THE QUESTION

Is Cain's son Enoch the same Enoch linked with the Book of Enoch?

Asked by a THF member on November 5, 2026 · published November 9, 2026 · 8 numbered quotations · the 29 early Christian passages and 90 Bible verses we kept are listed at the back, each with a link.

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

No. The early writers describe two different men named Enoch. Cain's son Enoch gave his name to the first city. The Enoch whom Jude calls a prophet, the seventh from Adam, belongs to Seth's line as the son of Jared, and he is the one God took away.

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POINT 1 OF 6

A city was named for Cain's son

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

Theophilus retells Genesis: Cain named the first city after his son Enoch. Nothing in this account calls this Enoch a prophet or says he was taken by God.

1 “Cain also had a son named Enoch. He built a city and called it by his son's name, Enoch.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Theophilus of Antioch,** *To Autolycus* 30 (c. 169–183 AD) **Source 3, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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Cain's line fades from the record

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

Theophilus follows Cain's descendants down to Lamech and his sons, then says the record of that line stops because Cain killed his brother. Commodianus also treats the sons of Cain's Enoch as an evil race.

2 “Up to this point, the line of Cain is recorded. As for the rest, the descendants of his line have sunk into oblivion because he killed his brother.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Theophilus of Antioch,** *To Autolycus* 30 (c. 169–183 AD) **Source 2, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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3 “Cain killed his younger brother by the invention of wickedness. From there, the sons of Enoch are said to be the race of Cain.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Commodianus,** *Writings* (c. 250–300 AD) **Source 26, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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A second Enoch appears in Seth's line

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Theophilus says the rest of mankind came from Seth. His list of the generations before the flood runs from Seth through Enos, Cainan, Mahaleel and Jared to a different Enoch, the father of Methuselah.

4 “And in place of Abel, God allowed Eve to conceive and bear a son who was called Seth. From Seth the rest of the human race has come down until now.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Theophilus of Antioch,** *To Autolycus* 30 (c. 169–183 AD) **Source 2, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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5 “And his son Cainan, 170. And his son Mahaleel, 165. And his son Jared, 162. And his son Enoch, 165.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Theophilus of Antioch,** *To Autolycus* 24 (c. 169–183 AD) **Source 4, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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The prophet Enoch is seventh from Adam

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Clement of Alexandria quotes Jude's words that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied. Counting the names in Seth's line, Jared's son is the seventh from Adam, while Cain's son is only the third.

6 “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 7, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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Seth's Enoch pleased God and was taken

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Julius Africanus says the Enoch who fathered Methuselah pleased God and then was not found. This is the Enoch of Seth's line, not the son of Cain.

7 "And Enoch, when he was 165 years old, begot Methuselah; and after he had pleased God and lived another 200 years, he was not found."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Julius Africanus,** *Extant Writings* 1 (c. 232–265 AD) **Source 18, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Hippolytus expects this Enoch to preach again

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Hippolytus names Enoch with Elijah as the two prophets who will preach repentance in the last days. He treats Enoch as a prophet alive with God, which fits the Enoch who was taken, not Cain's son.

8 "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 13, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don't tell us

- These passages do not discuss who wrote the Book of Enoch or whether it should be read as Scripture.
- The link between the prophet and Seth's line rests on counting the generations; no writer here says it in one sentence.
- 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.

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WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 29 early Christian passages and 90 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–29, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 30–67, in Bible order), then 52 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 *29 passages from 14 writers*

Barnabas, *c. 70–132 AD · source 1*

1 *Epistle of Barnabas* (on point 4) them. 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… [continues online] **read ›**

Theophilus of Antioch, *c. 169–183 AD · sources 2–4*

2 *To Autolycus* 30 **Quotes 2, 4, pages 2, 3** "to Enoch a son was born, named Gaidad. Gaidad fathered a son called Meel, and Meel fathered Methuselah, and Methuselah fathered Lamech. And Lamech took two wives for himself, whose… [continues online] **read ›**

3 *To Autolycus* 30 **Quote 1, page 2** "also had a son named Enoch. He built a city and called it by his son's name, Enoch. From that time, the building of cities began, and this was… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *To Autolycus* 24 **Quote 5, page 3** "his son Seth, 205. And his son Enos, 190… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 5–6*

5 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (1885 English; on point 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 ›**

6 *Against Heresies: Book V* (1885 English; on point 5) "Enoch, when he pleased God, was translated in the same body in which he did please Him, thus pointing out by anticipation the translation of the just… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 7–9*

7 *Fragments* 1 **Quote 6, page 3** "also, the seventh from Adam," he says, "prophesied of these." In these… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Stromata* 2.15 "in our decisions. And what then? After the pardon given to Cain, does not God rightly introduce Enoch not long afterward, as one who had repented? This shows that the… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Stromata* 4.17 (1885 English; on point 5) "us take Enoch, who, being by his obedience found righteous, was translated… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 10–12*

10 *An Answer to the Jews* 4 (1885 English; on point 5) "that Enoch, when translated, had been a keeper of the sabbath… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *On Idolatry* 15 (1885 English; on point 4) "things, therefore, the Holy Spirit foreseeing from the beginning, fore-chanted, through the most ancient prophet Enoch, that even entrances would come into superstitious use… [continues online] **read ›**

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12 *De Anima (On the Soul)* 50 (1885 English; on point 5) “no doubt was translated, and so was Elijah… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · sources 13–14*

13 *Treatise on Christ and Antichrist* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 8, page 4** “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 ›**

14 *Exegetical Fragments* “when they first arrived, they gladly found the bodies of the fathers: Adam, Seth, Enosh, Kainan, Mahaliel, Jared, Mathusalach, and Lamech. These eight bodies were in the burial place, namely… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 15–16*

15 *Commentary on John* 6 (1885 English; on point 4) “also yields the meaning going down; for Jared was born to Maleleel, as it is written in the Book of Enoch— if any one cares to accept that book as… [continues online] **read ›**

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

Julius Africanus, *c. 232–265 AD · sources 17–20*

17 *Extant Writings* 1 (1885 English; on point 3) “when 230 years old, begets Seth; and after living other 700 years he died, that is, a second death… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *Extant Writings* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 7, page 4** “Enoch, when 165 years old, begets Methuselah; and having pleased God, after a life of other 200 years, he was not found… [continues online] **read ›**

19 *Extant Writings* 1 (1885 English; on point 3) “when 205 years old, begot Enos; from Adam therefore to the birth of Enos there are 435 years in all… [continues online] **read ›**

20 *Extant Writings* 1 (on point 2) “some copies, I found "the sons of God… [continues online] **read ›**

Novatian, *c. 240–258 AD · source 21*

21 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 8 (1885 English; on point 5) “translated Enoch: He elected Abraham into the society of his friendship… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · source 22*

22 *Treatises* (on point 5) “Also, we find that Enoch was taken away, because he pleased God, as the Holy Scripture testifies in Genesis and says, "And Enoch pleased God; and afterward he was not… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 23–25*

23 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 3) “He instructed those before the flood through Abel, Shem, and Seth, also through Enos and through Enoch, who was taken up. He instructed those at the time of the flood… [continues online] **read ›**

24 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 3) “from the beginning for the government of Your people—Abel in the first place, Seth and Enos, and Enoch and Noah, and Melchizedek and Job; who appointed Abraham, and the… [continues online] **read ›**

25 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 3) “with water and fire, and glorified the saints in every generation. I mean Seth, and Enos, and Enoch, and Noah, and Abraham and his posterity, and Melchizedek, and Job, and… [continues online] **read ›**

Commodianus, *c. 250–300 AD · source 26*

26 *Writings* **Quote 3, page 2** “the sons of Enoch are said to be the race of Cain… [continues online] **read ›**

Methodius, *c. 270–311 AD · sources 27–28*

27 *Banquet of the Ten Virgins* 3 (on point 3) royal souls before the flood who became pleasing to God, that is, those around Abel, Seth, and Enoch. The concubines are those after the flood, namely, the souls of the… [continues online] **read ›**

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28 *Banquet of the Ten Virgins* 5 (on point 3) not merely in a dream. Consider the confidence that Seth had toward God, and Abel, Enos, Enoch, Methuselah, and Noah, the first lovers of righteousness. They were the first of… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Rome · *source 29*

29 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* (1885 English; on point 5) "us take (for instance) Enoch, who, being found righteous in obedience, was translated, and death was never known to happen to him… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *38 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

30 **Genesis 4:17** Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. He was building a city, and he named the city after his son, Enoch. **read ›**

31 **Genesis 4:18** To Enoch was born Gaidad; Gaidad fathered Mahalalel; Mahalalel fathered Methuselah; and Methuselah fathered Lamech. **read ›**

32 **Genesis 4:25** Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore a son and called his name Seth, saying, "For God has raised up for me another seed in place of Abel, whom Cain killed." **read ›**

33 **Genesis 4:26** And to Seth a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. He hoped to call on the name of the Lord God. **read ›**

34 **Genesis 5:3** Adam lived two hundred and thirty years, and he fathered a son according to his own form and according to his own image, and he called his name Seth. **read ›**

35 **Genesis 5:4** The days of Adam that he lived after he fathered Seth were seven hundred years, and he fathered sons and daughters. **read ›**

36 **Genesis 5:6** Seth lived two hundred and five years and fathered Enosh. **read ›**

37 **Genesis 5:7** After he fathered Enosh, Seth lived seven hundred and seven years, and he fathered sons and daughters. **read ›**

38 **Genesis 5:9** Enosh lived a hundred and ninety years and fathered Kenan. **read ›**

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

40 **Genesis 5:19** After he fathered Enoch, Jared lived eight hundred years, and he fathered sons and daughters. **read ›**

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

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

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

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

45 **Genesis 10:22** The sons of Shem were Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, Aram, and Cainan. **read ›**

46 **Genesis 10:24** Arpachshad fathered Cainan, Cainan fathered Shelah, and Shelah fathered Eber. **read ›**

47 **1 Chronicles 1:1** Adam, Seth, Enosh, **read ›**

48 **1 Chronicles 1:2** Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, **read ›**

49 **1 Chronicles 1:3** Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, **read ›**

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

51 **1 Enoch 1:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

52 **1 Enoch 12:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

53 **1 Enoch 14:25** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

54 **1 Enoch 37:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

55 **1 Enoch 37:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

56 **1 Enoch 39:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

57 **1 Enoch 65:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

58 **1 Enoch 92:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

59 **1 Enoch 93:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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60 **1 Enoch 93:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
61 **1 Enoch 105:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
62 **1 Enoch 106:12** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
63 **1 Enoch 106:18** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
64 **1 Enoch 107:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
65 **1 Enoch 108:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
66 **Luke 3:37** the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, **read ›**
67 **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 *52 verses, by reference*

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Genesis 8:15

Isaiah 1:14 · 5:21

Daniel 3:16 · 7:7 · 7:24 · 9:27

Matthew 3:2 · 5:14 · 5:16 · 10:29 · 20:16 · 22:21

Mark 12:17

Luke 6:13 · 8:41 · 10:27 · 15:7 · 20:25

John 8:23 · 15:11 · 15:16

Acts 15:15 · 28:11

Romans 2:11 · 6:5 · 7:18 · 11:33 · 12:2 · 13:1 · 13:7

1 Corinthians 11:7 · 12:28 · 15:10

2 Corinthians 1:3 · 7:1 · 12:2 · 12:4

Galatians 4:8 · 5:1

Philippians 2:15

1 Timothy 1:4

2 Timothy 4:21

Titus 3:1 · 3:10

Hebrews 4:9 · 10:25 · 11:5

1 Peter 2:13 · 3:20

Revelation 4:7 · 5:13

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

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