THE QUESTION

Is the Enoch from Seth's family line the same Enoch who never died?

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

Yes. The Enoch who was taken up without dying belongs to Seth's family line, though he was not Seth's own son. Early writers trace him from Seth through Enos down to Jared, his father. They keep him separate from Cain's son Enoch, who gave his name to a city.

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POINT 1 OF 6

The Bible has two different men named Enoch

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

Theophilus tells of Cain's son Enoch, who gave his name to the first city. He then says the record of Cain's line ends there, and that the rest of the human race came down through Seth, the son given in place of Abel.

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 4, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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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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Seth's line runs down to Jared's son Enoch

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Julius Africanus walks through the generations after Adam year by year. Seth fathers Enos, and the line later reaches Malaleel and then Jared, who becomes the father of Enoch. So this Enoch is a distant descendant of Seth, not his son.

3 "When Seth was 205 years old, he begot Enos. Therefore, from Adam to the birth of Enos, there were 435 years in all."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Julius Africanus,** *Extant Writings* 1 (c. 232–265 AD) **Source 19, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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4 "And Jared, when he was 162 years old, begot Enoch."

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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This same Enoch pleased God and vanished

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In the same list, Africanus says this Enoch fathered Methuselah, pleased God, and then was not found. That ties the Enoch of Seth's line to the man God took away.

5 "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 17, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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He was taken up without seeing death

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Clement of Rome holds Enoch up as an example of obedience who never died. Cyprian quotes Genesis to say God took Enoch away because he pleased Him, and he reads this as a rescue from the world's corruption.

6 "Let us take, for example, Enoch, who was found righteous in obedience and was taken up, never experiencing death."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Rome,** *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Source 29, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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7 "So then, to have been pleasing in God's sight was to have deserved to be taken away from this infection of the world."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 20, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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Early lists place Enoch among Seth's righteous family

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Origen names Enoch right after Seth and Enos in his list of just men. The Apostolic Constitutions also groups him with Seth and Enos as a preacher of repentance before the flood, and calls him the one who was taken up.

8 “He is God from the first creation and foundation of the world, the God of all just men: Adam, Abel, Seth, Enos, Enoch, Noe, Sere, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the twelve patriarchs, Moses, and the prophets.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *De Principiis (On First Principles)* (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 14, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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9 “He instructed those before the flood through Abel, Shem, and Seth, also through Enos and through Enoch, who was taken up.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 23, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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Irenaeus says Enoch was taken in his body

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Irenaeus says Enoch was carried away in the same body in which he pleased God, as a sign of the future rising of the righteous. Elsewhere he says Enoch is kept until now as a witness to God's just judgment.

10 “Enoch, when he pleased God, was taken up in the same body in which he pleased Him, foreshadowing the ascension of the just.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book V* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 5, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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11 "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 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don't tell us

- These passages do not say where Enoch was taken or what his life there is like, and one writer rejects some guesses about it.
- The ages given in these early lists differ from the numbers found in many English Bibles.
- 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 29 early Christian passages and 77 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 30–73, in Bible order), then 33 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*

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

1 *Dialogue with Trypho* (on point 4) "uncircumcised, he offered sacrifice, and would not have been pleased with the uncircumcision of Enoch, who was not found because God had taken him. Lot, being uncircumcised, was saved from… [continues online] **read ›**

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

2 *To Autolycus* 30 **Quote 2, page 2** "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* 24 (on point 2) "his son Jared, 162. And his son Enoch, 165… [continues online] **read ›**

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4 *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 ›**

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

5 *Against Heresies: Book V* **Quote 10, page 4** “old, and that their bodies lasted as long as God wanted them to live. But why mention these men? Enoch, when he pleased God, was taken up in the same… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (1885 English) **Quote 11, 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 ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 7–8*

7 *Fragments* 1 (on point 2) “also, the seventh from Adam,” he says, “prophesied of these.” In these… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Stromata* 4.17 (on point 4) “let us fix our eyes on those who gave perfect service to His magnificent glory. Let us consider Enoch, who was found righteous because of his obedience and was taken… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 9–11*

9 *De Anima (On the Soul)* 50 (1885 English; on point 4) “no doubt was translated, and so was Elijah… [continues online] **read ›**

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

11 *An Answer to the Jews* 2 (1885 English; on point 4) “Enoch, too, most righteous man, uncircumcised and inobservant of the Sabbath, He translated from this world… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · source 12*

12 *Exegetical Fragments* “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 the bodies… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 13–14*

13 *Commentary on John* 6 (on point 2) “so. It also means “going down.” For Jared was born to Maleleel, as it is written in the Book of Enoch—if anyone cares to accept that book as sacred… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* (1885 English) **Quote 8, page 4** “that this God in the last days, as He had announced beforehand by His prophets, sent our Lord Jesus Christ to call in the first place Israel to Himself, and… [continues online] **read ›**

Julius Africanus, *c. 232–265 AD · sources 15–19*

15 *Extant Writings* 1 (1885 English; on point 2) “when 230 years old, begets Seth; and after living other 700 years he died, that is, a second death… [continues online] **read ›**

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

17 *Extant Writings* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 3** “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 ›**

18 *Extant Writings* 1 **Quote 4, page 2** Jared, when he was 162 years old, begot Enoch… [continues online] **read ›**

19 *Extant Writings* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 3, page 2** “when 205 years old, begot Enos; from Adam therefore to the birth of Enos there are 435 years in all… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · source 20*

20 *Treatises* **Quote 7, page 3** “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 ›**

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Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 21–24*

21 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 5) "of an abhorrent wretch. Besides these, You accepted Seth and Enos, Sirach 49:16, and translated Enoch. For You are the Creator of men, the giver of life, the supplier… [continues online] **read ›**

22 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 5) "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 ›**

23 *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quote 9, page 4** "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 5) "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 25*

25 *Writings* (on point 1) "the sons of Enoch are said to be the race of Cain… [continues online] **read ›**

Methodius, *c. 270–311 AD · sources 26–27*

26 *Banquet of the Ten Virgins* 3 (on point 5) 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 ›**

27 *Banquet of the Ten Virgins* 5 (on point 5) 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 ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · source 28*

28 *Of the Manner in Which the Persecutors Died* 2 be the forerunner of Antichrist. But we should not believe those who say that the two prophets, Enoch and Elias, were taken to some distant place so that they might… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Rome · *source 29*

29 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Quote 6, page 3** "consider those who have perfectly served His excellent glory. Let us take, for example, Enoch, who was found righteous in obedience and was taken up, never experiencing death. Noah, being… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *44 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 ›**

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

38 **Genesis 5:8** So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died. **read ›**

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

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

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

42 **Genesis 5:16** After he fathered Jared, Mahalalel lived seven hundred and thirty years, and he fathered sons and daughters. **read ›**

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

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

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

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

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

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

49 **Genesis 5:27** So all the days that Methuselah lived were nine hundred and sixty-nine years, and he died. **read ›**

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

51 **1 Chronicles 1:1** Adam, Seth, Enosh, **read ›**

52 **1 Chronicles 1:2** Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, **read ›**

53 **1 Chronicles 1:3** Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, **read ›**

54 **Amos 4:10** I sent death among you by the way of Egypt, and killed your young men with the sword, together with your captured horses; and I brought up your camps in fire in your anger; yet not even so did you return to me, says the Lord. **read ›**

55 **Wisdom of Solomon 4:10** Being well-pleasing to God, he was loved, and while living among sinners he was taken up. **read ›**

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

57 **1 Maccabees 2:58** Elijah, for being zealous with zeal for the law, was taken up into heaven. **read ›**

58 **1 Enoch 1:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

59 **1 Enoch 12:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

60 **1 Enoch 15:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

61 **1 Enoch 19:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

62 **1 Enoch 37:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

63 **1 Enoch 37:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

64 **1 Enoch 65:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

65 **1 Enoch 92:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

66 **1 Enoch 93:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

67 **1 Enoch 93:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

68 **1 Enoch 106:12** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

69 **1 Enoch 107:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

70 **1 Enoch 108:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

71 **Luke 3:37** the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, **read ›**

72 **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 ›**

73 **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 ›**

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ALSO LINKED BY THF TO THESE PASSAGES *33 verses, by reference*

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Genesis 8:15

Isaiah 1:14

Jeremiah 2:13

Matthew 3:2

Luke 6:13 · 8:41

John 1:17 · 15:16

Acts 7:6 · 15:15 · 28:11

Romans 1:25 · 6:5 · 7:18 · 12:2

1 Corinthians 12:28 · 15:10

2 Corinthians 1:3 · 7:1 · 12:2 · 12:4

Galatians 4:8 · 5:1

1 Timothy 1:4

2 Timothy 4:21

Titus 3:10

Hebrews 5:10 · 7:1 · 11:4 · 11:7

1 Peter 3:20

2 Peter 2:5 · 2:6

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

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