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ENOCH: TAKEN UP BY GOD

Genesis 5:19 “And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died. And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: Ge 5:24 And Enoch walked with GOD: and he was not; for GOD took him. Ge 5:27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

The name Enoch= dedicated. He is the son of Jared and the father of Methuselah- (the oldest man who ever lived on Earth). Both his father and son saw death, before and after him.

ENOCH- NOT ‘LOST’ IN TRANSLATION

Hebrews 11:5-6 “By Faith Enoch was Translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because GOD had Translated him: for before his Translation he had this testimony, that he pleased GOD.

Yet for Enoch, he walked with GOD and GOD took him without him dying.

Death was never GOD’S Vision for Mankind, but it has always been the devil’s goal. JESUS said that the Devil was the “Father of Lies” and “a murderer from the beginning” (prompting Cain to kill Abel). Ge 3:4-5 “And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For GOD doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”

GOD’S VISION FOR MAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN ETERNAL LIFE, BUT NOT

IN MAN’S FALLEN ‘SIN CONDITION!’ Disobedience produced sickness and death.

Gen 3:22 “And the LORD GOD said, Behold, the man is become as one of Us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LORD GOD sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the Tree Of Life.”

GOD did not want mankind living ‘forever separated’ from fellowship with Him!

But without Faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to GOD must believe that He is, and that He is a Rewarder of them that Diligently SEEK HIM.”—WNT. Enoch was one of the very few in O.T. Times who never died. He was the 7th generation. Being 365 years old, he disappeared from among earthlings, being taken to Heaven.

ELIJAH CAUGHT UP TO HEAVEN BY CHARIOT.

2nd Kings 2:1-6-8 “And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Eli-

sha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy

master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.” And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan. And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.” KJV.

A DOUBLE PORTION OF YOUR SPIRIT BE UPON ME.

2nd Kings 2:9-11 “And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. And he said, Thou

hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and

parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.” KJV.



YOUR HOLY SPIRIT / OIL IN MY LAMP/ BEYOND MIDNIGHT

Matthew 25:1-10 “Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the Bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the Bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, The Bride Groom cometh; go ye out to meet Him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the Bride Groom

came; and they that were ready went in with Him to the Marriage: and the door was shut.” —WNT

It's Time To
Prepare Be-
fore Jesus
Comes To
Get His
Bride!



THE CATCHING UP OR “RAPTURE”: PHASE 1

1 Thess. 4:13-16 “Now, concerning those who from time to time pass away, we would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, lest you should mourn as others do who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus has died and risen again, we also believe that, through Jesus, GOD will bring with

Him those who shall have passed away. For this we declare to you on the Lord's own authority--that we who are alive and continue on earth until the Coming of the Lord, shall certainly not forestall those who shall have previously



passed away.

For the Lord Himself will come down from Heaven with a loud word of command, and with an archangel's voice and the trumpet of GOD, and the dead in



THE LIVING BELIEVER IS CAUGHT UP: PHASE 2 OF THE RAPTURE

1 Thess 4:17 “Afterwards we who are alive and are still on earth will be caught up in their company amid clouds to meet the Lord in the air.
And so we shall be with the Lord for ever. Therefore Encourage one another with these words.”

Then (there upon) we which are Alive (Zao=Spirit life connected with Christ) and remain (to remain over, to

survive) will be caught UP -to seize, carry off by force, claim for one's self eagerly, to snatch out or away together (at the same time, at once, together with) amid clouds (nephele-same word used for the cloud that led Israel through the desert, to the promised land) to meet (Apantesis=to meet one) the Lord (Kurios=He to whom a person or thing

belongs, about which He has power of deciding, Master, Lord, The Messiah). In the Air (the Atmospheric region) and so (in this manner) shall we be with the Lord forever. Therefore Encourage.

Parakaleo=to call to ones side, comfort, console, to encourage and strengthen by consolation. To instruct, teach. (all definitions from Strong's Concordance).

SHARING HIS LIFE, ON THIS SIDE OR THE OTHER.

1th 5:1-10 “But as to times and dates it is unnecessary that anything be written to you. For you yourselves know perfectly well that the day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night. While they are saying "Peace and safety!" then in a moment destruction falls upon them, like birth-pains on a woman who is

with child; and escape there is none. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that daylight should surprise you like a thief; for all of you are sons of Light and sons of the day. We belong neither to the night nor to darkness. So then let us not sleep, like the rest of the world, but let us keep awake and be sober....But let us, belonging--

as we do--to the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For GOD has not pre-destined us to meet His anger, but to obtain Salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ; who died on our behalf, so that whether we are awake or are sleeping we may share His Life.” (WNT)

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BASIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR MORTALS:
From 1st Thessalonians 5:16-24.

1st Thess 5:16
“Be Always
Joyful.”

1Thess 5:17
“Be Unceasing
in Prayer.”



1st thess 5:18.
“In every circum-
stance of life be
thankful; for this
is God's will in
Christ Jesus re-
specting you.

1st Thessalonians 5:11
“Therefore Encourage
one another, and let
each one help to
strengthen his friend,
as in fact you do.”

1st Thess 5:19 “Do not quench the Spirit.”

1st Thess 5:20 “Do not think meanly of ut-
terances of prophecy;”

1st Thess 5:21 “but test all such, and retain
hold of the good.”

1st Thess 5:22 “Hold yourselves aloof from
every form of evil.”

1st Thess 5:23 “And may God Himself
who gives peace, make you entirely
holy; and may your spirits, souls and
bodies be preserved complete and be
found blameless at the Coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ.”

1st Thess 5:24 “Faithful is He who calls
you, and He will also perfect His work.”

ALL VERSES FROM WEYMOUTH'S NEW TESTAMENT.
Additional Capitals are used for Emphasis!