

A CONCISE COMPARATIVE STUDY OF "THE BOOK OF ENOCH" IN RELATION

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Author's Notes

The emphasis in the title of this paper should be placed on the second word. This is not a definitive analysis of the three books involved. Rather, it is designed to serve as a study aid for students of The URANTIA BOOK. To do the three works adequate justice would require a compendium several hundred pages in length. It is presupposed that the reader is intimately familiar with The URANTIA BOOK. The author is in the midst of his sixth perusal of the fifth epochal revelation. I have intently scrutinized every sentence in The Holy Bible, The Apochrypha, and The Book Of Enoch. I am knowledgeable concerning The Dead Sea Scrolls and other relatively recent discoveries. I mention all this, not out of ego or a vainglorious propensity, but simply to emphasize a necessary point: I know whereof I speak. (At last! I've been waiting for an opportunity to say that. Divine Counselor, eat your heart out!)

WHY A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF "THE BOOK OF ENOCH"?

The URANTIA BOOK. Page 514.

"11. Enoch, the first of the mortals of Urantia to fuse with the Thought Adjuster during the mortal life in the flesh."

The Holy Bible. Genesis. 5.21-24

"Enoch was sixty-five years old when he begot Methuselah. After the birth of Methuselah, Enoch walked with God for three hundred years, and had other sons and daughters. He lived three hundred and sixty-five years. Having walked with God, Enoch was seen no more, because God had taken him away."**

**All biblical quotes in this paper will be taken from THE NEW ENGLISH BIBLE, unless otherwise noted.

The URANTIA BOOK. Page 1390.

"While turning all these problems over in his mind, he found in the synagogue library at Nazareth, among the apocalyptic

"books which he had been studying, this manuscript called "The Book of Enoch"; and though he was certain that it had not been written by Enoch of old, it proved very intriguing to him, and he read and reread it many times. There was one passage which particularly impressed him, a passage in which this term "Son of Man" appeared. The writer of this so-called Book of Enoch went on to tell about this Son of Man, describing the work he would do on earth and explaining that this Son of Man, before coming down on this earth to bring salvation to mankind, had walked through the courts of heavenly glory with his Father, the Father of all; and that he had turned his back upon all this grandeur and glory to come down on earth to proclaim salvation to needy mortals. As Jesus would read these passages (well understanding that much of the Eastern mysticism which had become admixed with these teachings was erroneous), he responded in his heart and recognized in his mind that of all the Messianic predictions of the Hebrew scriptures and of all the theories about the Jewish deliverer, none was so near the truth as this story tucked away in this only partially accredited Book of Enoch; and he then and there decided to adopt as his inaugural title "the Son of Man". And this he did when he subsequently began his public work. Jesus had an unerring ability for the recognition of truth, and truth he never hesitated to embrace, no matter from what source it appeared to emanate."

WHAT IS "THE BOOK OF ENOCH"?

The plot is simple:

Enoch relates how he dreamed of "two men, very tall, such as I had never seen on earth. And their faces shone like the sun, and their eyes were like burning lamps....They stood at the head of my bed and called me by my name. I awoke from my sleep and saw clearly these two men standing in front of me." The two men escorted him aloft on a tour of the "seven heavens". "The Book of Enoch" largely details Enoch's experiences on his tour and a number of his dream-visions.

Before you scoff at this, bear in mind the following:
The URANTIA BOOK, Page 553.

"You should consider the statement about "heaven" and the "heaven of heavens!". The heaven conceived by most of your prophets was the first of the mansion worlds of the local system. When the apostle spoke of being "caught up to the third heaven", he referred to that experience in which his Adjuster was detached during sleep and in this unusual state made a projection to the third of the seven mansion worlds. Some of your wise men saw the vision of the greater heaven, the "heaven of heavens", of which the sevenfold mansion world experience was but the first; the second being Jerusem; the third, Edentia and its satellites; the fourth, Salvington and the surrounding educational spheres; the fifth, Uversa; the sixth, Havona; and the seventh, Paradise."

It should be noted that the apostle alluded to above was Paul. See 2 Corinthians 12:2-4.

Enoch is returned to Earth and given his mission. LXXXI. 5.
 "One year we will leave thee with thy son, till thou givest
 your commands, that thou mayest teach your children and record
 for them and testify to all your children; and in the second
 year they shall take thee from their midst."***

***All quotes from "The Book Of Enoch" are from the
 internationally acclaimed R. H. Charles translation.

"The Book of Enoch" is actually many books. 366 to be exact.
 Each "book" is equivalent to our contemporary literary com-
 ponents designated "chapters". Biblical writers were not con-
 sistent uniform in their composition; one "book" might be
 only one paragraph in length, and another might continue for
 a half-dozen pages.

"The Book of Enoch" is thoroughly apocalyptic in nature. In-
 deed, many experts are inclined to view it as THE most notable
 example of apocalyptic literature outside of the canonical
 Scriptures. (As we shall discuss shortly, it even surpasses
 many of the traditionally accepted "sacred" scriptures in scope
 of presentation and understanding in terms of universe facts
 and truth, many of which were not understood until the pre-
 sentation of the fifth epochal revelation.)

Apocalyptic literature, to succinctly define it without elabora-
 ting on every ramification, devoted itself almost exclusively
 to one subject; the future. Many comments are made concerning
 observations on the current history of the world around the
 writer, but taken in the whole, the specific subject is the
 future God has in store for man.

The apocalyptic writers were, to say the obvious least, a
 unique breed. They were devout God-fearing men and women,
 to whom was accorded the ability to peer into the hidden things
 of God and of understanding them; on these men and women
 was laid the privilege and duty of revealing the divine
 "secrets" to others. Hence their name, Apocalyptists, or
 "revealers". And it should be noted that unlike the priests,
 who often concocted sheer, deliberate bull manure for their
 own self-aggrandizement, the Apocalyptists firmly believed
 in the God-given power they possessed of looking into the
 deep things of God and being permitted to glimpse the sig-
 nificance of what had happened in the past and what would
 occur in the future. They seldom, intentionally, misled the
 populace. They exercised a unique and distinct faith in their
 "divine leadings".

One interesting sidelight to the Apocalyptists is that often,
 quite frequently, they would openly confess to not under-
 standing all that they are reporting. They would accurately
 announce to the people everything they witnessed in their
 dream-visions, but they could not thoroughly explain the
 significance of their visions. The writer(s) in "The Book
 of Enoch" several times mention that the scenes they behold
 are beyond the limits of their comprehension.

WHO WROTE THE BOOK OF ENOCH?

Who knows?

Seriously, unless the midwayers provide the information from their historical files, we may never know.

Enoch of old did not write it. Enoch lived in pre-Moses times. The URANTIA BOOK. Page 1057.

"There is so little on record of the great work of Moses because the Hebrews had no written language at the time of the exodus."

Before the development of a written vocabulary, the channel of expression from one generation to another was word of mouth tradition.

So Enoch, himself, did not write "The Book of Enoch".

"The Book of Enoch" is actually considered to be two works. Contemporary scholars divide it into "The Book of Enoch", usually designated I ENOCH, and the Later Apocalypse, commonly known as THE SECRETS OF ENOCH, as 2 ENOCH. The first work is also designated the Ethiopic Enoch, the latter the Slavonic Enoch, alluding to the languages of the earliest known versions of each. No manuscript of the original language of either is known to be in existence.

The subject of this study is the earliest version of "The Book of Enoch". It is, in many respects, the more remarkable of the two.

If you're already confused, bear with me. The complications increase. "The Book of Enoch" is further divided by the experts into distinct parts predicated on probable time periods of origin. The earliest version is believed to come from the period 200 to 100 B.C. Possibly earlier. There is some diversity of opinion regarding the dates among leading authorities.

On one element most agree. The earliest portion of the book was written by a Jew who lived in northern Palestine, in the land of Dan, south-west of the Hermon range, near the headwaters of the Jordan. This is critically important. It indicates the writings circulated among the Jews in Palestine, and, of special interest, indicates the influence the book had on the shaping of the Hebrew religion that was cradled in Galilee.

THE RELATION OF "THE BOOK OF ENOCH" TO THE HOLY BIBLE.

"The Book of Enoch" is not "recognized sacred scripture". It is not even accorded the dubious honor of sneaking into canonical literature through incorporation into The Apocrypha. Still, no less an authority than R. H. Charles has suggested that "the influence of I ENOCH on the New Testament has been greater than that of all the other apocryphal and pseudepigraphical books put together".

To adequately treat this subject would require volumes; we will simply accent the highlights.

"The Book of Enoch" is exceptional in apocryphal literature in that it is one of the few to contain parables. In the second of the three parables in the book is found a fascinating reference to the "Son of Man".

In dealing with a comparison of I ENOCH and the Gospels, we find a serious attempt to account for the presence of evil in human history, and this attempt is remarkable because, in its essentials, it is the same view expressed in the Gospels, especially in the Synoptic Gospels.

There are several works by contemporary scholars dealing with precise comparisons between The Bible and ENOCH. Study them for a detailed evaluation. Several other highlights will be revealed during the course of this paper.

THE "BOOK OF ENOCH" COMPARED TO THE URANTIA BOOK.

In this section we will quote excerpts from "The Book Of Enoch" and compare them to information gleaned from The URANTIA BOOK. The ENOCH quotes will be extensive. The URANTIA BOOK references might be noted by page only and you will be required to look up the information.

For purposes of further aid, several terms utilized by ENOCH will be defined below. Many are readily obvious, others realized only after perusing extensive sections of ENOCH.

Lord of Spirits: the title reserved for God, our Father.
 The Son of Man: Michael of Nebadon, Jesus of Nazareth.
 The Watchers: Caligastia's corporeal staff.
 The Elect: the spiritual, the children of God.
 The Elect One: the Son of Man.

These are some of the most frequently encountered terms. There are others we will elaborate on during the subsequent discourse.

Now, on with the show.....

SON OF MAN

Although other biblical writings do incorporate this title into their texts....

Daniel. 7:13-14.

"As the visions during the night continued, I saw
 One like a son of man coming,
 on the clouds of heaven;
 When he reached the Ancients of Days
 and was presented before them,
 He received dominion, glory, and kingship;
 nations and peoples of every language serve
 him.
 His dominion is an everlasting dominion

that shall not be taken away,
his kingship shall not be destroyed."

Note: This excerpt was taken from the New World Translation
of the Holy Scriptures.

.....none of the others employ the title with the chronic
frequency employed in ENOCH.

"The Book of Enoch". The Second Parable. XLVI. 1-4.

"And there I saw one who was a Head of Days,
And His head was white as wool,
And with Him was another being whose countenance
had the appearance of a man,
And his face was full of graciousness, like one
of the holy angels.

And I asked the angle who went with me and showed me all the
hidden things, concerning this Son of Man, who he was and
whence he was and why he was close to the Head of Days? And
the angel answered and said to me:

This is the Son of Man who hath righteousness,
With whom dwelleth righteousness,
And who revealeth all the treasures of that
which is hidden,
Because the Lord of Spirits hath chosen him,
And whose lot hath the pre-eminence before the
Lord of Spirits in uprightness for ever.
And this Son of Man whom thou hast seen
Shall raise up the kings and the mighty from
their seats,
And the strong from their thrones."

"The Book of Enoch". XLVIII. 2-10.

"And at that hour that the Son of Man was named
in the presence of the Lord of Spirits,
And before the Head of Days.
Yes, before the sun and signs were created,
before the stars of the heaven were made,
His name was before the Lord of Spirits.
He shall be a staff to the righteous whereon to
stay themselves and not fall,
And he shall be the light of the Gentiles,
And the hope of those who are troubled of heart.
All who dwell on earth shall fall down and
worship before him,
And will praise and bless and celebrate with
song the Lord of Spirits.
And for this reason has he been chosen and
hidden before Him,
Before the creation of the world and for ever-
more.
And the wisdom of the Lord of Spirits has
revealed him to the holy and the righteous;
For he has preserved the lot of the righteous."

"The Book of Enoch". LXII. 7-16.
 "For from the beginning the Son of Man was
 hidden,
 And the Most High preserved him in the presence
 of His might,
 And revealed him to the elect.....
 And all the elect shall stand before him
 on that day....
 And worship and set their hope on the Son
 of Man.....

And the Lord of Spirits will abide over them,
 And with the Son of Man shall they eat
 And lie down and rise up for ever and ever.
 And the righteous and elect shall have risen
 from the earth,
 And ceased to be of downcast countenance.

And they shall have been clothed with garments
 of glory,
 And they shall be the garments of life from the
 Lord of Spirits:
 And your garments shall not grow old,
 Nor your glory pass away before the Lord of
 Spirits."

As an additional footnote, EZEKIEL uses the expression
 "son of man" over ninety times, but in a different con-
 text than intended in ENOCH and DANIEL.

THE ELECT ONE

"The Book of Enoch". XXXIX. 6-8.
 "And in that place my eyes saw the Elect
 One of righteousness and of faith,
 And I saw his dwelling-place under the wings
 of the Lord of Spirits.
 And righteousness shall prevail in his days.
 And the righteous and elect shall be without
 number before Him for ever and ever.
 And all the righteous and elect before Him
 shall be as bright as fiery lights,
 And their mouths shall be full of blessing.
 And their lips shall extol the name of the Lord
 of Spirits....
 There I wished to dwell,
 And my spirit longed for that dwelling place:
 And there heretofore has been my portion,
 For so has it been established concerning me
 before the Lord of Spirits."

"The Book of Enoch". XLV-LVII. 3-6.

"Then I will cause Mine Elect One to dwell
among them.
And I will transform the earth and make it a
blessing:
And I will cause Mine elect ones to dwell upon
it....

For I have provided and satisfied with peace
My righteous ones,
And have caused them to dwell before Me."

"The Book of Enoch". XLIX. 1-4.

"For he is mighty in all the secrets of righteousness....

Because the Elect One stands before the Lord of
Spirits,

And his glory is for ever and ever,
And his might unto all generations,
And in him dwells the spirit of wisdom,
And the spirit which gives insight,
And the spirit of understanding and of might....

And none shall be able to utter a lying word before him:
For he is the Elect One before the Lord of
Spirits according to His good pleasure."

THE ELECT

"The Book of Enoch". IV. 8.

"And then there shall be bestowed on the elect
wisdom,

And they shall all live and never again sin,
Either through ungodliness or through pride;
And they who are wise shall be humble."

"The Book of Enoch". LVIII. 2-6.

"Blessed are ye, ye righteous and elect,
for glorious shall be your lot.

And the righteous shall be in the light of the sun,

And the elect in the light of eternal life;

The days of their life shall be unending,

And the days of the holy without number.

And they shall seek the light and find righteousness
with the Lord of Spirits;

There shall be peace to the righteous in the name
of the Eternal Lord."

THE HEAVEN OF HEAVENS (Universe of universes)

"The Book of Enoch". I. 3-4.

"The Holy Great One will come forth from His
dwelling.....

And appear in the strength of His might from
the heaven of heavens....."

THE MOST HIGH(S) & EDENTIA.

"The Book of Enoch". XCVIII. 11.

"From all the good things which the Most High has placed in abundance on the earth....."

LXXVII. 1&3.

"...because the Most High will abide there...."

"...is divided into three parts; the first of them is for the dwelling of men; and the second contains seas of water and the abysses and forests and rivers and light and living clouds; and the third part contains the garden of righteousness....."

XXIV. 1-4.

"And I went beyond it and saw seven magnificent mountains all differing from the other, and the stones were magnificent and beautiful, magnificent as a whole, of glorious appearance and fair exterior....."

THE TREE OF LIFE.

"The Book of Enoch". XXIV. 4-on.

"And among them was a tree such as I had never yet smelt, neither was any among them nor were others like it: it had a fragrance beyond all fragrance, and its leaves and blooms and wood wither not for ever: and its fruit is beautiful, and resembles the dates of a palm. And I said: "How beautiful is this tree, and fragrant, and its leaves are fair, and its blooms very delightful in appearance." Then answered Michael, the holy, the leader: "Enoch, why dost thou ask me regarding the fragrance of the tree, and why do you wish to learn the truth?"

"And as for this tree, no mortal is permitted to touch it until after the judgement....."

"Its fruit shall be for food for the elect; it shall be transplanted to the holy place, to the temple of the Lord, the Eternal King."

THE SEVEN MANSION WORLDS (& THE WORLD OF THE FATHER?)

"The Book of Enoch". XVII. 13-14.

"I saw there seven stars like great burning mountains, and to me, when I inquired regarding them, the angel said: "This place is the heaven of the earth; this last has become a prison for the stars and the host of heaven. And the stars which roll over the fire are they which have transgressed the commandment of the Lord in the beginning of their rising....."

XLI. 2.

"And there I saw the mansions of the elect and the mansions of the holy....."

LXVII. 4.

"And he will imprison those angels who have shown unrighteousness in that burning valley....."

LXVII. 7.

"...where those angels are held who had led astray those who dwell on the earth....."

THE REBELLION

"The Book of Enoch". LIV. 4-5.

"And I asked the angel of peace who went with me: "Who are these chains being prepared for?" And he answered: "These are being prepared for the hosts of Azazel, so that they may take them and cast them into the abyss....."

Azazel. Who is he? No definite answer is possible. Evidence narrows speculation to Satan or Caligastia. Azazel means: "powerful against God". In addition to numerous mentions in I ENOCH, Azazel is also named four times in The Holy Bible, all in Leviticus. (16:8, 10, 26). (The author's opinion is Caligastia)

Beelzebub.

The URANTIA BOOK. Page 602.

"Beelzebub was the leader of the disloyal midway creatures who allied themselves with the forces of Caligastia."

Beelzebub means: "Lord of this habitation". It can also mean, if a play on the Hebrew word ze'vel, "Lord of Dung".

"The Book of Enoch". CVI. 13-14.

"The Lord will do a new thing on the earth, and this I have already seen in a vision, and make known to you that in the generation of Jared some of the angels of heaven transgressed the word of the Lord. And behold, they commit sin and transgress the law....."

"The Book of Enoch". VIII. 1-2.

"And Azazel taught men to make swords, and knives, and shields, and breastplates, and made known to them the metals of the earth and the art of working them, bracelets, and ornaments, and the use of antimony, and the beautifying of the eyelids, and all kinds of costly stones, and all colouring tinctures. And there arose much godlessness....."

IX. 6.

"Do you see what Azazel has done? He taught all unrighteousness on earth and revealed the eternal secrets which were preserved in heaven, which men were striving to learn."

(See The URANTIA BOOK. Page 750, paragraph 1. And Page 759, paragraphs 1 & 2)

XVI. 3.

And Enoch was instructed to tell Azazel and the two hundred: "You have been in heaven, but all the mysteries had not yet been revealed to you. And you were worthless ones, and in the"

"hardness of your hearts you have made mysteries made known to women and men and they work much evil on earth."

"Say to them, therefore; "You have no peace."

THE WATCHERS (THE PRINCE'S CORPOREAL STAFF?)

"The Book of Enoch". I. 3-5.

"The Holy Great One will come forth from His dwelling...."

"And the Watchers shall quake,
And great fear and trembling shall seize them
unto the ends of the earth."

VI. 6.

"And they were in all two hundred; who descended in the days of Jared....." (100 corporeal staff members & 100 Andonic attendants?)

VI. 8.

"These are the chiefs of tens....."
(See The URANTIA BOOK. Page 745. Paragraph 8.)

VII. 1.

"And all the others together with them took unto themselves wives, and each chose for himself one, and they began to go in unto them.....and they taught them the cutting of roots, and made them acquainted with plants."
(See The URANTIA BOOK. Page 752. Paragraph 1.)

After the rebellion.....

X. 7-8.

".....heal the earth....that all the children of men may not perish through all the secret things that the Watchers have disclosed and have taught their sons. And the whole earth has been corrupted through the works that were taught by Azazel."

XIV. 1-3.

"....the reprimand of the eternal Watchers.....the children of heaven...."

XV. 6.

"But you were formerly spiritual, living the eternal life, and immortal for all generations of the world."

ANGELS

XIX. 2.

"And the women, that is, the angels....."

ADAM & EVE

XXXIX. 1.

"And it shall come to pass in those days that elect and holy children will descend from the high heaven, and their seed will become one with the children of men."

LX. 8.

".....on the east of the garden where the elect and the"

"....righteous dwell, where my grandfather was taken up, the seventh from Adam, the first man whom the Lord of Spirits created."

MICHAEL

XL. 8-9

"After that I asked the angel of peace who went with me, who showed me everything that is hidden: "Who are these four presences which I have seen and whose words I have heard and written down?"

And he said to me: "This first is Michael, the merciful and long-suffering....."

"....and the third, who is set over all the powers, is Gabriel....."

LIGHT AND LIFE

X. 21.

"And all the children of men shall become righteous, and all nations shall offer adoration and shall praise Me, and all shall worship Me."

XI. I.

"And in those days I will open the store chambers of blessing which are in heaven, so as to send them down upon the earth...."

XI. 2.

"And truth and peace shall be associated together throughout all the days of the world and throughout all generations of men."

(Special note: words underlined in quotes from ENOCH are words accented in the original manuscript.)

CVII. 1.

"And I saw written on them that generation upon generation shall transgress, till a generation of righteousness arises, and transgression is destroyed and sin passes away from the earth, and all manner of good come on it."

FRICITION SHIELDS????

LXI. 1.

"And I saw in those days how long cords were given to those angels, and they took to themselves wings and flew, and went towards the north."

GUARDIAN ANGELS

C. 5.

"And over all the righteous and holy He will appoint guardians from among the holy angels, to guard them as the apple of an eye....."

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CVI. 2.

"And his body was white as snow and red as the blooming of a rose, and the hair of his head and his long locks were white as wool, and his eyes were beautiful. And when he opened his eyes, he lighted up the whole house like the sun, and the whole house was very bright."

5.

"I have begotten a strange son, diverse from and unlike man, and resembling the sons of the God of heaven; and his nature is different, and he is not like us, and his eyes are as the rays of the sun, and his countenance is glorious."

FINALITERS?

CVII. 11.

"And now I will summon the spirits of the good who belong to the generation of light, and I will transform those who were born in darkness, who in the flesh were not recompensed with such honor as their faithfulness deserved..."

13.

"....for to the faithful He will give faithfulness in the habitation of upright paths....."

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LVII. 1-3.

"And it came to pass after this that I saw another host of wagons, and men riding thereon, and coming on the winds from the east, and from the west to the south. And the noise of their wagons was heard, and when this turmoil took place the holy ones from heaven remarked it, and the pillars of the earth were moved from their place, and the sound thereof was heard from the one end of heaven to the other, in one day."

THOUGHT ADJUSTERS

CV. 1-2.

"In those days the Lord bade His spirits to summon and testify to the children of earth concerning their wisdom; Show it to them; for you are their guides and a recompense over the whole earth. For I and My Son will be united with them for ever in the paths of uprightness in their lives; and you shall have peace; rejoice, you children....."

The URANTIA BOOK? The Holy Bible? Coincidence?

CIV. 12.

"Then, I know another mystery, that books shall be given to the righteous and the wise to become a cause of joy and"

"much wisdom. And to them shall the books be given, and they shall believe in them and rejoice over them, and then shall all the righteous who have learnt therefrom all the paths of uprightness be recompensed."

As the colloquialism is stated, we have only begun to touch the tip of the iceberg in ENOCH. There are dozens upon dozens of intriguing references not touched on in this paper.

But what are we supposed to make of all this?

At the very least, serious scholars will appreciate ENOCH from a purely historical and biblical perspective. Various interpretations are derivative from the excerpts listed, and the author would caution you from accepting them as literal correlations to the facts presented in the fifth epochal revelation.

Perhaps a quote from Jerome, as regards apocryphal books in general, would be appropriate: "...be informed that they are not the works of the authors by whose names they are distinguished, that they contain much that is faulty, and that it is a task requiring great prudence to find gold in the midst of the clay."

We will close with the words of whoever wrote I ENOCH:

XCIII. 11.

"For who is there of all the children of men that is able to hear the voice of the Holy One without being troubled? And who can think His thoughts? And who is there that can behold all the works of heaven? And how should there be one who could behold the heaven, and who is there that could understand the things of heaven and see a soul or a spirit and could tell about it, or ascend and see all their ends and think like them or do like them? "

To coin a certain Vulcan popular on commercial video:
"Fascinating."

Perhaps that is the best summation of all.

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EPILOGUE

The final translation of Enoch

LXX. And LXXI.

"And it came to pass after this that his name during his lifetime was raised aloft to that Son of Man and to the Lord of Spirits from among those who dwell on the earth. And he was raised aloft on the chariots of the spirit andthe angels took the cords to measure me the place for the elect....and it came to pass after this that my spirit was translated and it ascended into the heavens; and I saw the holy sons of Ged. They were stepping on flames of fire; their garments were white and their faces shone like the sun. And I fell on my face before the Lord of Spirits, and Michael seized me by the right hand, and lifted me up and led me forth into all the secrets, and he showed me the secrets of righteousness. And he showed me all the secrets of the ends of heaven, and all the chambers of all the stars and all the luminaries.....and he translated my spirit into the heaven of heavens, and I saw there as it were a structure built of crystals, and between these crystals tongues of living fire....and my spirit saw streams full of living fire, and round about were Seraphim and Cherubin, and Ophannin.... and I saw angels who could not be counted....and Raphael... and Gabriel....and with them the Head of Days, His head white and pure as wool, and his raiment indescribable, and I fell on my face, and my whole body became relaxed, and my spirit was transfigured, and I cried with a loud voice.... with the spirit of power."

FINIS