THE QUESTION

How did early Christians read the Book of Enoch's story of the fallen angels?

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The short answer *Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words*

Many early Christians read the Enoch story of angels who fell through lust for women as true. Justin, Athenagoras, Tertullian and Lactantius say these angels taught forbidden arts, fathered giants whose spirits became demons, and stirred up idol worship. Others, like Julius Africanus and Origen, offered different readings or doubted parts of the story.

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Angels fell through desire for women

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Justin says God set angels to care for people, but they broke that trust, fell for women and had children. Lactantius tells the same story: angels sent to protect mankind were lured by the devil into defiling themselves with women.

1 “However, the angels violated this role, became infatuated with women, and had children, who are known as demons.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Justin Martyr,** *Second Apology* (c. 130–165 AD) **Source 1, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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2 “But that wily accuser, while they stayed among men, also lured them into pleasures, so that they might defile themselves with women.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Lactantius,** *Epitome of the Divine Institutes* 27 (c. 290–320 AD) **Source 26, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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Their giant offspring became wandering demons

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Athenagoras separates the fallen angels from the souls of the giants, which he calls the demons that roam the world. Lactantius likewise speaks of two kinds of demons: fallen angels from heaven and their mixed offspring from earth.

3 “And the souls of the giants, which are the demons that wander through the world, act in similar ways.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Athenagoras,** *A Plea for the Christians* 25 (c. 170–190 AD) **Source 4, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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4 “So there came to be two kinds of demons: one from heaven, the other from earth. The latter are the wicked spirits, the authors of all the evils that are done, and the same devil is their prince.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Lactantius,** *Divine Institutes* 15 (c. 290–320 AD) **Source 25, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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The fallen angels taught forbidden arts

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Tertullian says these angels revealed metalwork, the powers of herbs, enchantments and star-reading. Commodianus also says arts like dyeing wool became known through them. Both treat these teachings as coming from rebels against God.

5 “If it is true that they laid bare the operations of metallurgy, and made known the natural properties of herbs, and proclaimed the powers of enchantments, and traced out every curious art, even to the interpretation of the stars, then they conferred properly, and as if especially, on women that instrumental means of womanly display: the radiances of jewels with which necklaces are varied, and the circlets of gold with which the arms are compressed, and the dyes of orchil with which wool is colored, and that black powder itself with which the eyelids and eyelashes are made prominent.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On the Apparel of Women* 1.2 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 11, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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6 “By them, arts were made known in the earth, and they taught the dyeing of wool, and everything that is done.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Commodianus,** *Writings* (c. 250–300 AD) **Source 20, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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They stand behind idol worship

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Tertullian says Enoch foretold that the demons and fallen angels would turn all creation into objects of idol worship. Justin says the names of the pagan gods were really the names these angels and their children had given themselves.

7 “Enoch had spoken earlier, predicting that the demons, and the spirits of the angels who fell away, would turn all the elements, all the adornment of the universe, and everything in heaven, in the sea, and on the earth into idolatry, so that these things might be consecrated as God, against God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On Idolatry* 4 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 10, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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8 “Whatever names the angels had given themselves and their children, the people used those names for them.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Justin Martyr,** *Second Apology* (c. 130–165 AD) **Source 1, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Jude's chained angels fit the same story

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Clement of Alexandria explains Jude's angels who left their home as apostates bound by their own desires. Irenaeus contrasts Enoch, taken up to God, with the angels who sinned and fell to earth for judgment.

9 “He called "chains" the loss of the honor in which they had stood, and the desire for weak things. Since they are bound by their own desire, they cannot be turned back.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Fragments* 1 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 9, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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10 "Enoch, too, pleased God without circumcision and served as God's messenger to the angels even though he was human, and he was taken up and is preserved until now as a witness of the just judgment of God, because the angels who sinned fell to the earth for judgment, but the man who pleased God was taken up for salvation."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book IV* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 6, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Tertullian defended the Book of Enoch

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Tertullian admits that some people rejected the book of Enoch because it was not in the Jewish canon. He argues that Noah, Enoch's great-grandson, could have passed on Enoch's preaching after the flood.

11 "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."

later in the same passage

"If that is the reason for rejecting it, let them remember that Noah, the survivor of the flood, was Enoch's great-grandson."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On the Apparel of Women* 1.3 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 13, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Not every early writer read it literally

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Julius Africanus preferred to read the sons of God as the godly line of Seth, though he allowed the angel reading. Origen notes that someone before him took the Genesis passage as a figure for souls longing for bodily life.

12 "In my opinion, what is meant by this is that the descendants of Seth are called the sons of God because righteous men and patriarchs came from him, all the way down to the Savior Himself."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Julius Africanus,** *Extant Writings* 1 (c. 232–265 AD) **Source 18, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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13 "Even on this point, however, we will persuade those who are able to understand the prophet's meaning that, even before our time, there was someone who referred this passage to the teaching about souls, which became possessed with a desire for the bodily life of men."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Against Celsus* 55 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 14, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don't tell us

- None of these passages quotes the Book of Enoch at length, so they show how Christians used its story, not everything the book says.
- The writers did not all agree; some doubted the book or read Genesis 6 another way.
- 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 26 early Christian passages and 113 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–26, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 27–114, in Bible order), then 25 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 *26 passages from 13 writers*

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · sources 1–2*

1 *Second Apology* (1885 English) **Quotes 1, 8, pages 2, 4** "besides, they afterwards subdued the human race to themselves, partly by magical writings, and partly by fears and the punishments they occasioned, and partly by teaching them to offer sacrifices… [continues online] **read ›**

2 *First Apology* (on point 4) struck with terror. Carried away by fear and unaware that these were demons, they called them gods and gave each demon the name it chose for itself. When Socrates tried… [continues online] **read ›**

Minucius Felix, *c. 150–270 AD · source 3*

3 *Octavius* 24 (on point 4) they infuse into others the error of their depravity. And being themselves alienated from God, they separate others from God by bringing in degraded superstitions. The poets know that those… [continues online] **read ›**

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Athenagoras, *c. 170–190 AD · sources 4–5*

4 *A Plea for the Christians* 25 **Quote 3, page 2** “move through the air and the earth, can no longer rise to heavenly things. And the souls of the giants, which are the demons that wander through the world, act… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *A Plea for the Christians* 24 “be enough to say this much. If the poets and philosophers had not acknowledged that there is one God, and had not held these opinions about the gods—some saying… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 6–7*

6 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (1885 English) **Quote 10, page 5** “too, pleasing God, without circumcision, discharged the office of God’s legate to the angels although he was a man, and was translated, and is preserved until now as a… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Against Heresies: Book V* (1885 English) “likewise also the devil, being one among those angels who are placed over the spirit of the air, as the Apostle Paul has declared in his Epistle to the Ephesians… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 8–9*

8 *Instructor* 3.8 (on point 5) “those who cannot attain the privilege of adoption… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Fragments* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 9, page 4** “the angels, he says, that kept not their own pre-eminence, that, namely, which they received through advancement, but left their own habitation, meaning, that is, the heaven and the… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 10–13*

10 *On Idolatry* 4 (1885 English) **Quote 7, page 4** “by conjoining, Nor a similitude of the things which are in the heaven, and which are in the earth, and which are in the sea, has interdicted the servants of… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *On the Apparel of Women* 1.2 (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 3** “that this ignominy also attaches to woman… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Apology* 23 (on point 4) what it does in the service of others! Or if both angels and demons do exactly what your gods do, then where is the higher rank of deity, which surely… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *On the Apparel of Women* 1.3 (1885 English) **Quote 11, page 5** “am aware that the Scripture of Enoch, which has assigned this order (of action) to angels, is not received by some, because it is not admitted into the Jewish canon… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 14–17*

14 *Against Celsus* 55 **Quote 13, page 6** “no one was ever so foolish as to… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Against Celsus* 54 (on point 7) “to admit what Celsus has brought forward, from not understanding the contents of the Book of Enoch. No one, then, convicts us of falsehood, or of making contradictory statements, as… [continues online] **read ›**

16 *Against Celsus* 69 or through corruption and vice, or through ignorance of what is right, do not keep the law of God. Instead, to use a new phrase that we find in Scripture… [continues online] **read ›**

17 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 3 (1885 English; on point 6) “in the Book of Enoch also we have similar descriptions… [continues online] **read ›**

Julius Africanus, *c. 232–265 AD · source 18*

18 *Extant Writings* 1 **Quote 12, page 5** “some copies, I found "the sons of God… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · source 19*

19 *Treatises* (1885 English; on point 3) “taught them also to paint the eyes with blackness drawn round them in a circle, and to stain the cheeks with a deceitful red, and to change the hair with… [continues online] **read ›**

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Commodianus, *c. 250–300 AD · sources 20–22*

20 *Writings* (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 3** "from their seed giants are said to have been born… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *Writings* (on point 4) "pray to unclean gods, and you call them heavenly, who are born of mortal seed from those giants… [continues online] **read ›**

22 *Writings* "the sons of Enoch are said to be the race of Cain… [continues online] **read ›**

Archelaus, *c. 270–300 AD · source 23*

23 *Disputation with Manes* 1 (1885 English) "that angel who was cast down to earth, finding no further admittance into any of the regions of heaven, now flaunts about among men, deceiving them, and luring them to… [continues online] **read ›**

Alexander of Lycopolis, *c. 280–320 AD · source 24*

24 *Of the Manicheans* 25 (1885 English; on point 7) "for instance, when the Jewish history relates that angels came down to hold Genesis 6:2 intercourse with the daughters of men… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · sources 25–26*

25 *Divine Institutes* 15 (1885 English) **Quote 4, page 3** "they who were born from these, because they were neither angels nor men, but bearing a kind of mixed nature, were not admitted into hell, as their fathers were not… [continues online] **read ›**

26 *Epitome of the Divine Institutes* 27 (1885 English) **Quote 2, page 2** "being condemned by the sentence of God, and cast forth on account of their sins, they lost both the name and substance of angels… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *88 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

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

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

29 **Genesis 6:1** When men began to grow numerous on the earth, and daughters were born to them, **read ›**

30 **Genesis 6:2** the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful, and they took wives for themselves from all those whom they chose. **read ›**

31 **Genesis 6:4** The giants were on the earth in those days, and after that, whenever the sons of God went in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the giants of old, the famous men. **read ›**

32 **Genesis 19:1** The two angels came to Sodom in the evening. Lot was sitting by the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose up to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground. **read ›**

33 **Deuteronomy 2:11** These also shall be counted as Rephaim, like the Anakim; and the Moabites call them Emim. **read ›**

34 **Deuteronomy 9:2** a people great and numerous and tall, the sons of Anak, whom you know, and of whom you have heard, "Who can stand before the sons of Anak?" **read ›**

35 **2 Samuel 21:22** These four were born in Gath as descendants of the giants, the house of Rapha; and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his slaves. **read ›**

36 **1 Chronicles 1:1** Adam, Seth, Enosh, **read ›**

37 **1 Chronicles 1:2** Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, **read ›**

38 **1 Chronicles 1:3** Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, **read ›**

39 **1 Chronicles 20:8** This one was born to Rapha in Gath. They were four giants in all, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants. **read ›**

40 **Job 1:6** Now it came to pass on a certain day that, behold, the angels of God came to stand before the Lord, and the devil came with them. **read ›**

41 **Job 2:1** Now it came to pass on a certain day that the angels of God came to stand before the Lord, and the devil came among them to stand before the Lord. **read ›**

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42 **Job 38:7** When the stars came into being, all my angels praised me with a loud voice. **read ›**

43 **Ezekiel 26:5** She shall be a place for drying nets in the midst of the sea, for I have spoken, says the Lord; and she shall become plunder for the nations. **read ›**

44 **Ezekiel 28:14** From the day you were created with the cherub, I set you on the holy mountain of God; you were in the midst of the stones of fire. **read ›**

45 **Baruch 3:26** There the giants were born, the famous ones, who were of great stature from the beginning, skilled in war. **read ›**

46 **1 Enoch 1:2** Then Enoch took up his parable and said: He is a righteous man; a vision from God was opened to him, and he had the vision of the Holy One and of heaven. He showed it to me, and I heard holy words from the holy ones, and as I heard everything from them, I also understood what I saw. I was not thinking of this present generation, but I speak of one that is far off. **read ›**

47 **1 Enoch 6:2** And the angels, the sons of heaven, saw them and desired them, and they said to one another, “Come, let us choose wives for ourselves from among men, and let us have children for ourselves.” **read ›**

48 **1 Enoch 7:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

49 **1 Enoch 7:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

50 **1 Enoch 8:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

51 **1 Enoch 9:10** And now, behold, the souls of those who have died are crying out and making their appeal to the gates of heaven; and their groaning has gone up, and it cannot get away from the lawless deeds that are being done on the earth. **read ›**

52 **1 Enoch 10:15** Destroy all the spirits of the counterfeit ones and the sons of the Watchers, because they have wronged mankind. **read ›**

53 **1 Enoch 12:2** And his works were with the Watchers, and his days were with the holy ones. **read ›**

54 **1 Enoch 12:3** And I, Enoch, was standing, blessing the Lord of majesty, the King of the ages. And behold, the Watchers of the Holy Great One were calling me: **read ›**

55 **1 Enoch 12:4** “Enoch, scribe of righteousness, go and say to the Watchers of heaven, who left the high heaven, the sanctuary of the eternal station, and were defiled with women—and as the sons of the earth do, so they also do—and took wives for themselves: ‘You have ruined the earth with a great ruin, **read ›**

56 **1 Enoch 14:1** The book of the words of righteousness and of the rebuke of the Watchers who are from eternity, according to the commandment of the Holy Great One in this vision. **read ›**

57 **1 Enoch 14:4** I wrote out your petition, you angels, and in my vision it was shown to me thus: that your petition is not accepted, **read ›**

58 **1 Enoch 14:25** And one of the holy ones came to me and raised me up and set me on my feet, and brought me up to the door; but I kept my face bowed down. **read ›**

59 **1 Enoch 15:3** Why did you leave the high, holy, eternal heaven, and lie with women, and defile yourselves with the daughters of men, and take wives for yourselves? You have done like the sons of the earth and have fathered children for yourselves, sons who are giants. **read ›**

60 **1 Enoch 15:4** And you were holy, living, eternal spirits; yet you defiled yourselves with the blood of women, and with the blood of flesh you fathered children, and with the blood of men you lusted, just as they also produce flesh and blood—they who die and perish. **read ›**

61 **1 Enoch 15:8** And now the giants who were born of the spirits and flesh are mighty spirits on the earth, and their dwelling shall be on the earth. **read ›**

62 **1 Enoch 15:9** Evil spirits have come out of their body, because they came into being from those above, and from the holy Watchers was the beginning of their creation and the beginning of their foundation; they shall be called evil spirits. **read ›**

63 **1 Enoch 15:10** The spirits of heaven—in heaven shall be their dwelling; and the spirits that were born on the earth—on the earth shall be their dwelling. **read ›**

64 **1 Enoch 16:1** from the day of slaughter and destruction and death, from which the spirits, going out from the soul of their flesh, shall bring ruin without judgment; thus they shall bring ruin until the day of completion, the great judgment, in which the great age shall be completed.’ **read ›**

65 **1 Enoch 18:14** the angel said, “This place is the end of heaven and earth; this has become a prison for the stars and the powers of heaven. **read ›**

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66 **1 Enoch 19:1** And Uriel said to me, “Here the angels who mingled with the women shall stand, and their spirits, taking many forms, defile men and shall lead them astray to sacrifice to demons, until the great judgment, in which they shall be judged until they are brought to an end. **read ›**

67 **1 Enoch 19:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

68 **1 Enoch 19:3** And I, Enoch, alone saw the sights, the ends of all things; and not one among men shall see as I have seen. **read ›**

69 **1 Enoch 20:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

70 **1 Enoch 21:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

71 **1 Enoch 39:2** And in those days Enoch received books of zeal and wrath, and books of turmoil and expulsion. And mercy shall not be granted to them, says the Lord of Spirits. **read ›**

72 **1 Enoch 43:3** And I asked the angel who went with me, who showed me what was hidden, “What are these?” **read ›**

73 **1 Enoch 54:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

74 **1 Enoch 54:6** And Michael and Gabriel and Raphael and Phanuel shall take hold of them on that great day, and cast them on that day into the burning furnace, that the Lord of Spirits may take vengeance on them for their unrighteousness in becoming subject to Satan and leading astray those who dwell on the earth.” **read ›**

75 **1 Enoch 60:1** In the year five hundred, in the seventh month, on the fourteenth day of the month, in the life of Enoch. In that Parable I saw how a mighty quaking made the heaven of heavens quake, and the host of the Most High, and the angels, a thousand thousands and ten thousand times ten thousand, were disturbed with a great disturbance. **read ›**

76 **1 Enoch 60:9** And I begged the other angel to show me the might of those monsters, how they were parted on one day and cast, the one into the abysses of the sea, and the other onto the dry land of the wilderness. **read ›**

77 **1 Enoch 61:1** And I saw in those days how long cords were given to those angels, and they took wings for themselves and flew, and they went toward the north. **read ›**

78 **1 Enoch 64:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

79 **1 Enoch 65:6** A command has gone out from the presence of the Lord concerning those who dwell on the earth, that their ruin is accomplished, because they have learned all the secrets of the angels, and all the violence of the Satans, and all their powers—the most secret ones—and all the power of those who practice sorcery, and the power of witchcraft, and the power of those who make molten images for the whole earth; **read ›**

80 **1 Enoch 66:2** And the Lord of Spirits gave command to the angels who were going out, that they should not cause the waters to rise but should hold them in check; for those angels were over the powers of the waters. **read ›**

81 **1 Enoch 66:3** And I went away from the presence of Enoch. **read ›**

82 **1 Enoch 67:4** And in that burning valley which my grandfather Enoch had formerly shown to me in the west among the mountains of gold and silver and iron and soft metal and tin, he shall imprison those angels who have shown unrighteousness. **read ›**

83 **1 Enoch 67:7** And through its valleys proceed streams of fire, where these angels who had led astray those who dwell on the earth are punished. **read ›**

84 **1 Enoch 68:4** When he stood before the Lord of Spirits, Michael said thus to Raphael: “I will not take their part under the eye of the Lord; for the Lord of Spirits has been angry with them because they act as if they were the Lord. **read ›**

85 **1 Enoch 69:2** And behold the names of those angels: and these are their names: the first of them is Semjaza, the second Artaqifa, and the third Armen, the fourth Kokabel, the fifth Turael, the sixth Rumjal, the seventh Danjal, the eighth Neqael, the ninth Baraqel, the tenth Azazel, the eleventh Armaros, the twelfth Batarjal, the thirteenth Busasejal, the fourteenth Hananel, the fifteenth Turel, and the sixteenth Simapesiel, the seventeenth Jetrel, the eighteenth Tumael, the nineteenth Turel, the twentieth Rumael, the twenty-first Azazel. **read ›**

86 **1 Enoch 69:5** And the second was named Asbeel: he imparted evil counsel to the holy sons of God, and led them astray so that they defiled their bodies with the daughters of men. **read ›**

87 **1 Enoch 69:6** And the third was named Gadreel: he is the one who showed the children of men all the blows of death, and he led Eve astray, and showed the weapons of death to the sons of men, the shield and the body armor, and the sword for battle, and all the weapons of death to the children of men. **read ›**

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88 **1 Enoch 69:11** For men were created exactly like the angels, so that they would continue pure and righteous, and death, which destroys everything, could not have taken hold of them; but through this knowledge of theirs they are perishing, and through this power it is consuming me. **read ›**

89 **1 Enoch 71:8** And I saw angels who could not be counted, a thousand thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand, encircling that house. And Michael, and Raphael, and Gabriel, and Phanuel, and the holy angels who are above the heavens, go in and out of that house. **read ›**

90 **1 Enoch 71:12** And these blessings which went out of my mouth were well pleasing before that Head of Days. **read ›**

91 **1 Enoch 80:1** And in those days the angel Uriel answered and said to me, “Behold, I have shown you everything, Enoch, and I have revealed everything to you, that you should see this sun and this moon, and the leaders of the stars of the heaven and all those who turn them, their tasks and times and departures. **read ›**

92 **1 Enoch 84:4** And now the angels of your heavens are guilty of trespass, and upon the flesh of men your wrath remains until the great day of judgment. **read ›**

93 **1 Enoch 88:3** And as I was watching in the vision, behold, one of the four who had come forth stoned them from heaven, and gathered and took all the great stars whose private parts were like those of horses, and bound them all hand and foot, and cast them into an abyss of the earth. **read ›**

94 **1 Enoch 92:1** The book written by Enoch (Enoch indeed wrote this complete teaching of wisdom, which is praised by all men and is a judge of all the earth) for all my children who shall dwell on the earth, and for the future generations who shall observe uprightness and peace. **read ›**

95 **1 Enoch 93:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

96 **1 Enoch 93:3** Enoch began to recount from the books and said: I was born the seventh in the first week, while judgment and righteousness still endured. **read ›**

97 **1 Enoch 100:4** And in that day angels shall come down, going down into the hidden places; and those who helped unrighteousness shall be gathered together into one place; and the Most High shall arise in the day of judgment to execute great judgment on all, **read ›**

98 **1 Enoch 106:12** And my son Lamech was afraid and fled to me, and he does not believe that the child is his son, but that he is from angels; and behold, I have come to you that you may make known to me the exact knowledge that you have, and the truth.” **read ›**

99 **Luke 10:18** He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. **read ›**

100 **Acts 7:53** You received the law by the directions of angels and did not keep it!” **read ›**

101 **Hebrews 1:7** And of the angels he says, “He makes his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.” **read ›**

102 **Hebrews 2:2** For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, **read ›**

103 **Hebrews 2:5** For he did not subject the world to come, of which we speak, to angels. **read ›**

104 **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 ›**

105 **1 Peter 1:12** To them it was revealed that they served not themselves, but you, in these things, which have now been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things angels desire to look into. **read ›**

106 **2 Peter 2:4** For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into Tartarus in chains of darkness and handed them over to be kept for judgment; **read ›**

107 **2 Peter 2:11** whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not bring a slanderous judgment against them before the Lord. **read ›**

108 **Jude 1:6** And angels who did not keep their first domain, but deserted their own dwelling place, he has kept in everlasting bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day. **read ›**

109 **Jude 1:9** But Michael, the archangel, when contending with the devil and arguing about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him an abusive condemnation, but said, “May the Lord rebuke you!” **read ›**

110 **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 ›**

111 **Revelation 9:1** The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star from the sky which had fallen to the earth. The key to the pit of the abyss was given to him. **read ›**

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112 **Revelation 12:7** There was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought, **read ›**

113 **Revelation 12:8** but he did not prevail, nor was any place found for him any longer in heaven. **read ›**

114 **Revelation 12:9** The great dragon was thrown down, the old serpent, he who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole inhabited earth. He was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. **read ›**

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