

**G**enesis 5:22-24  
 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: And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

A common belief about Enoch was that God took him to heaven so that he did not die. However this theory does not fit with the rest of the Word of God. Jesus the Christ is the only man who has ascended to heaven.

Many verses indicate that all men die, and not one verse supports Enoch as being the exception.

I Corinthians 15:21 and 22

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

This clearly states that everyone dies because we are all the descendants of Adam. Romans 5:14 states the same:

Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

Psalms 89:48

What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.

The question is asked with the answer being obvious, yes, all men see death. Even Jesus saw death.

Hebrews 9:27

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

It is indeed appointed unto every man to die.

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 context of this chapter is the faith the fathers had in view of their hope. Enoch is included in this list of believers. The following makes a statement of fact regarding all those in the chapter.

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.

Again it is clear to see that Enoch, just as every man before and after him, died. So we need to understand better that which is being stated in Genesis.

Genesis 5:24

And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

The phrase, "he was not," does not imply that he was caught up to heaven. That would be reading into it. When Joseph's brothers were being questioned by him before they realized who he was, they referred to Joseph (who was believed to be dead) as follows:

Genesis 42:32

We be twelve brethren, sons of our father; **one is not**, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.

In the same context, Joseph's father Jacob, believing Joseph and Simeon to be dead, said the following:

Verse 36

And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: **Joseph is not, and Simeon is not**, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me.

The phrase, “is not,” can easily be understood as meaning the person is dead. Enoch walked with God and then he died. The phrase, “for God took him,” needs more evaluation. In comparing it with Hebrews

took him without telling where or why. Hebrews offers more information.

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The Greek word *metatithemi* is translated into the English word “translated.” Elsewhere *metatithemi* is translated, “carried over” and “removed.”

Acts 7:16

And were **carried over** into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor the father of Sychem.

Galatians 1:6

I marvel that ye are so soon **removed** from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

Hebrews is declaring that God transported Enoch so that he would not see or perceive death, meaning he never saw anyone die. The only person who had died of natural causes in the lifetime of Enoch was Adam.

11, we see that God apparently transported Enoch so that he would not “see” death. He was not the only one to be transported by God. Elijah was transported on a flaming chariot (II Kings 2:11), and Philip (Acts 8:39 and 40) was also transported. Genesis simply said God

Everyone else lived longer than Enoch because he only lived 365 years (see chart\*). So God transported him so that he never saw Adam or anyone else die. Enoch literally never saw a dead person and had no perception of death.

That which he did see was eternal life.

Jude 1:14 and 15

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches* which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

God showed Enoch what will happen when Jesus the Messiah returns at the end of the age. He will execute judgement upon the ungodly, and the saints will be with him.

Enoch died just like every other man; however he walked with God in a wonderful way. He was transported by God so that he would not see someone die. Also God showed him what will happen at the end of the world.

\* Genealogy from Adam Until the Flood

Name	Year of Birth	Age at Birth of Child	Age at Death	Year of Death
Adam	0	130	930	930
Seth	130	105	912	1042
Enos	235	90	905	1140
Cainan	325	70	910	1235
Mahalaleel	395	65	895	1290
Jared	460	162	962	1422
Enoch	622	65	365	987
Methuselah	687	187	969	1656

Name	Year of Birth	Age at Birth of Child	Age at Death	Year of Death
Lamech	874	182	777	1651
Noah	1056	500	(Age at Flood) 600	Year of flood 1656