits shall not be slain in the day of judgement nor shall they be raised from thence.'

¹⁴ Then I blessed the Lord of glory and said: 'Blessed be my Lord, the Lord of righteousness, who ruleth for ever.'

Recapping the four divisions:

1. *One hollow place* has been made (for) the spirits of the righteous, in which there is the bright spring of ¹⁰ water.
2. *The second hollow place* has been made for sinners when they die and are buried in the earth and judgement has not been executed on them in their ¹¹ lifetime. Here their spirits shall be set apart in this great pain till the great day of judgement

- and punishment and torment of those who curse for ever and retribution for their spirits. There ¹² He shall bind them for ever.
3. *The third hollow place* has been made for the spirits of those who make their suit, who make disclosures concerning their destruction, when they were slain in the days ¹³ of the sinners.
 4. *The fourth hollow place* has been made for the spirits of men who were not righteous but sinners, who were complete in transgression, and of the transgressors they shall be companions: but their spirits shall not be slain in the day of judgement nor shall they be raised from thence.' [perhaps these would be those who died as babies or under the age of accountability or as the savages of rural lands who had no contact with the gospel or the word of the LORD]

So with this very “ancient” perspective, we can take a new look at the way the Pit is used in scripture. We can also look at some troublesome texts which would be very difficult to interpret within the context of death as solely a sleep from which there is no communication at all.

Genesis 4:8-10

⁸And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

⁹And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? ¹⁰And he said, What hast thou done? **the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.**

Job 33:14-30

¹⁸He keepeth back his soul from **the pit**, and his life from perishing by the sword.

²²Yea, his soul draweth near unto **the grave**, and his life to the destroyers. ²³If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness: ²⁴Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to **the pit**: I have found a ransom. ... ²⁶He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness. ... ²⁸He will deliver his soul from going into **the pit**, and his life shall see the light. ²⁹Lo, all these things worketh God oftentimes with man, ³⁰To bring back his soul from **the pit**, to be enlightened with the light of the living.

Isaiah 14

⁴ ... you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say:

“How the oppressor has ceased, The golden^[a] city ceased! ⁵ The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, The scepter of the rulers; ...

⁹“**Hell from beneath is excited about you**, To meet *you* at your coming; **It stirs up the dead for you**, All the chief ones of the earth; It has raised up from their thrones All the kings of the nations. ¹⁰**They all shall speak and say to you: ‘Have you also become as weak as we? Have you become like us?’** ¹¹ Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, *And* the sound of your stringed instruments; The maggot is spread under you, And worms cover you.’ ...

¹⁶“Those who see you will gaze at you, *And* consider you, *saying*: ‘*Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms,* ¹⁷ *Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?’*
¹⁸“*All the kings of the nations, All of them, sleep in glory, Everyone in his own house;* ¹⁹ *But you are cast out of your grave Like an abominable branch, Like the garment of those who are slain, Thrust through with a sword, Who go down to the stones of the pit, Like a corpse trodden underfoot. ...*

Isaiah 24 (why are the fallen angels and the kings of the earth gathered together as “in the pit”, and “shut up in the prison”?)

²⁰The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again. ²¹And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high*, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. ²²And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.

*the fallen angels, the angels that sinned

Matthew 22 (Jesus teaches that God is God of the living, not the dead and talks of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the present tense, as if they were very much alive?)

²⁹Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. ³⁰For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. ³¹But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, ³²I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

Luke 16:19-31 (Jesus telling a parable references two of the divisions or pits)

¹⁹“There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. ²⁰ But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, ²¹ desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell^[a] from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

²⁴“Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’

²⁷“Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, ²⁸ for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them

from the dead, they will repent.’³¹ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’”

Why does Jesus differentiate between hell or Hades (as existing prior to the lake of fire) and death?

Revelation 1

¹⁸I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Revelation 20:12-14

¹²And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

¹³And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

¹⁴And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Absent what Enoch sees, we may have some difficulty interpreting what Peter writes about in the following passage. Who are these spirits of the antediluvians in prison?

1 Peter 3

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

Did Jesus go and preach to the spirits of those who died prior to the flood? Or did Jesus go and preach to the Watchers (Sons of God) who had rebelled as described in detail in the book of Enoch and were now held in chains until the Day of Judgment? (see 2 Peter 2:4-5, 9 and Jude verses 6-7). The Greek word for prison, *Tartarus*, is not the prison of Hell, Hades or Sheol, but rather the prison into which the Watchers were confined at the command of God. Preached is more properly rendered as "proclaimed". Christ proclaimed His victory over their rebellion.⁴

And with Enoch's perspective, we now can understand that the souls under the altar in the following passages are those who are in the hollow where petitioning for redress is permitted.

Revelation 6:9-11

⁹When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. ¹⁰And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" ¹¹Then a white robe was

⁴ <http://www.jba.gr/spirits-in-prison.htm>

given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

Proverbs 30:15-17

¹⁵ ...There are three *things that* are never satisfied, Four never say, “Enough!”: ¹⁶ The **grave**, The barren womb, The earth *that* is not satisfied with water— And the fire never says, “Enough!”

Ezekiel 32:22-24

²² “Assyria *is* there, and all her company, With their **graves** all around her, All of them slain, fallen by the sword. ²³ Her graves are set in the recesses of the Pit, And her company is all around her **grave**, All of them slain, fallen by the sword, Who caused terror in the land of the living. ²⁴ “There *is* Elam and all her multitude, All around her **grave**, All of them slain, fallen by the sword, Who have gone down uncircumcised to the lower parts of the earth, Who caused their terror in the land of the living; Now they bear their shame with those who go down to the Pit.

Ezekiel 37:12-14 (after the Valley of Dry Bone experience)

¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, O My people, I will open your **graves** and cause you to come up from your **graves**, and bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your **graves**, O My people, and brought you up from your **graves**. ¹⁴ I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken *it* and performed *it*,” says the LORD.”’

John 5:25-29

²⁵ Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, ²⁷ and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

After reviewing the foregoing, I had to adjust or tweak my view on the state of the dead. To explain it, it may be best to describe it in contemporary terms analogous to computer and hard drive technology. When we are living, we are like a computer, with a case, power supply, motherboard, CPU, memory, monitor, mouse and keyboard, and a hard drive for storing files. All the really important information that constitutes the computer is on the hard drive, not in the CPU or volatile memory. If you are a user of a tablet computer with a microSD card on which you keep your music, movies and files, then for this analogy, the card takes the place of the hard drive.

At times, I have had a computer fail on me. I then removed the hard drive and installed it into another computer and had access to all my data. In some cases, I've even installed the hard drive into an identical case as the primary boot drive and had the computer start right up. It doesn't really matter what happens to the rest of the old case and the internal components. Burn them, destroy them, throw them away. As long as you have the hard drive or SSD or microSD card, you can still access what was truly important on that device.

Our bodies are a bit like the hardware of a computer. The essence of who we are is stored on a "hard drive" of some nature (call it the spirit, soul, breath, spark of life, whatever you like). Let me call it our essence. When we die, our essence is removed and put into a spot or "pit" (i.e. the hollow place that Enoch saw) based upon our spiritual condition and the circumstances at the time of our death. Our essence **cannot** communicate to the living ("there is a great gulf fixed"). It **can only** communicate with its maker, its Creator (or those He authorizes). Our essence may make suit or petition (as did Abel's blood, the rich man in the parable and the souls of those under the altar). God may choose in some cases to re-energize the "hard drive" and resurrect the dead. Following are some biblical examples of resurrection from the dead, and I have also listed if there was a prophet or apostle that participated in the process:

- Widow of Zarephath's son (I Kings 17:17-24) - Elijah
- Shunamite's son (II Kings 4:20-37) - Elisha
- Man tossed into Elisha's tomb (II Kings 13:21) - God's Spirit surrounding Elisha
- Widow of Nain's son (Luke 7:11-16) - Jesus
- Synagogue ruler Jairus' 12-year-old daughter (Mark 5:35-43) - Jesus
- Lazarus (John 11:1-44) - Jesus
- Tabitha also known as Dorcas (Acts 9:36-41) - Peter
- Eutychus (Acts 20:7-12) - Paul
- People resurrected upon Jesus' death (Matthew 27:51-53) - God

I have heard of more examples from the mission field and I'm sure it happens even here in the USA.

But most importantly, our essence can hear the voice of God, the trumpet blast of the resurrection call.

1 Corinthians 15:51-53

⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—

⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

When the resurrection happens, God gives the righteous a **new** "computer case" with much better properties, an immortal body. And He gives the unrighteous back their same old "cases", their old decrepit bodies. Ellen White saw it in vision this way:

The Second Resurrection

Then Jesus and all the retinue of holy angels, and all the redeemed saints, left the city. The angels surrounded their Commander and escorted Him on His way, and the train of redeemed saints followed. Then, in terrible, fearful majesty, Jesus called forth the wicked dead; and they came up **with the same feeble, sickly bodies** that went into the grave. What a spectacle! what a scene! At the first resurrection all came forth in **immortal bloom**; but at the second the marks of the curse are visible on all.
{White, *Early Writings*, p 292.1}

I don't know about you, but I would like to be resurrected with a new body. I'm happy to have my essence be able to hear the trumpet call of God.

But the decision as to which "hollow place" I would be going to is made during my lifetime. Have I chosen to follow and obey God, trusting in Christ's righteousness and then doing his commandments? Or have I chosen to rebel against His word?

In the pathway of our lives, it is our choice.

This manuscript hasn't been completed nor formatted in some nice book format, but hopefully you found the "essence" is there. I trust you have found the ideas stimulating, and that you will search the scriptures to see if what I have shared is true.

Other areas to cover in a later draft

Chapter __ – even as Angels of Punishment or Destruction were restrained/held back from bringing the flood upon the earth, so similar angels are restrained from harming the land, sea or trees until God's people are sealed in their foreheads.

Revelation 7: 1-3 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. 2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

2 Thessalonians 2:7-8

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

Enoch 54

⁷ And in those days shall punishment come from the Lord of Hosts, and he will open all the chambers of waters which are above the heavens, and of the fountains which are beneath the earth.

⁸ And all the waters shall be joined with the waters: that which is above the heavens is the masculine, ⁹ and the water which is beneath the earth is the feminine.

And they shall destroy all who dwell ¹⁰ on the earth and those who dwell under the ends of the heaven. And when they have recognized their unrighteousness which they have wrought on the earth, then by these shall they perish.

Enoch 65

¹ ¹ And after that he showed me the angels of punishment who are prepared to come and let loose all the powers of the waters which are beneath in the earth in order to bring judgement and destruction ² on all who [abide and] dwell on the earth. And the Lord of Hosts gave commandment to the angels who were going forth, that they should not cause the waters to rise but should hold them ³ in check; for those angels were over the powers of the waters.

Chapter __ – The Prophecy of the Second Dream Vision (Chapter 85 and following)

This vision with incredible accuracy prophesies the history of the world from Adam to the God's final kingdom with special focus on the Israelite people. To facilitate one's

understanding, I have added explanatory names in italicized brackets { } in the downloadable document posted at http://www.bibleplus.org/endoftime/Book_of_Enoch.pdf. Since the past items were fulfilled with such accuracy, we can have faith in the fulfillment of future portions. I would welcome those who can with good will assist with helping interpret the pending sections.

Technology as it was taught by the fallen Angels, the Watchers who descended.

- Implements of war
- Working with metal
- Jewelry
- Make up.
- This beautification creates an unnatural response on the part of the male, leading to fornication (do we see that today?).
- Writing