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Where are Enoch and Elijah today? Were they really taken up into Heaven before they died? Does Scripture predict, as some claim, that one or both will return to earth before the Second Coming of Christ? Join us today as we let the Bible clearly answer all these questions for us, and let Scripture alone do away with all the confusion so many have on this subject! We will also learn the Scriptural Truth about God’s promised reward to His Saints; and what Jesus Christ, Himself, reveals about the exact timing of the delivery of that Reward!

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This Bible Study was originally intended for my son, Bobby (who was 10 years old at that time). One afternoon, after reading his Bible, my son came to me slightly distressed; he had some questions about what really happened to the prophet Elijah. Bobby already knew God’s Truth about the dead; but someone in the community in which we live showed my son a Scripture he hadn’t read before, and his faith in what he knew about the Bible and The Plan of God, was shaken! My son had tried to search the Scriptures on his own, in order to make sense of what appeared to be a contradiction in the Word of God; but he just couldn’t find a solution on his own. Now he was coming to me for help!

That’s what we do; when we don’t understand the Word of God, or we have questions, we should always go to Dad! Our Heavenly Dad, Who is ALWAYS there to help us out (Deuteronomy 4:29 / Jeremiah 29:13 / Matthew 7:7-12)!!!

Whenever we have a need: whether it be physical, financial, mental, emotional, or spiritual; we should ALWAYS go to our Heavenly Father, Who will ALWAYS Provide for us, IF WE ASK HIM TO!!! Notice what James, the brother of Jesus Christ teaches us on this same subject (James 1:1-8). Let us ASK God today, to show us His Truth, BELIEVE that we shall Receive His Truth; then let us STAND on That TRUTH, and make any CORRECTIONS necessary to our thoughts, words, and actions – to incorporate that Truth into our lives from this point forward (John 17:17)!!!

Well, the way the LORD has taught me to understand His Plan and His Truth, is to use the Isaiah 28:9-10, 1 Thessalonians 5:21, and Matthew 13:52 precepts to govern our Bible Studies; and I have also learned that when one voices a question openly about the Bible or doctrine, many others may also have the same inquiry silently, but for many different reasons, they never speak the question out loud, so that it can be answered Authoritatively (Matthew 7:28-29). We must have Conviction about what we

So today we investigate Scripture, for young inquiring minds, like my son; and perhaps for you too! The Truth of God is an eternal constant. What really happened to Enoch and Elijah is very important to know; it was also very important for Abraham, and Sarah, for Moses, and for King David to know. What happened to Enoch and Elijah was important for the Disciples to know; the Apostle Paul wrote about it, and it is equally important that you and I know about it too! We must also be able to Scripturally prove this Truth (1 Thessalonians 5:21), and to teach it, from our very own Bibles, the Way Jesus showed us to teach His Truth (Matthew 13:52-54); in order to keep the ravening wolves from stealing and destroying God’s The Father’s Tremendous Truth about His Promises and His Reward (Amos 3:7-8 / John 15:15 / Revelation 10:7 / Genesis 6:13, 18:17-19 / Jeremiah 23:16-40 / Matthew 11:28-30 / Ezekiel 29:21 / Daniel 2:47, 9:22-23)!

Now let’s get into the meat of our Study today, by asking the question:

Who was Enoch? www.onug.us
It’s alright if you don’t know, because we are going to tell you! The people in the Bible are our elders, our forefathers; they are our ancestors, our family that we still have yet to meet in person, in the future – but we will, one day very soon (Acts 17:26 / Genesis 3:20 / Psalm 65:2-4 / John 10:16 / Hebrews 11:13,39-40)!!! www.onug.us

Enoch was the great, great (times 6) grandson of Adam (or the seventh from Adam) as listed in the generations of Adam (Genesis 5:1-32). He was the son of Jared, the father of Methuselah (who lived to be 969 years old), and the great-grandfather of Noah (Genesis 5:18-32).

It is interesting that the Bible says twice in the generations account, that Enoch “walked with God”, starting from the age of 65 years old, until he was 365 years old – for another 300 years (Genesis 5:21-24)! But what does it mean to walk with God (Deuteronomy 6:1-19, 10:20-22, 13:1-5)?

Now we know a man or woman that walks with God, Learns from God, and Obey what God Tells him or her to do! The two (God and You) are in Agreement with each other: we Yield to God’s Ownership of us, His Authority over us, His Way of Communicating, His Way of Educating, His Way of Changing us into Obedient and Blessed Sons (2 Chronicles 7:14 / 1 John 3:1-10).

So if you are under the age of 65, and haven’t quite got your act together with your Heavenly Father yet; there is still hope, as the story of Enoch shows us!!! Now let’s go back to Genesis 5:24 and read: “And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.”

Where did God take Enoch? Did God take him to His Throne in the third Heaven? No! Because Jesus Himself said: “No man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of Man which is in heaven” (John 3:13). Scripture cannot be broken (John 10:35); and the Bible is NOT open for
private interpretation (2 Peter 1:20). If we will simply look to Scripture the answers will unfold (2 Timothy 3:15-17)!

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There are a few more references to Enoch in the Bible, so let’s look at them and see if we can glean from them a little more clarity:

1) **Luke 3:37** – Jesus Christ’s great, great [times 69] grandpa through Mary’s lineage was Enoch, [times 75 was Adam], and [times 76 was God the Father Himself!].

Godless educators in modern academia want you to believe you evolved out of primordial soup, became a tadpole, then a monkey; that you lost your fur and your tail, and now have evolved into a human – all by yourself – with no need for a “make believe” God to Create anything! But God wanted you to know the TRUTH! That’s why God gave us Genesis Chapter 5 and Luke Chapter 3! Jesus wanted you to know who YOUR Great, Great, Great Grandfather was – from Adam – right up until today; He wanted you to know how many years it has been since Creation (5957 years), and even where Enoch fits into your family tree! That way, when you read stories likes these in the Bible, YOU will know that they are REAL HISTORY and not the fables, lies, and fairy tales that you continuously get from those who don’t believe in God!

The world is less than 6,000 years old, and Enoch was (through Mary); Jesus Christ’s Great, Great Grandpa (times 69 “Greats”). Now all this doesn’t help us very much in understanding what “God took him” means; but God put this genealogy in His Word for a reason, and we are going to study it, and we are going to know that it is in here, for our own personal edification (meat in due season), and more importantly, for God’s Very Great GLORY!!! Amen!

Now let’s look at “Number next...”
2) Hebrews 11:5

“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.”

The Rapture or The Resurrection?

Which One Are YOU Waiting For?

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The Flood That Covered The Earth:  

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You should know that from Creation, to the worldwide Flood of Noah, was 1656 years! We can prove this from the Scriptures because we can see that Lamech, or Methuselah's son, has his own son when he is 182 years old (Genesis 5:28). This makes 1056 years since Creation, if we graph it all out on paper - and we have!!! :o)

Lamech's son was Noah (Genesis 5:29). Noah was 500 when he had Shem (Genesis 5:32). This takes us to the year 1556 since Creation.

The Bible is very clear in what year the worldwide Flood happened (Genesis 7:11). Add another 100 years to Noah's life and our previous date of 1556 years; and we can prove a worldwide Flood happened in the year 1656 from Creation!

The CREATOR GOD:

1) From Creation to the Flood = **1656 years**.

2) Abraham is born 292 years after the Flood.

\[(292 + 1656 = \textbf{1948 years} \text{ since the Creation at Abraham's birth}).\]

3) Abraham receives God’s Promise and leaves Haram at age 75

\[(1948 + 75 = \textbf{2023 years} \text{ since Creation, when Abram leaves}).\]

4) Paul (Galatians 3:17) says the Israelites left Egypt 430 years after God gave the promise to Abraham \[430 + 2023 = \textbf{2453 years} \text{ from Creation, when the Exodus begins}].

5) 1 Kings 6:1 tells us Solomon began to build the LORD’s temple 480 years after the Exodus, in the 4th year of his reign \[(2453 + 480 = \textbf{2933 years} \text{ from Creation, when the temple building began}).\]

6) 1 Kings 6:37-38 tells us it took 4 years to finish laying the foundation of the temple, and another 7 years to complete the building, for a total of 11 years \[(2933 + 11 = \textbf{2944 years} \text{ from the Creation, until Solomon’s temple was finished}).\]

7) Rabbinic sources and archeologists state the first temple stood for 410 years before it was destroyed \[2944 + 410 = \textbf{3354 years} \text{ from Creation, when the first temple was destroyed in 586 B.C.}]. In 2019 A.D., that would have been \textbf{about 2,605 years ago (2019 AD + 586 [BC] = 2605 years ago from today) that the first temple was destroyed}. \n
8) Jesus was actually born in 3 B.C. \((\text{The current Gregorian calendar that we use today has a 4 year error}).\) Still, using the current B.C. or now BCE (before the common era) formula, we see Christ was born in the flesh about 3904 years after Creation \(Luke 3:23-38\); or using the destruction of the first temple as a Biblical guide, Jesus was born 586 years after it was destroyed \[3354 + 586 = \textbf{Jesus was born 3940 years from Creation})!\]

9) If we can prove Biblically that \textbf{3940 years from Creation that Christ was born}; and we know that was only \[2019 - 2023 \text{ years ago (3940 + 2019/2023 = 5959/5963)}; \text{then today, we are only living about 5,959/5963 years AFTER God Created Adam \textendash{} In The Beginning \((2 \text{ Peter 3:3-13 / Exodus 31:15-17 / Revelation 20:4-6})!!. \text{Evolution is a LIE, and a demonic one at that!! Are you teaching people that The LORD delays His Coming? Or are you Teaching them to WATCH, and are YOU giving them Meat in Due Season? Whether or not you are Faithful to Sabbath, That is What tells the whole world YOUR Answer}!!!}

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Have YOU Ever Been Translated?  www.onug.us

So, what does “translated” or “translation” mean here (Hebrews 11:5)? The key is in the words, “he pleased God”. Enoch had to have Faith in order to please God (Hebrews 11:6). So Enoch **Walked** with God, he **Obeyed** God, and he **Followed** God in His Paths by Faith (Proverbs 3:1-6)!!! No one can Walk with God unless they are in Agreement with The Will of God and Doing it (Amos 3:3). The Bible honors Enoch by telling us that in his generation, he was the ONLY recorded person who Followed The Ways of God (Exodus 31:13 / Luke 6:46-47) – even if it did take him the first 65 years of his life to get it right!

So how long after Enoch’s conversion (repentance and baptism), did Enoch walk with God (Genesis 5:22)? **Moses did not write that Enoch is still walking with God on the golden streets in heaven!** How do we know for sure (Genesis 5:23)? **The Bible is clear in the fact that ALL of Enoch’s days added up to 365 years, and not one year more!** If Enoch did not die, but rather was changed by God into an immortal son of God in Glory (or spirit – Hebrews 2:9-10); than his days would have kept piling up, and today Enoch would be way older than 365 years old! **The expression “all his days” is used many times in Genesis Chapter 5, to convey exactly how old all these Patriarchs were when they “died” and “ceased to live”! Enoch died and is dead today (Hebrews 9:27,11:5&13)! To date, only Jesus Christ has died, was dead, and has come back to life again to live “forever more” (Hebrews 9:28 / Revelation 1:17-19)!

The word, “Translation” has to fit with other scriptures (Isaiah 28:9-10). **We cannot just assume it means “did not die” because that’s what your pastor or your grandmother taught you.**
We must learn to PROVE all concepts and beliefs by Scripture (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Moses did NOT write that Enoch did not die, as some would have you believe! Moses wrote: “Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him” (Genesis 5:24).

The Apostle Paul in speaking of the same event, wrote that Enoch, “was not found, because God had translated him” (Hebrews 11:5). The Bible does NOT say Enoch went to heaven when he was translated. Instead it says ‘he was not found’!!!

The original Greek word for “translate” is meta-tith-emi. Arndt-Gingrich’s Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, 1969 edition, states on page 514, that the primary meaning of translate (metatithemi) is to “convey to another place... or to transfer”. This same Greek word is also found in Acts 7:16.

In Acts 7:16 metatithemi is rendered as “carried over”; or that after Jacob died, his body was “carried over”, “translated”, or “transported” to Sychem, where he was buried! Your Bible says Jacob was transported or translated to the place of his burial (Genesis 3:19)! Moses wrote that God “took” Enoch - because God removed, or translated, or transported, Enoch’s body, so that

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it was not found; God took Enoch and buried him, as any “relative” would do for a family member whom they dearly loved (1 John 3:1-3 / Psalm 116:15)!!!

God does not change (Malachi 3:6 / Hebrews 13:8). After writing the words you just read; Moses too would later die (Deuteronomy 34:5-8). Moses lived until he was 120 years old and still possessed keen eyesight, and strength in his body. God too would bury His friend Moses, as He did Enoch, “but no man knoweth of his sepulcher unto this day”. God removed, translated, transported, Moses’ body after he died; and just like Enoch, he “was not found” either – even until this very day!

Notice in Deuteronomy 34:8, “The Children of Israel WEPT (or cried) for Moses!” They did this because he was DEAD, and would not, or could not now enter The Promised Land (Deuteronomy 34:1-4)!!! So HOW then do we answered Scripturally, those who say Moses is still alive, and appeared with Christ in the days of Christ’s earthly Ministry (Matthew 17:1-13)?

Jesus was showing Peter, James, and John a FUTURE VISION – AFTER THE FIRST RESURRECTION, WHEN A GLORIFIED CHRIST RETURNS TO RAISE HIS DEAD SAINTS FROM THEIR GRAVES (Daniel 12:2-3 / John 17:5). Jesus DID NOT have His John 17:5 Prayer Answered by God, UNTIL AFTER 3 nights and 3 days in the tomb!!! Moses, like Abraham (in Luke 16) will NOT Receive The Promise (1 John 2:25) of Eternal Life, and a GLORIFIED BODY (1 John 3:1-3) UNTIL THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 / Hebrews 11:39-40); when ALL of God’s Saints Receive Eternal Life, TOGETHER (John 10:16), and AT THE SAME TIME!!!

There are SO MANY today who DO NOT KNOW God’s Truth about Death and Dying, and The Promises of The TWO Resurrections! Much CONFUSION in reading The Word of
God, could be Prevented, IF people simply UNDERSTOOD The Biblical TRUTHs about DEATH!!!  www.onug.us

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Jesus tells us about death in the Bible:  www.onug.us

I would like to speak today about The Death of a human, any human; - from Adam and Eve, to Noah, to Abraham and Sarah, Enoch, and you and I also.

1. We Are Only dust fashioned in the Image of God. Jesus told us He formed us from the dust of the ground (Genesis 1:20-31). We see that God made fish from water, but he
made animals and us humans from dust! Look at that again with me in Genesis 2:7, 3:19, 18:27 / 1 Corinthians 15:47 / Daniel 12:2-3!!! Jesus Remembers that We are just dust with a little water mixed in (Psalm 103:14)!!!

God breathes on our dust and we become alive (Genesis 2:7); we become a Living “Soul” when God breathes on us! The word Soul in the Bible means a living Physical body! We are just clay (dust and water) copies of God our Father. But God and Jesus Christ do have bigger plans for us!!!

2. God gives us a human mind and / or a human spirit. Our ability to think, love, hate, remember things, to play, and to laugh, are all physical processes of a physical mind! Although God will give some of us, after Baptism, His Holy Spirit, so we can learn to develop His mind; our spirit and our mind Die when we die, and goes to the grave with us (Ecclesiastes 9:1-10)! The grave is our enemy, and death is our enemy (1 Corinthians 15:26); the last two things Jesus will destroy are death and the grave (Revelation 20:14)!!!

When we die as a Baptized Saint of God; God’s Spirit, the One we received at Baptism, returns to The God Who Gave it to us (Ecclesiastes 12:7)!!!

3. When we die our human mind and spirit die with us! We Sleep in the dust waiting for either the first resurrection from the dead at Christ’s Return, or the second resurrection 1000 years later (Daniel 12:2-3)!!!

4. Jesus NEVER Said we go to heaven! Read John 3:13 / Matthew 5:5 carefully!!! Even the Saints who come out of their graves at Christ’s Return, only go as high as the clouds - in our atmosphere (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17); then we come right back down, on that SAME DAY, to land on The Mount of Olives (Zechariah 14:4-5)! We will then
rule ON EARTH, for 1000 years with Jesus (Revelation 5:10, 20:6)!!!

5. The Bible says Satan wants to Rise ABOVE the heights of the clouds and to be like God (Isaiah 14:14)! True Follows of Jesus only meet Christ in earth’s clouds, then we come right back down to earth! www.onug.us

6. No “body” (or person) in the Bible, no body listed in Hebrews 11 - in either the old or new testaments, is in heaven right now - NOBODY! They are all dead in their graves, as Solomon said, and as Paul wrote (Hebrews 11:13); and the Righteous Faithful of God (them and us) all get their Reward of Eternal Life at The Return of Christ - and NOT a second before (Hebrews 11:39-40 / Revelation 22:12-15)!!

The Bible Says the soul or body that sins will die (Ezekiel 18:20 / Romans 6:23)! We must all one day die (Hebrews 9:27); But after we die in Christ, we wait for our Savior to Return to Reward us!!! This is what the Apostle Paul wrote about in 2 Corinthians 5:8! Paul knew he had a Crown of Righteousness laid up in heaven for himself (2 Timothy 4:8)! Paul knew that Christ would wake him from his sleep, in the dust, at Jesus’ Second Coming; in the First Resurrection and give Him The Promise of Eternal Life (1 John 2:25, 3:1-3)!!

7. 1000 years after The Return of Jesus to this earth, as KING (Psalm 47:1-9), the Second Resurrection will happen (Revelation 20:5 / Ezekiel 37:1-14)!!! God will give almost everyone a Second Chance to Learn His Ways, and to enter into His Kingdom (Isaiah 65:20, 11:6-9 / Revelation 20:11-15)!!!

Most people will accept Jesus’ Offer of Eternal Life like Lazarus of Luke 16; but the rich man will not. The rich man will be thrown into the lake of fire, the second death, and
die a second time after being alive for 100 years (Isaiah 65:20)!

8. After the 100 year Paradise (White Throne Judgement, or Second Resurrection), spoken of by Christ (Revelation 20:5a / Luke 23:43) to those who hung on the cross with Him, God will melt the earth and bring a new earth into existence - a spiritual earth (2 Peter 3:1-18). It is to this NEW Spiritual earth, that God the Father comes down to, bringing a huge New City (with many mansions inside, according to Jesus - John 14:2), where God can Dwell on earth with His People - ALL the people who have ever lived over the last 6,000 years since Adam!!! Read it with me in Revelation 21:1-7!!! How GREAT are God’s Promises!!!

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So today we pray for God to watch over the dead’s bodies, until The Resurrection of God (Psalm 34:20)! Read with me, Psalm 116:15!!! Are YOU Beginning to UNDERSTAND What Biblically Defined Death Really Is?

Jesus Christ has Conquered death and the grave (2 Timothy 1:10-14 / Isaiah 25:8-9, 33:22)! Praise God!!!

We Thank You Father today, for your Holy Word, and Your Awesome Promise to Conquer the grave for each and every one of us, by The Blood of The Lamb that takes away the sins of the whole world (John 1:29)! We Thank You Father for The Coming Resurrection from our graves, In Jesus Christ’s Mighty Name! - Pastor Bob Brown, One Nation Under God Ministries, www.onug.us

Enoch and Moses were both “translated” (their bodies were transported), but they were NOT made immortal! They each died, and their bodies were each taken away by God; God buried each of them in such a way, and in such a place, that neither of them (or their graves – or bones) have been found since (Psalm 34:18-
20). “Translate” does NOT mean to make immortal (Colossians 1:12-13)! Here the Bible tells us that Christians are already “translated”; but you and I know that Christians can and still do die every single day! We do not have immortal bodies (not yet), because you and I currently exist in this world, and have flesh and blood bodies (John 3:6-8).

Jesus was very clear on the matter! We do not get spirit bodies, we do not get eternal bodies to replace our flesh and blood bodies, until the First Resurrection of the dead; and that only happens at the return of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:20-23, 34-58 / 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 / Daniel 12:1-4).

What Paul is saying in Colossians 1:12-13 is that we were once part of the darkness of this evil world; but now we are removed, “translated”, transported from darkness and this world – into the light of the Kingdom of God! We no longer hold a passport in Satan’s world or his government; now we have been “naturalized” or had our citizenship transferred to God’s Kingdom (Philippians 3:19-21). How clear! We now belong to the Kingdom of God - after Baptism and receiving God’s Holy Spirit; but we must wait for The King’s Return to receive our Reward of Eternal Life and our new glorified spirit bodies (Revelation 22:12-14)! Amen! www.onug.us

Enoch is included with many of the other faithful in Hebrews 11 (Hebrews 11:1-4). Abel is clearly dead here, just like Enoch, yet Abel’s deeds - as do Enoch’s, speak to us today, even though they both are dead! But some may ask, what about verse 5?

“By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death...” (Hebrews 11:5).

**Is the Bible saying that Enoch did not die? Look at verse 13:**

“These ALL **died** in faith, **not having received the promises**, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and
embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth” (Hebrews 11:13). Certainly, Enoch is included in those who died, and are buried in their graves to this very day!

Some Christians use a fairy tale here, in order to keep their unscriptural concepts about the afterlife moving forward!!!

I am being nice here, but Jesus said that if you are NOT Following His Truth, as He taught It, you are a LIAR and the Truth is NOT in you (John 8:44)!!

Scoffers of God’s Word will often tell ignorant and unsuspecting churchgoers that upon the death of the body, the soul, or mind, floats up to heaven to be with Jesus. Of course they cannot use a Scripture to validate this lie, but I have seen some try to misquote 2 Corinthians 5:8 here. I have also heard several ministers eulogizing at funerals say, “to be absent the body is to be present with the Lord”. But that is NOT what 2 Corinthians 5:8 says! They ignore that Paul also wrote 1 Corinthians 15:35-36, 42-43, 51-53 first! They also ignore the Biblical definition of those who “sleep” or “the dead” (Ecclesiastes 9:1-6). Dead people do not know anything anymore! Their ability to remember anything, their love, and their hatred, and their ability to do anything under the sun... is perished! Their mind, and their thoughts, perish and die right along with their flesh and blood bodies!

Let’s go back to Hebrews 11 and see this again (Hebrews 11:13, 24-26, 35, 39).

“And these ALL (Enoch and Moses included), having obtained a good report through faith, RECEIVED NOT THE PROMISE” (Hebrews 11:39).

What promise did ALL these NOT receive? The promise of ETERNAL LIFE, of course (Titus 1:2 / 1 John 2:24-27 / John 15:15-16)!!!
They ALL were given spiritual insight to KNOW the Plan of God, and about the two Resurrections of dead (Hebrews 11:40 / Daniel 12:1-3 / Revelation 20:4-6). They all knew the mind and the body decay, and cease to work, until they are made alive again by Jesus at their appointed resurrection! **God has a BETTER PLAN than floating off to heaven to be a cloud potato for all eternity upon our death (Hebrews 11:40).** All the righteous men and women of old, will only receive their promise of eternal life, when and at the same time, that you and I receive the Promise – at the return of Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)!!! One for ALL, and ALL for One – at the Second Coming of Christ (Revelation 5:9-10, 20:4, 6)!!! **www.onug.us**

**What death did Enoch escape?**

“By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death...” (Hebrews 11:5).

Ok, I can see from Scripture that Enoch is actually dead, and is waiting for the promise of eternal life in the grave that God laid him in. But that being the case; what “death” did Enoch escape, in Hebrews 11:5? It still seems a little confusing to me!

**The Bible speaks of more than one kind of death:**

1) **There is the first death that is that appointed unto all men (Hebrews 9:27-28 / Ecclesiastes 9:1-6).** This death cannot be avoided; it is inevitable for all humans, with one minor exception - for those Christians who are alive, on the earth, at the return of Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17). They will simply be changed into spirit beings at Christ’s Appearing! God even shortens Satan’s last three and a half years of world rule in order to keep these Saints alive until the return of Jesus (Matthew 24:22 / Mark 13:20 / Matthew 10:23). **www.onug.us**

Others living in the flesh were allowed to see a “future vision” of Christ in His Glorified state, along with how Elias (Elijah) and
Moses will appear during the First Resurrection of the dead at the return of Christ (Mark 9:1-13). **Peter, James, and John did in fact taste of death some years after seeing this vision; and they are all still dead today.** Jesus also allowed many of His disciples to see the actual post-resurrected Christ, in His Glorified state; being received into Heaven before they too died their first deaths in the years following (Matthew 16:27-28 / Acts 1:9-11). They, like Enoch, like King David, are still dead in their graves today (Acts 2:29, 34). All these died the first death, and now “sleep” in Christ, as we have proven from the Word of God today!!!

2) **The Second Death is the death that Enoch escaped!!!** Although his body died physically; God will raise him up again in the First Resurrection at the return of Christ (Revelation 20:6, 14-15). **Enoch has secured his Crown, he will not be hurt by the Lake of Fire (which is the Second Death)** because of his Faith and Obedience!

Jesus also spoke of how men could escape, not the first, but the second death (John 11:26 / Revelation 2:23)!!!

Understanding the Two Translations:

Now we should understand Hebrews 11:5. **The verse clearly speaks of two translations:**

1) **The first was on the condition of Faith (Colossians 1:13). This is a figurative translation from the kingdom of darkness to The Kingdom of Light (Colossians 1:9-12). Enoch walked Worthy of The Lamb unto All Pleasing!**

When you and I are Baptized and receive God’s Holy Spirit - we are then translated to God’s Kingdom, as citizens of Heaven, and assigned as Ambassadors to that Kingdom, here on earth! **As Enoch did; you and I will live and die here on this earth waiting for a new country (Hebrews 11:13-16, 10 / Revelation 21:1-7)!!!**
2) The second translation, following a figurative "citizenship" translation, was indeed a literal translation, or removal (I FLY!!! I METATITHEMI!!!).

God literally removed, transported Enoch’s body so that “he was not found”!!! God took him physically away from the people, just as he later took Moses. God then buried each of them so well that neither has ever been found since!

Now let us ask the question:

Did Elijah (Elias) go to Heaven?

Elijah was a prophet of God in the northern kingdom of Israel during the reign of King Ahab in the 9th century B.C. His name in Hebrew literally means, “My God is Yahweh”, or maybe more appropriately today - “God The LORD; The Strong LORD”!

Since nobody alive today, really knows how to actually pronounce the Ancient Hebrew language anymore (See our “The Name of God” Bible Study, at www.onug.us, for some Great TRUTHs on this); Elijah was used by God to DEFEND, and to TEACH Correct Worship of the True God; over the Phoenician god, Baal.

Most people in Biblical circles today teach that Elijah was taken up to heaven by a whirlwind, and that he is there to this very day, with the other saints of God (2 Kings 2:1-25). But YOU and I should KNOW by now, and YOU and I should have PROVEN by now, according to ONLY Scriptural Reference (1 Thessalonians 5:21 / Isaiah 28:9-10 / Matthew 13:52); that this IS NOT SO!!!

Jesus CLEARLY Taught Us about the death of the physical mind and body, their decay and their permanence (Ecclesiastes 9:1-10 / Ezekiel 18:4,20-23)!!! We should be Preaching His Truth (John 17:17), and NOT Pagan Fairy Tales; which are demonically inspired inventions of men who hate, both our Great God, and His Plan to OFFER ALL MEN ETERNAL LIFE.
Some “Christian Pastors” also teach that in addition to us humans having an “immortal – never dying soul”; we CHOOSE our final destination for all of eternity at death, by our actions or our confessions! But What DOES Jesus Christ REALLY Teach on these things? Read our “Have YOU Ever Seen A Ghost?” Bible Study, for Much MORE on this fascinating Deception, which MOST of us have fallen for!!!
Did Elijah Go Up To God’s Throne In A Whirlwind, With A Chariot And Horses Of Fire? www.onug.us

Yet Jesus Christ’s own Words tell us this is NOT so! 875 years after Elijah was taken up by this whirlwind, Jesus Himself comes down from The Very Third Heaven where God The Father Dwellis, and Enlightens those who have ears to HEAR, with The TRUTH of God (John 3:13 / Matthew 19:11, 13:11)! www.onug.us
Is this a Bible contradiction? Is it possible that Elijah could ascend up to the heaven of God’s Throne, especially after hearing Jesus Christ say that ONLY He Himself could; and that neither Elijah, nor any other human for that matter (“No man”) would, could, or did ascend up to heaven (Malachi 3:6 / Hebrews 13:8)? Where then did Elijah really go?

The Three Heavens mentioned in the Bible:  www.onug.us

The Bible speaks of three heavens, and we number them in the order of their creation.

1) The first heaven: where the birds fly, and the clouds float, in the air (Genesis 1:1-8, 20, 27:28 / Deuteronomy 33:28 / 1 Thessalonians 4:17 / 2 Kings 2:1, 11). There is only wind in one of the three heavens – the first heaven!

2) The second heaven: where the sun, moon, and stars are (Genesis 1:14-19 / 1 Corinthians 15:40-46).


We can see in Hebrews 8:1-5 that the tabernacle that Moses made unto God was a physical shadow of the Throne Room in the third Heaven! “See, saith HE, that thou make ALL things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount” (Hebrews 8:5). Why was that? Because Jesus Christ is our High Priest, and only his representative - a high priest (Revelation 5:10, 20:6) could enter into the Holy of Holies, or the inner chamber of the Old Testament temple. The old temple was only a shadow of the Real Throne in the third heaven, and ONLY Jesus our High Priest can actually enter into the third heaven (Hebrews 4:12-16, 5:1-14)! ...and ONLY the Saints shall be able to enter God’s City which comes down from heaven (Revelation 22:14, 21:1-7)!!!

If people only KNEW the TRUTH of God, the silly fairytale of floating off to heaven would be seen for the satanic lie that it really is!!!  www.onug.us
Why did God take up Elijah (2 Kings 2:1, 11)? It was NOT to give him eternal life or immortality (Hebrews 11:32, 39-40)! The answer is in 2 Kings 2:3 & 5! Christ is The Head of The Church, and Elijah was the head of the group of prophets God was using in his day. God had sent Elijah as His Prophet, to the wicked king Ahab and to his son, Ahaziah. God had determined that Elisha would replace Elijah, and now direct His Work on earth. Ahaziah the king had died (2 Kings 1:17-18) and there was a new king ruling. www.onug.us

God chose to perform an AWESOME change of command ceremony! The faithful prophet leaves with Divine Favor, and a new one comes in with equal Divine Favor (2 Kings 2:9, 12-15). Command Flags, Command Swords, or “The Mantle” was passed from one to the next! A Mantle was worn by prophets and priest as the simple insignia of their office. This was how God preserved the name and the office of His Prophets!

Elijah was taken up in the air, but where did he go? Did God say he would die?

The sons of the prophets knew Elijah was NOT going to immediately DIE; that is why they were insistent on looking for him on the earth (2 Kings 2:16-18)! They also KNEW God could NOT take him beyond the earth’s atmosphere – OR HIGHER THAN THE CLOUDS (Isaiah 14:14 – going to the Third Heave is Satan’s and his followers desire! Matthew 5:5 / Revelation 5:10,20:6 SHOULD BE Our Desire!!!); and they also KNEW that God would not let him float in the air forever! They KNEW Elijah was going to FLY; they KNEW Elijah was going to METATIThemI!!! And what goes UP; MUST (according to God’s Law of Physics) come back DOWN!!! www.onug.us
The Kings:  

Judah: Jehosaphat’s son was Jehoram.

Israel: Ahab and his son, Ahaziah, also had another son Jehoram who began his sole reign in 849 B.C.

Immediately before Elijah disappeared into the distance, up in a whirlwind; a new king had come to the throne in Israel (2 Kings 1:17, 3:1). The new king’s name was Jehoram of Judah (Joram), and he was another son of King Ahab. The first year of Jehoram’s reign was sixth year of his joint reign (first with his father Ahab, then later his brother, Ahaziah) and it was 849-848 B.C.

During Jehoram’s reign, over the Nation of Israel, Elisha was the recognized prophet of God (2 Kings 3:11).

At this same time, in the neighboring Kingdom of Judah (remember Israel was split); the son of Jehoshaphat (Judah) began to co-reign (I guess it was the “in” king thing to do in those days!) along with his father (2 Kings 8:16). This king, who began to reign in the fifth year of the joint reign of Jehoram or Joram (king of the Nation of Israel) was associated with his father, in ruling with authority, for almost six years. In 845 B.C., Jehoshaphat died (four full years after Elijah was taken up in the whirlwind). Remember, that Elijah disappeared almost immediately after Jehoram of Israel began his sole reign in 849 B.C.

When Jehoshapat was dead, his son Jehoram, now sole king in Judah, slew his brothers and some of the princes to further secure his throne (2 Chronicles 21:1-4). The year after the death of Jehoshaphat, Edom revolted from Judah’s king Jehoram (2 Kings 8:20-24 / 2 Chronicles 21:8-10). After a brief war, Jehoram of Judah set about to build pagan temples and introduced pagan practices (2 Chronicles 21:11). He did much evil in God’s sight!

Four full years after Elijah disappeared, God chose his old prophet to write a letter and have it sent to the wicked Jewish king! We
can find the letter in 2 Chronicles 21:12-15. From the wording of the letter, it is clear that Elijah wrote it AFTER being taken up in a whirlwind! He had not died, nor did he go to the third heaven!!!

Elijah speaks in the letter of events that happened after his being caught up, as past events. This could not happen if he were dead! Elijah speaks of the wicked king’s disease as yet future. Two years after the king became diseased, the king died, in 843 B.C., having reigned only eight short years (2 Chronicles 21:18-20).

This proves that the letter was written in the fifth year after Elijah had been taken to another location by the whirlwind. God used Elijah to convey the message because he was The Prophet of God in the days of the present king’s father. The son was not going in The Ways of his Obedient father, Jehoshapat; and God used Elijah to Set him Straight!!!
The Bible does not tell us how much longer Elijah lived, after
writing the letter. But Scripture is clear; the aging prophet found
favor with God, was removed or translated from his present
location, to another place somewhere on this earth – and Elijah
eventually died and was buried. God will always attend His Saints
funeral services (Psalm 116:15 / Hebrews 11:13-16 / 1 John 2:25
Brother, Jesus Christ, will be there when we wake up from that
death that He calls sleep (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)!!!

**But What about The Mount of Transfiguration?**

Were Moses and Elijah really there; or was this just a vision –
with the two Old Testament prophets still dead in their graves?

Let’s see what the Bible actually says on the matter (Matthew

In Deuteronomy 18:15-18 God established the foundational
principle for the prophetic office in Moses, “like me”. We also see
that God would raise the prophet up from among the Israelite
peoples, with other Scriptures showing us he could be appointed
from any of the twelve tribes, and from any occupation – he did
not have to be a Levite (or priest. He would stand apart from the
system already installed). This prophet will be a mediator
between both God and men. A prophet, such as Moses or Elias
(Elijah) simply and broadly throughout Scripture, is a man who is
given a message by another of greater authority, and speaks for
Him to those for whom the message is intended. Thus, Moses was
a prophet for God; and Aaron was a prophet for Moses.

The two greatest prophets of all time were John the Baptist (who
was the last and greatest prophet under the Old Covenant; and
Jesus Christ (Who is the First and Greatest Prophet of the New
understand more about John, we should read briefly about his
birth (Luke 1:5-7, 15-17). **John the Baptist was a type of
Elijah; he was NOT the Elijah of old; as “he shall go before
Him in THE SPIRIT AND POWER OF ELIAS (ELIJAH)". On two separate occasions (Matthew 11:13-15 and Matthew 17:10-13), Jesus Christ tells us John The Baptist - IS THE ELIJAH TO COME!!! Jesus is telling those who have ears to HEAR, that John was the Elijah to come – or that John the Baptist fulfilled Malachi 4:4-5!!! www.onug.us

By now, you and I should know that ALL these prophets: Enoch, Moses, Elijah, John the Baptist, and Jesus The Christ, ALL fulfilled their missions and ALL DIED!!! Only Jesus has, thus far, been Resurrected and Ascended to The Third Heaven (Revelation 1:17-19 / 1 Corinthians 15:20)! The rest, wait in their graves, Motionless, Thoughtless, Lifeless - for Christ to Come; and for YOU and I to join them, in and AT The First Resurrection FROM THE DEAD (Hebrews 11:39-40 / 1 John 3:1-3)!!!

The Two Witnesses which shall appear during the last Three and a half years before the coming of Christ CANNOT BE Moses and Elijah, as they are dead – and will remain dead, until Christ gives them life again, AT HIS SECOND COMING (Daniel 12:1-3 / 1 Corinthians 15:21-23)!!!

The Meaning of the Vision: www.onug.us
Leaving the mountain, Jesus told his disciples, “Tell the VISION to no man” (Matthew 17:9)!!!

A vision is NOT Present Reality; but in this Divinely Inspired Vision, was in fact, an Actual Glimpse into the future, of YET future events which God will Bring To Pass (Deuteronomy 34:5-6)!!! “Thus Sayeth The LORD!!!”

Both Elijah and Moses are still dead in their graves today (Hebrews 11:39); but they will come up at the last trumpet, as surely as You and I will too (Hebrews 11:40 / Daniel 12:1-4 / Revelation 22:19-21)!!! Praise God for His Magnificent Plan and His Wonderful Grace! If we too Serve The LORD as Enoch and Elijah did; if we Serve The LORD as Moses, and as John the Baptist did – we will still die, WITHOUT floating up to God’s Throne in heaven; but we will COME OUT OF OUR GRAVES, as ALL The Prophets and The Saints WILL - on that day – The LAST Day; The Day of The Lord – or AT THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST!!!

The Day of The Lord - is the Day on which Jesus Returns for those whom God the Father has Given to Him!!! These are the things which SHALL BE hereafter!!! You and I will come back to life along with Enoch and Elijah; and together we will meet the LORD in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)!!! Now THAT is Something which you and I can take to the bank! Amen!!!

“For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself! And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look
for Him shall He appear the Second Time, without sin, unto Salvation” (Hebrews 9:24-28)!!!

Praise God! You and I now KNOW The TRUTH of God! You and I now KNOW what really happened to Enoch and Elijah too!!! www.onug.us

God’s Fall Holy Days (Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles, and The Last Great Day) are the Truth of God. These Holy Days are how God’s Church LOOKS FOR CHRIST TO APPEAR A SECOND TIME!!! They are kept by those who are obedient to God, and are rejected by all those whom Christ will reject at His Second Coming!!! (Matthew 7:13-14)!!!

The Fall Holy Days show us God’s Plan. When we keep these Holy Days we become the very Voice of God to this fallen world; we are in effect saying, by our actions on each Feast Day, “Come LORD Jesus, Come” (Revelation 22:12, 17, 20-21 / Matthew 10:32-33 / Luke 12:8-9)!!! Now YOU Know what Confessing Christ really means (Exodus 31:13)!!!

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