

# Enoch

**Hebrews 11:5** [King James] *“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.”*

Some people use this “*translation*” of Enoch as part proof that we go to heaven after death.

**Genesis 5:24** [King James] *“And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.”*

What really happened to Enoch?

**Genesis 5:21-22** [King James] *“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:”*

At the age of 65 Enoch had a son named Methuselah, also at that age he began to “*walk with God.*”

**Amos 3:3** [King James] *“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”*

No-one can walk with God unless they agree with God. So in his generation Enoch was the **only** recorded person who followed the ways of the Creator God, even though it took him 65 years to learn to walk with God.

**Genesis 5:23** [King James] *“And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:”*

Note all the years of Enoch were 365 years the term “*all his days*” is used in the fifth chapter of Genesis about 12 times all linked to the death of that person.

**What does this “*translation*” mean?**

Does it mean he didn't die?

Moses did **not** write that Enoch did **not** die but that God took him.

The writer of Hebrews recording the same event does **not** say that Enoch did **not** die but that God “*translated him*” nor does he say he went to heaven but that he was “*not found.*”

What does the word “*translated*” mean?

The Greek word is “*mētatithēmi*” meaning to convey to another place. The same Greek word is translated “*carried over*” in **Acts 7:16** Jacob was “*translated*” to Sychem where he was buried.

That is why Moses said that God took Enoch, removed him so he was **not** found and buried him.

**Deuteronomy 34:6** [King James] *“And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.”*

God translated Moses and he was **not** found in spite of people searching for his body.

**Colossians 1:13** [King James] *“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:”*

Delivered us from one state to another **not** making us immortal but all true Christians are already “*translated*” before they die.

Enoch did **not** receive the promised immortality as we see he is listed amongst those who are still awaiting this promise, [**Hebrews 11:39**].

Since Enoch has **not** yet inherited eternal life he must be still dead.

### **Which death did Enoch escape? –**

Remember there is more than one death mentioned in God's Word, the Christian Bible, [**Revelation 20:6**].

**Hebrews 9:27** [King James] *“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:”*

This is the first death that all human beings cannot avoid.

This is the death Enoch died as we have just seen.

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Note the words *“should not see”* referring to a future event, this is referring to the *“second death”* one from which there is **no** resurrection.

**John 8:51** [King James] *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.”*

Jesus Christ is referring to this same second death again in **John 11:26**.

Enoch had faith and he walked with God so he will be in the first resurrection because he met the conditions, his faith and obedience.

### **Enoch experienced two translations –**

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This verse plainly mentions two translations.

The first was the same as referred to in **Colossians 1:13**.

This was a figurative translation from power of darkness into the Kingdom of God. This took place for Enoch at the age of 65 years.

The second translation was literal so he was **not** found. God took him away from the people, just as God later took Moses, both were buried by God and **not** found.

### **Did Enoch suffer a premature death? –**

**Genesis 5:23** [King James] *“And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:”*

Enoch died at the age of 365 years.

When we look at the entire fifth chapter we see that Enoch died as a comparatively young man, he did **not** complete his normal life cycle for that period of human history.

### **Look at this list of people mentioned –**

**Adam** – 930 years; **Seth** – 912 years; **Enos** – 905 years; **Cainan** – 910 years; **Mahalaleel** – 895 years; **Jared** – 962 years; **Methuselah** – 969 years; **Lamech** – 777 years; **Noah** – 950 years.

**Enoch** – 365 years – why so short a life?

The scriptures to give us a clue.

**Genesis 4:23-24** [King James] *“And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt. If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.”*

Lamech, a descendent of Cain [**not** the same person listed in **Genesis 5:28**] was boasting that he had killed a “*man*” this was Cain, but who was the “*young man*”?

Enoch at the age of 365 years would be considered a “*young man*” by his generation.

Furthermore, Enoch was a prophet telling his generation of the coming of Jesus Christ to execute judgement and to convict the ungodly, [**Jude 14-15**], he was in effect a “*preacher of righteousness*” [compare **2 Peter 2:5**].

**God’s message has never been popular. As a servant of God, Enoch undoubtedly convicted and enraged many by his message, his life was in constant danger.**

By comparing Lamech’s saying and the age of Enoch at his death, we can deduce from scripture that Lamech stilled Enoch’s voice by murder.

God allowed Enoch to be martyred, but did **not** permit his body to be desecrated or publicly displayed.

God physically removed his body, very likely in the sight of his murderers, before they could defile it. Otherwise how would anyone have known that God had taken him?

God has allowed many of His faithful people to be martyred, all were willing to die for the truth they preached.

This persecution is still happening in this world ruled by Satan and his demons, [**1 John 5:19; 2 Timothy 3:12; John 16:2**].