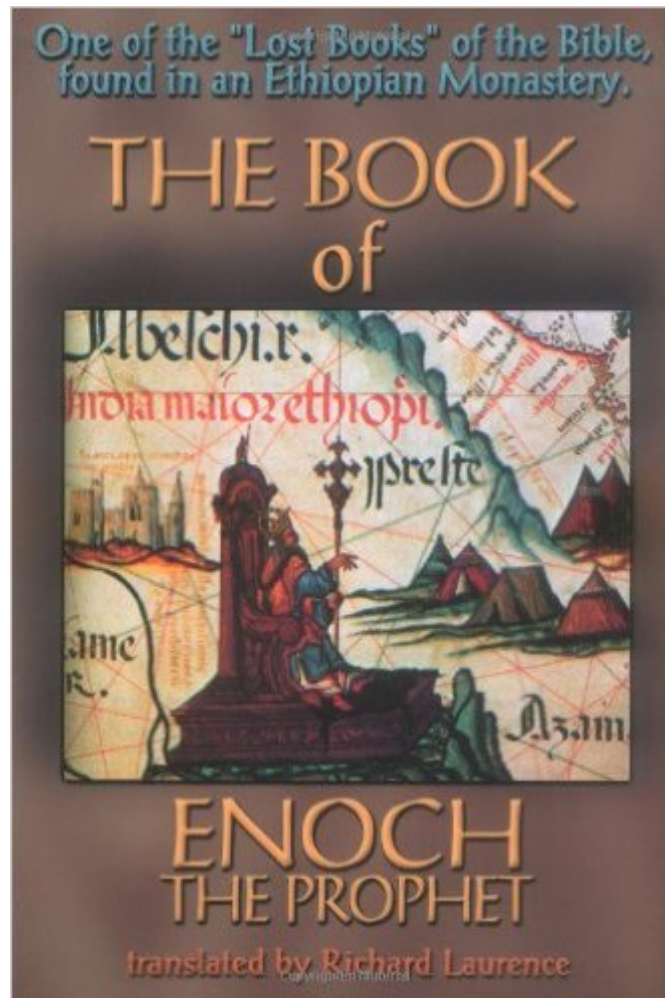


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The Book Of Enoch The Prophet



Synopsis

This is a reprint of the Apocryphal Book of Enoch the Prophet which was first discovered in Abyssinia in the year 1773 by a Scottish explorer named James Bruce. In 1821 The Book of Enoch was translated by Richard Laurence and published in a number of successive editions, culminating in the 1883 edition. One of the main influences from the book is its explanation of evil coming into the world with the arrival of the fallen angels. Enoch acts as a scribe, writing up a petition on behalf of these fallen angels, or fallen ones, to be given to a higher power for ultimate judgment. Christianity adopted some ideas from Enoch, including the Final Judgment, the concept of demons, the origins of evil and the fallen angels, and the coming of a Messiah and ultimately, a Messianic kingdom. The Book of Enoch was ultimately removed from the Bible and banned by the early church. Copies of it were found to have survived in Ethiopia, and fragments in Greece and Italy. Like the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Nag Hammadi Library, the Book of Enoch, translated from the original Ethiopian Coptic script, is a rare resource that was suppressed by the early church and thought destroyed. Today it is back in print in this expanded, deluxe edition, using the original 1883 revised text.

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The "Book of Enoch" is a lost manuscript of a book ascribed to the prophet Enoch, the antediluvian Old Testament Patriarch, seventh generation from Adam, whom God took into Heaven for his righteousness. It is also a tradition in the Church that Enoch (along with Elias) to witness for Christ

against the Antichrist. The book is a part of the widespread Apocalyptic literature of its time, filled with visions of God, the Messiah, angels, the saints, Hell, Judgement, the ordering of the world, the Fall of Satan, etc. "Enoch" is a pseudepigraphal text ("falsely ascribed," i.e., the actual Enoch didn't write it) most likely written in Hebrew, and this translation was made into Ethiopic, the language of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. It was probably written a few centuries or so before Christ. "Enoch" was clearly an influence to be reckoned with in the early Church because many of its passages parallel the New Testament, in particular the Gospels. Jude even quotes it in his Epistle, "Behold He comes with ten thousands of his saints to execute judgement..." (Enoch c2v1). Many Church Fathers alluded to it in their writings and it appears to have been accepted as authoritative by some of them. For instance, Origen used "Enoch" to compile his outline of Heaven's angelic hierarchy. It was not accepted as Scripture in either the Old or New Testaments in the long run however. The only Church that preserved it in translation was the Ethiopian Orthodox that remained totally isolated from the outside world until an English explorer brought three manuscripts of "Enoch" to Europe in the late 1700s.

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