



IN THE BEGINNING

A Foundational Study of Genesis 1 — 11

Old
As Methuselah
Genesis 5

A large, ancient, gnarled tree trunk, likely a bristlecone pine, stands in a snowy, mountainous landscape. The tree's bark is deeply textured and weathered, showing a mix of brown and grey tones. The ground is covered in a layer of snow, with some low-lying, dry, brown shrubs visible. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The entire image is framed by a green border with orange and green geometric shapes on the left side.

WHAT'S THE OLDEST TREE IN THE WORLD?

Sci Show

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Did men really live to be
800-900 years old before
the flood? (Genesis 5)

YES!



GOLDEN AGE

A PERIOD OF HAPPINESS.

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REASON #1 – Genealogies
and ages are presented
literally and **historically** in
Scripture.

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REASON #2 –

The Original Creation was
PERFECT and man initially
was made to live
FOREVER!

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REASON #3 –

Genetic integrity in the
human genome slowed
the *aging process*.



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Key Bible Verses

[2 Corinthians 4:16]

[Romans 8:20-23]

[1 Corinthians 15:50-55]

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Who was *Enoch* and what
happened to him?

[Genesis 5:18-24]

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ENOCH was the son of
Jared and the father of
Methuselah. [Genesis
5:18-24]

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ENOCH ...

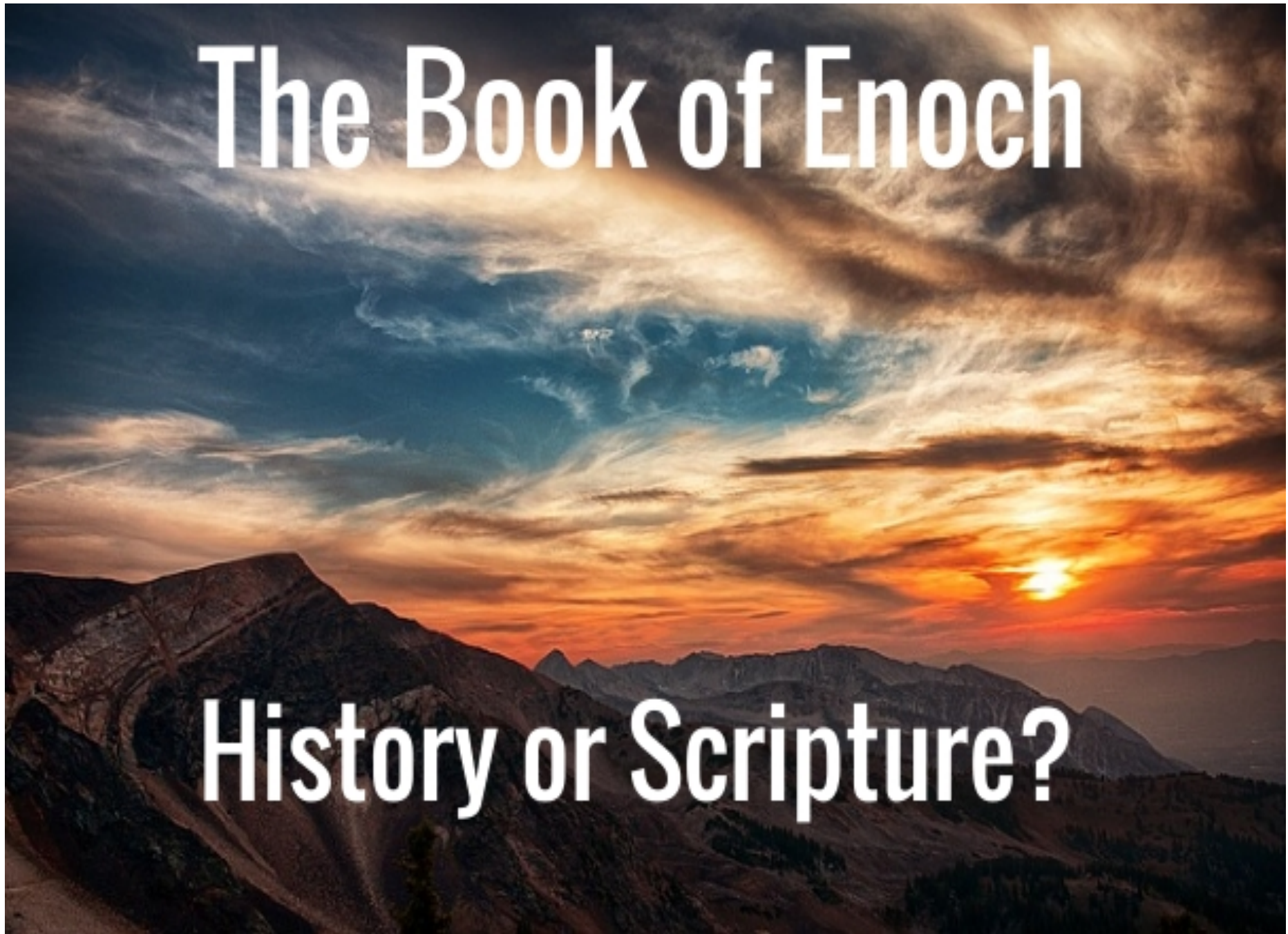
1. Pleased God by *faith*.
[Hebrews 11:5-6]
2. Walked in personal
relationship with God
3. Was *taken* by the LORD and
translated into heaven

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Enoch was a *prophet* in
his day, and his name
literally means
“teaching.”

The Book of Enoch

History or Scripture?



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The ***Book of Enoch*** – or ***1 Enoch***
– was not universally recognized
as Scripture by either the Jewish
or Christian communities of
faith.

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The ***Book of Enoch***, however, was highly regarded by the Judeo-Christian community, dating all the way back to the 2nd Temple period, as confirmed by the Dead Sea Scrolls.

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New Testament authors make reference to the ***Book of Enoch***, even quoting it directly.

See 2 Peter 2:4-10 and Jude 1:6-7, 14-15

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It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, “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 have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”

[Jude 1:14-15]

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***THE GOSPEL HIDDEN
AND REVEALED IN THE
GENAEOLOGY OF
GENESIS 5***

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Adam ("Man")
Seth ("Appointed")
Enosh ("Mortal")
Kenan ("Sorrow")
Mahalalel ("The Blessed God")
Jared ("Shall come down")
Enoch ("Teaching")
Methuselah ("His death shall bring")
Lamech ("The despairing")
Noah ("Rest" or "Comfort")

The Gospel In Genesis 5 - Genealogy

If you put it all together, you get a sentence that reads something like this: **"Man is appointed mortal sorrow, but the Blessed God shall come down teaching, and his death shall bring the despairing rest."**

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***MAN IS APPOINTED MORTAL
SORROW, BUT THE BLESSED
GOD SHALL COME DOWN
TEACHING. HIS DEATH SHALL
BRING THE DESPAIRING REST.***

*“Here is a trustworthy saying
that deserves full acceptance:*

**Christ Jesus came into the
world to save sinners--of
whom I am the worst.”**

[1 Timothy 1:15]