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1 ENOCH

The Watchers

1 THE WORDS of the blessing of Enoch, that he used to bless the chosen and righteous,¹ who will be living in the day of tribulation, when all the wicked and godless are removed.

A Blessing

2 He took up his declaration saying, “Enoch, a righteous man whose eyes were opened by God, saw the vision of the Holy One in the heavens. The angels showed me, and I heard everything from them. I understood what they showed me,² but *it was* not for this generation, but for a distant one that is still to come.”

3 I spoke about the chosen,
and took up my declaration about them:
“The Holy Great One will leave his dwelling,
4 and the eternal God will walk on the earth,
even on Mount Sinai;
and appear with his host,³
and appear in the strength of His might
from the heaven of heavens.
5 Fear will strike everyone;
the watchers⁴ will quake;

1 Compare Deu 33:1 - *the blessing of Moses*

2 Compare Rev 1:1 - *He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John*

3 Or *from his camp*

4 Compare Dan 4:13, 17, 23 ESV - *a watcher, a holy one, came down from heaven.*

great fear and trembling will seize them
unto the ends of the earth.

6 The high mountains will shake,
the high hills will be made low,
and will melt like wax before the flame.¹

7 The earth will be wholly torn apart.
All that is on the earth will perish,
and there will be judgment over all.

8 But with the righteous, He will make peace.
He will protect the chosen,
and mercy will be on them.

They will all belong to God,
they will prosper,
and they will all be blessed.

He will help them all,
light will appear to them,
and He will make peace with them.”²

9 “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His holy
ones,
to execute judgment on all
and to convict all the ungodly
of all their deeds of ungodliness
that they committed in such an ungodly way,
and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have
spoken against Him.”³

1 Compare Psa 97:3-5 - *The earth sees and trembles... The mountains melt like wax before the Lord*

2 Compare Psa 97:11 - *Light is sown for the righteous, and joy*

3 Jud 1:14-15 ESV (Direct quote, with attribution to Enoch himself)

Observe Heaven and Earth

- 2 “WATCH EVERYTHING that takes place in the heavens,
 how they do not change their orbits,
 and the lights that are in the heavens;
 how they all rise and set in order, each in its season,
 and do not violate their appointed order.¹
- 2 Watch the earth, and pay attention to the things that
 take place on it from first to last,
 how reliable they are,
 how none of the things on earth change,
 but all the works of God appear to you.
- 3 Watch the summer and the winter,
 how the whole earth is filled with water,
 and clouds and dew and mist lie upon it.”

Observe the Trees

- 3 “WATCH AND see how in the winter all the trees seem as
 though they had withered and shed all their leaves,
 except fourteen trees, that do not lose their foliage,
 but keep the old foliage for two to three years
 until the new comes.”

Observe Summer

- 4 “AGAIN, SEE the days of summer,
 how the sun is above the earth’s horizon.
 You seek shade and shelter because of the heat of the sun,
 and the earth also burns with growing heat,
 so you cannot tread on the earth,
 or on a rock because of its heat.”

1 Compare Jer 31:35-36 - *fixed order*

The Elect Will Inherit the Earth

- 5 “SEE HOW the trees cover themselves with green leaves and bear fruit:
 so pay attention carefully and know about all of His works,
 and recognize that Him who lives forever¹ made them that way.
- 2 All His works go on this way.
 from year to year forever,
 and all the tasks that they accomplish for Him—and their tasks do not change,
 but according as God has ordained, so is it done.
- 3 See how the sea and the rivers also perform
 and do not change their tasks from his commandments.
- 4 But you—you have not been faithful,
 nor followed the commandments of the Lord,
 but you have turned away and spoken proud and hard words with your impure mouths against His greatness.
 Oh you hard-hearted, you will find no peace.”
- 5 “Therefore you will curse your days,
 the years of your life will perish,
 and the years of your destruction will be multiplied in eternal curses.
 You will find no mercy.
- 6 In those days, you will make your names an eternal curse to all the righteous,
 and by you all who curse will curse,
 and all the sinners and godless will curse by you,
 and for you wicked there will be a curse.²
 All the *chosen* will rejoice,
 and there will be forgiveness of sins,

1 Compare Rev 10:6 - *him who lives forever and ever*

2 This line was formerly the last line of verse 7 - *And for you wicked*

- and every mercy and peace and reprieve;
 there will be salvation to them, a good light.
 There will be no salvation for all you sinners,
 but a curse will stay on you all.
- 7 But for the chosen there will be light, joy, and peace,
 and they will inherit the earth.”¹
- 8 “Then the chosen will receive wisdom,
 and they will all live and never again sin,²
 neither through ungodliness nor through pride;
 but they who are wise will be humble.
- 9 They will not disobey again,
 nor will they sin all the days of their lives,
 nor will they die of *my righteous* anger or wrath,
 but they will complete the full days of their lives.
 Their lives will be increased in peace,
 and the years of their joy will be multiplied
 in eternal gladness and peace
 all the days of their lives.”

Angels Descend

- 6 IT CAME to pass when the children of men had multiplied,
 that in those days were born unto them beautiful and
 attractive daughters.
- 2 The angels, the children of the heavens,
 saw and lusted after them, saying to one another,
 “Come, let us choose wives from among the daughters
 of men, and father children.”³
- 3 Samyaza, who was their leader, said to them,

1 Compare Mat 5:5 - *Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth*

2 Compare Zeph 3:11-13 ASV - *The remnant of Israel will do no wrong*

3 Compare Gen 6:1-4; Jud 1:6; 1Co 11:10 - *The Nephilim*

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