THE QUESTION

Did early Christians connect Enoch with the end times?

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

Early Christian writers tied Enoch to the last days. Barnabas quoted Enoch on the Lord shortening the times, and Hippolytus taught that Enoch and Elijah will return in the final week to preach repentance. Clement linked Enoch's prophecy to stars that fell. These passages quote nothing from Enoch about the moon changing.

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Barnabas quoted Enoch about the last days

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Barnabas warns that the final danger is near. He cites Enoch as saying the Lord has shortened the times and the days so that His Beloved may come quickly to His inheritance.

1 “The final stumbling block or source of danger is near, concerning which it is written, as Enoch states, “For this purpose the Lord has shortened the times and the days, so that His Beloved may come quickly; and He will come to the inheritance.””

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Barnabas,** *Epistle of Barnabas* (c. 70–132 AD) **Source 1, page 4** Read it in the library ›
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Enoch and Elijah will return to preach

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Hippolytus says only one last week will remain, and Enoch and Elijah will appear in it, with Antichrist revealed in its middle. Reading Daniel 9:27, he says this last week comes at the end of the whole world, and the two prophets will preach repentance in sackcloth for 1,260 days.

2 “Only one week will remain, the last week. In it, Elijah and Enoch will appear. In the middle of it, the abomination of desolation will be revealed, that is, Antichrist, announcing desolation to the world.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 5, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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3 “Now Daniel will explain this matter to us. For he says, "And one week will make a covenant with many, and it shall be that in the middle, half, of the week my sacrifice and offering shall cease." Daniel 9:27 Therefore, by one week he meant the last week, which will be at the end of the whole world. Of this week, the two prophets Enoch and Elias will take up the half. For they will preach for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth, proclaiming repentance to the people and to all the nations.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Treatise on Christ and Antichrist* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 4, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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Enoch's prophecy speaks of stars that fell

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Explaining Jude, Clement says the wandering stars stand for those who go astray and fall away, like stars that fell from the places of the angels. Darkness is kept for them forever. He adds that Jude, quoting Enoch (Jude 1:14), confirms that Enoch's prophecy was about such people.

4 “Wandering stars” means that those who go astray and become apostates are like that kind of stars which fell from the places of the angels. For their apostasy, the blackness of darkness is reserved forever. “Enoch also, the seventh from Adam,” he says, “prophesied of these.” In these words he confirms the prophecy.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Fragments* 1 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 2, page 5** **Read it in the library ›**
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Enoch's book told of angels who fell

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Tertullian calls it the Scripture of Enoch and says it describes what certain angels did, though some rejected it because it was not in the Jewish canon. Origen says the books under Enoch's name are not read in the churches as divine, and he mentions that Celsus took from them a claim that sixty or seventy angels came down and became wicked.

5 “I know that some do not accept the Scripture of Enoch, which has assigned this course of action to angels, because it is not admitted into the Jewish canon either.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On the Apparel of Women* 1.3 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 3, page 5** **Read it in the library ›**
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6 “Moreover, in a very confused manner, when examining the subject of the visits of angels to men, he brings forward what he has taken from the Book of Enoch without seeing its meaning. For he does not seem to have read the passages in question, nor to have been aware that the books which bear the name Enoch do not circulate at all in the Churches as divine, although it is from this source that he might be supposed to have obtained the statement that sixty or seventy angels descended at the same time and fell into a state of wickedness.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Against Celsus* 54 (c. 215–254 AD)
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Source 6, page 5 **Read it in the library ›**

THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not quote anything Enoch said about the moon or stars changing at the end.
- They do not settle whether the Book of Enoch should be read as Scripture; Tertullian and Origen speak of it differently.
- Hippolytus describes Enoch's return, but he does not say what happens to the sun, moon or stars at that time.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 8 early Christian passages and 41 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–8, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 9–44, in Bible order), then 5 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF’s updated English unless marked “1885 English” (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). “… [continues online]” marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *8 passages from 6 writers*

Barnabas, *c. 70–132 AD · source 1*

1 *Epistle of Barnabas* **Quote 1, page 2** “so they do not take hold of us; and let us reject the error of this present time, so we can focus our love on the world to come. We… [continues online] **read ›**

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Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · source 2*

2 *Fragments* 1 **Quote 4, page 3** “also, the seventh from Adam,” he says, “prophesied of these.” In these… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · source 3*

3 *On the Apparel of Women* 1.3 **Quote 5, page 3** “know that some do not accept the Scripture of Enoch, which has assigned this course of action to angels, because it is not admitted into the Jewish canon either. I… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · sources 4–5*

4 *Treatise on Christ and Antichrist* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 3, page 2** “9:27 By one week, therefore, he meant the last week which is to be at the end of the whole world of which week the two prophets Enoch and… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 2, page 2** “things being thus recounted, the prophet again describes another vision to us… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 6–7*

6 *Against Celsus* 54 **Quote 6, page 4** “much more will he decline to admit what Celsus has… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 3 (1885 English; on point 4) “in the Book of Enoch also we have similar descriptions… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · source 8*

8 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 4) “and us His servants. And among the people of old, some also wrote apocryphal books of Moses, and Enoch, and Adam, and Isaiah, and David, and Elijah, and of the… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *36 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

9 **Genesis 5:10** After he fathered Kenan, Enosh lived seven hundred and fifteen years, and he fathered sons and daughters. **read ›**

10 **Genesis 5:11** So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years, and he died. **read ›**

11 **Genesis 5:18** Jared lived a hundred and sixty-two years and fathered Enoch. **read ›**

12 **Genesis 5:21** Enoch lived a hundred and sixty-five years and fathered Methuselah. **read ›**

13 **Genesis 5:22** After he fathered Methuselah, Enoch was well-pleasing to God for two hundred years, and he fathered sons and daughters. **read ›**

14 **Genesis 5:23** So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. **read ›**

15 **Genesis 5:24** Enoch was well-pleasing to God, and he was not found, because God had taken him away. **read ›**

16 **1 Chronicles 1:3** Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, **read ›**

17 **Daniel 7:24** And its ten horns are ten kings who will arise; and after them another will arise, who will surpass all who were before him in evils, and he will humble three kings. **read ›**

18 **Daniel 9:27** And one week will make a covenant strong for many; and in the half of the week my sacrifice and drink offering will be taken away; and upon the temple will be an abomination of desolations; and until the end of a time, an end will be set upon the desolation.” **read ›**

19 **Wisdom of Sirach 44:16** Enoch pleased the Lord and was taken away, an example of repentance to the generations. **read ›**

20 **1 Enoch 1:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

21 **1 Enoch 1:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

22 **1 Enoch 12:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

23 **1 Enoch 12:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

24 **1 Enoch 14:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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25 **1 Enoch 14:25** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
26 **1 Enoch 15:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
27 **1 Enoch 19:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
28 **1 Enoch 21:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
29 **1 Enoch 37:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
30 **1 Enoch 39:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
31 **1 Enoch 60:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
32 **1 Enoch 65:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
33 **1 Enoch 66:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
34 **1 Enoch 68:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
35 **1 Enoch 81:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
36 **1 Enoch 92:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
37 **1 Enoch 93:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
38 **1 Enoch 93:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
39 **1 Enoch 106:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
40 **1 Enoch 106:12** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
41 **1 Enoch 107:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
42 **1 Enoch 108:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
43 **Hebrews 11:5** By faithfulness Enoch was taken away so that he would not see death, and he was not found because God had taken him away. For before he was taken away, he had been attested to be pleasing to God. **read ›**
44 **Jude 1:14** And Enoch, the seventh from Adam, also prophesied about these, saying, “Behold, the Lord came with his holy tens of thousands **read ›**

ALSO LINKED BY THF TO THESE PASSAGES *5 verses, by reference*

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Isaiah 5:21

Daniel 7:7

Matthew 20:16

Romans 2:11

Hebrews 10:25

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Searched: Ante-Nicene Fathers volumes 1–9 and the Bible, including the Septuagint.

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