

A Critical Examination of The Book of Enoch

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The Book of Enoch (BOE), also known as *1 Enoch* and *Ethiopic Enoch*, is a non-canonical book which consists of revelations reputed to be given to the Biblical characters of Noah and Enoch. It is believed that this book was written about 200 B.C. to 100 A.D. Most noteworthy is the fact that Jude quotes from this book in his epistle at verses 14 and 15:

Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

Depending which English translation of Enoch one reads, the following quote will be found either at 1 Enoch 1:9 or 1 Enoch 2:1:

Behold he comes with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon them, and destroy the wicked, and reprove all of flesh for every thing which the sinful and ungodly have done, and committed against him.

Besides being mentioned there, we have other references to it among the so-called ante-Nicene fathers. A proponent in favor of the merit of the BOE wrote:

When we come down to the first century A.D., we find that it is [sic] is **recognized as Scripture by Jude** (Jude 14). In the next century this recognition is given amply in the **Epistle of Barnabas** (16:5) and in the third century by **Clement** and **Irenaeus**. After the third century the Book of Enoch fell into discredit and gradually passed out of circulation (BOE, translated by Richard Laurence, 1999 ed. p. 4).

Did Jude really quote from it because he recognized the BOE as Scripture? Why did Barnabas, Clement and Irenaeus refer to it? If these writers considered it Scripture, shouldn't we too recognize it as such today? Let's examine the evidence and find answers.

Two Enochs in Scripture

First, let's note that there are two different Enochs mentioned in the Bible:

Cain lay with his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to **Enoch**
(Gen. 4:17).

When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of **Enoch** (Gen. 5:18).

The ancestry of the second Enoch of the Bible, the alleged Enoch of the Book of Enoch, is Adam to Seth to Enosh to Kenan to Mahalalel to Jared to Enoch (Gen. 5:3-18). The Biblical Enoch is also the father of Methuselah (Gen. 5:21) and great grandfather of Noah (Gen. 5:22-29). Of this Enoch we read:

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God (Heb. 11:5).

Along with Elijah, the Biblical Enoch never died physically. Remember, this is supposed to be the same Enoch of the BOE. According to the following in the BOE, such is clearly claimed:

The vision which he saw, the second vision of wisdom, which **Enoch** saw, the son of Jared, the son of Malaleel, the son of Canan, the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of **Adam** (37:1).

And now, **my son Mathusalah**, I have shewn thee everything ... (78:1).

Here ends the vision of **Enoch the prophet** (105:27).

The Enoch of the BOE is a prophet and the seventh from Adam, who has a son that is *Methuselah (or Mathusalah)*. The claims are identical to the real Enoch, but **the evidence doesn't support these claims as you will read.**

Solid Reasons to Reject the Book of Enoch

We are commanded in the Bible to *test* everything and every spirit because of rampant deception from various sources including **false Scriptures** and **false prophets**:

Test everything. Hold on to the good (1 Thess. 5:21).

Dear friends, **do not believe every spirit**, but **test the spirits** to see whether they are from God, because **many false prophets have gone out into the world.** (1 John 4:1)

Let's put to the *test* this semi-well known book which many think should be consulted to learn a part of truth.

Giants 475 Feet Tall

Most people would flatly reject a story reporting 475 foot giants as nothing but pure fiction. Dear reader, if you are like such people, then ponder this from the BOE:

It happened after the sons of men had multiplied in those days, that daughters were born to them, elegant and beautiful. And when the **angels**, the sons of heaven, beheld them, they became enamored of them, saying to each other: Come, let us select for ourselves wives from progeny of men, **and let us beget children** Then **they took wives**, each choosing for himself; whom they began to approach, and **with whom they cohabited; teaching them sorcery, incantation, and the dividing of roots and trees.** And **they conceiving brought forth giants**; whose stature was each **three hundred cubits**. These devoured all which the labor of men produced; until **it became impossible to feed them**; When they **turned themselves against men, in order to devour them**; And began to injure birds, beasts, reptiles, and fishes to eat their flesh one after another, and to drink their blood. Then the earth reproved the unrighteous (7:1,2,10-15).

This account would have us believe, among other things, that there were giants that were three hundred cubits tall. Since a cubit, according to Webster's Dictionary, is between 17 to 21 inches in length, this would make these half-angel-half-human creatures from **425 to 525 feet high, that is, 1.5 times the length of a football field!** Dear reader, can you force yourself to accept this possibility?

Tall as the Anakites

While it is certainly true there were tall people in the Bible, nothing can be found to support them being anywhere near 425 to 525 feet high. **Some of the tallest people in Scripture were the Emites and Rephaites, who were as tall as the Anakites:**

The **Emites** used to live there--a people strong and numerous, and as **tall as the Anakites**. Like the Anakites, they too were considered **Rephaites**, but the Moabites called them Emites (Deut. 2:10,11)

That too was considered a land of the **Rephaites**, who used to live there; but the Ammonites called them Zamzummites. They were a people strong and numerous, and as **tall as the Anakites**. The LORD destroyed them from before the Ammonites, who drove them out and settled in their place (Deut. 2:20,21).

The people are strong and tall--Anakites! You know about them and have heard it said: "**Who can stand up against the Anakites?**" (Deut. 9:2).

From these verses it is apparent the Anakites were unusually *tall*--**the tallest in the Bible**. The Bible also speaks of *Nephilim* (the Hebrew meaning is *giants*), who were *descendants of Anak* (Num. 13:33). The first reference of them was before the Great Flood:

The **Nephilim** were on the earth in those days--and also afterward--when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown. (Gen 6:4)

The Great Flood killed the Nephilim living then and the ones after the Flood (Num. 13:33) were killed by the Israelites as they went into the promised land.

Og's Bed Was 13 Feet Long

The Israelites, through the help of God, conquered King Og of Bashan. Notice how long his bed was:

Only Og king of Bashan was left of **the remnant of the Rephaites**. His bed was made of iron and was more than **thirteen feet long and six feet wide**. It is still in Rabbah of the Ammonites (Deut. 3:11).

Please note that Og was a Rephaite and according to Deut. 2:20,21, these people were as tall as the Anakites. Furthermore, his bed length suggests that Og might have been about **twelve and a half feet long**, which is taller than Goliath, who was over nine feet tall and whom David slew, but still **just a tiny midget compared to the 475 foot giants of the book of Enoch.** (The *giants* of the BOE were 38 times the height of Og, assuming he was 12.5 feet tall. Dear reader, can you force yourself to believe in giants, the height of a 50 story building, as those giants would have been?)

On this account alone, the Book of Enoch should be rejected and might be part of the reason why it is considered *pseudepigrapha* meaning bearing a *false title*. (Of all the books considered *pseudepigrapha* the BOE is most popular.)

3,000 Ells Tall and People-Eating

A different translation of the BOE reveals that those giants, mentioned in the BOE, **were even taller--much taller:**

And all the others together with them took unto themselves wives, and each chose for himself one, and they began to go in unto them and to defile themselves with them, and they taught them charms and enchantments, and the cutting of roots, and made them acquainted with plants. And they became pregnant, and they bare great giants, **whose height was three thousand ells:** Who consumed all the acquisitions of men. And when men could no longer sustain them, **the giants turned against them and devoured mankind.** And they began to sin against birds, and beasts, and reptiles, and fish, and to devour one another's flesh, and drink the blood. (7:1-6) [The Apocrypha and Pseudeipgrapha of the Old Testament by R. H. Charles, vol. II , Oxford Press, 1997 ed.]

According to the Random House Webster's College Dictionary, an ell is defined as follows:

a former measure of length, varying in different countries: in England equals to **45 inches** (114 cm).

If we multiply 45 inches times 3,000 the product is 135,000 inches. If we divide that number by 12, we have the number of feet to be **11,250**. It is even more outlandish to think there were giants that were 11,250 feet, which is **over 2 miles high!**

Furthermore, those 475 foot (or 11,250 foot) giants began to **eat people for food** along with the birds, beasts and fish:

And they became pregnant, and they bare great giants, **whose height was three thousand ells:** Who consumed all the acquisitions of men. And when men could no longer sustain them, **the giants turned against them and devoured mankind.** And they began to sin against birds, and beasts, and reptiles, and fish, and to devour one another's flesh, and drink the blood (7:3-6; translated by R. H. Charles)

And **they conceiving brought forth giants;** whose stature was each three hundred cubits. These devoured all which the labor of men produced; until **it became impossible to feed them;** When they **turned themselves against men, in order to devour them;** And began to injure birds, beasts, reptiles, and fishes to eat their flesh one after another, and to drink their blood (7:11-14).

Dear reader, please know there is not the slightest hint of such a horrible thing occurring in the Bible, which one would think would certainly be found if it really happened. But that is not all. Of those same *giants*, we are shockingly told that their *flesh* (or bodies) was the origin of *evil spirits*:

Now the giants, who have been born of spirit and of flesh, shall call upon earth evil spirits, and on earth shall be their habitation. **Evil spirits shall proceed from their flesh**, because they were created from above, from the holy Watchers was their beginning and primary foundation. **Evil spirits shall they be upon earth, and the spirits of the wicked shall they be called** (15:8).

And now, the **giants**, who are produced from the spirits and flesh, **shall be called evil spirits upon the earth, and on the earth shall be their dwelling. Evil spirits have proceeded from their bodies**; because they are born from men [and] from the holy Watchers is their beginning and primal origin; **[they shall be evil spirits on earth, and] evil spirits shall they be called.** [As for the spirits of heaven, in heaven shall be their dwelling, but as for the spirits of the earth which were born upon the earth, on the earth shall be their dwelling.] And the spirits of the giants afflict, oppress, destroy, attack, do battle, and work destruction on the earth, and cause trouble: they take no food, [but nevertheless hunger] and thirst, and cause offenses. **And these spirits shall rise up against the children of men and against the women, because they have proceeded [from them]** (15:8-12; translated by R. H. Charles).

The BOE would have us think that *evil spirits proceeded from the flesh of these same people eating 475 foot giants!* Again, the BOE has some weird fabrications in it, which many have never read, but have just semi-accepted merely on the basis that Jude quotes from it.

The Wrong Age of Enoch!

Problems with the BOE continue on and on as you will read. It also states of the Enoch it refers to:

In the **five hundredth year**, and the in the seventh month, on the **fourteenth day** of the month, of the lifetime of Enoch, in the parable, I saw ... (59:1).

In contrast, **the Biblical Enoch was taken away when he was 365 years old and never saw his five hundredth year:**

When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. And after he became the father of Methuselah, **Enoch walked with God 300 years** and had other sons and daughters. **Altogether, Enoch lived 365 years. Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away** (Gen 5:21-24).

This is a definite, clear *contradiction* between a fiction-like book and the Bible. Dear reader, which will you reject as error, since there is disharmony which exists?

Was It Satan or Gadrel Who Seduced Eve?

Another serious conflict between the Bible and the BOE exists:

The name of the **first** was Yekun: he it was who seduced all the sons of the holy angels; and causing them to descend on earth, led astray the offspring of men. The name of the **second** is Kesabel, who pointed out evil counsel to the sons of the holy angels, and induced them to corrupt their bodies by generating mankind. The name **of the third is Gadrel**, he discovered

every stroke of death to the children of men. **He seduced Eve;** and discovered to the children of men the instruments of death, the coat of mail, the shield, and the sword for slaughter; every instrument of death to the children of men (68:6,7).

In contrast, the Bible speaks of no one named *Gadrel*, much less this creature being the seducer of Eve. In fact, **the seducer of Eve was clearly the devil, who appeared to Eve as a serpent:**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, **she took some and ate it.** She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it (Gen. 3:1-6).

But I am afraid that **just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning,** your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ (2 Cor. 11:3).

The great dragon was hurled down--that **ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan,** who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him (Rev. 12:9).

The serpent of Genesis 3 that seduced Eve into eating the forbidden fruit was *Satan* also known as the *devil*. Also, did you notice that *Gadrel* was not even the chief of the angels, but *third* under *Yekun*, the first and *Kesabel*, the second (68:4,5)!

Are There Plural Satans?

The Bible knows of only one Satan, but the BOE tells of plural *satans* and perhaps as many as 200:

The fourth voice I heard expelling the **satans** ... (40:7).

... every oppressive and secret power of the **satans** ... (64:6).

In the BOE, **fallen angels are called *satans* and there are two hundred of these** (7:7). This too is both contradictory and confusing to those who read the Bible.

Who Built Noah's Ark?

Did Noah or angels build Noah's ark? If you believe the BOE it was the angels:

In those days the word of God was with me, and said: Noah, behold, thy portion has ascended up to Me, a lot void of fault, a lot of love, and upright. Now then shall **the angels labor at the trees;** but when they proceed to this, **I will put my hand upon it, and preserve it** (66:1,2).

A different translation of the BOE reads more clearly:

And in those days the word of God came unto me, and He said unto me: "Noah, thy lot has come up before Me, a lot without blame, a lot of love and uprightness. And now **the angels are making a wooden (building), and when they have completed that task** I will place My hand upon it and preserve it" (67:1,2). [The Apocrypha and Pseudeipgrapha of the Old Testament by R. H. Charles, vol. II, Oxford Press.]

In contrast, the Bible declares that God commanded Noah to make the ark and shows that he obeyed and built it:

So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. Make a roof for it and finish the ark to within 18 inches of the top. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish ... **Noah did everything just as God commanded him** (Gen. 6:14-17, 22).

By faith **Noah**, when warned about things not yet seen, **in holy fear built an ark to save his family**. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith (Heb. 11:7).

This is another contradiction to the Biblical account for not only didn't *angels* build the ark, **the ark was preserved by the pitch that was coated on the inside and outside. The BOE would have us believe that God just preserved it without any mention of pitch.**

Which Behemoth?

Next, we move to the *behemoth*. Like *leviathan*, the behemoth was a mysterious, fearsomelooking and powerful creature. The Bible mentions the *behemoth* only once and this is God's description of it:

Look at the **behemoth**, which I made along with you and which feeds on grass like an ox. What strength he has in his loins, what power in the muscles of his belly! His tail sways like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are close-knit. His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like rods of iron. He ranks first among the works of God, yet his Maker can approach him with his sword. The hills bring him their produce, and all the wild animals play nearby. Under the lotus plants he lies, hidden among the **reeds in the marsh**. The lotuses conceal him in their shadow; the poplars by **the stream** surround him. When the river rages, he is not alarmed; he is secure, **though the Jordan should surge against his mouth**. Can anyone capture him by the eyes, or trap him and pierce his nose? (Job 40:15-24)

The *behemoth* described in the BOE is different than the Biblical record, just as we have seen numerous times already:

In that day shall be distributed for **food two tigers; a female tiger, whose name is Leviathan** dwelling in the depths of the sea, above the springs of waters; And

a male, whose name is **Behemoth** which possesses, moving on his breast, the invisible wilderness. His name was Dendayen in the east of the garden, where the elect and the righteous will dwell; where he received it from my ancestor, who was man, from Adam the first of men, whom the Lord of spirits made. Then I asked of another angel to shew me the power of those tigers, how they became separated on the same day, one being in the depths of the sea, and one in the dry desert (59:7-10).

Another translation reads a little differently and is located in chapter 60 instead of chapter 59:

And on that day were two monsters parted, a female monster named Leviathan, to dwell in the abysses of the ocean over the fountains of the waters. But the male is named **Behemoth**, who occupied with his breast **a waste wilderness** named Duidain on the east of the garden where the elect and righteous dwell, where my grandfather was taken up, the seventh from Adam, the first man whom the Lord of Spirits created. And I besought the other angel that he should 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 unto **the dry land of the wilderness** (60:7-10; translated by R. H. Charles).

The behemoth of the BOE resides in the *dry desert* instead of in and around water. Of course, this minute discrepancy about behemoth is not very important except to show that the same source that gave us the Bible is not the source that produced the BOE.

Who was *Azazyel*?

The Biblical identity of Azazyel is beyond finding out because there is no Azazyel mentioned in the Scriptures. **In contrast, the BOE grants Azazyel (a fallen angel) an exalted position in infamy among the deceivers and those that have led others astray by false teachings:**

All the earth has been corrupted by the teaching of the work of Azazyel. To him therefore ascribe the whole crime (10:12).

Thou hast seen what **Azazyel has done, how he has taught every species of iniquity upon earth, and has disclosed to the world all the secret things which are done in heaven** (9:5).

Moreover, Azazyel taught men to make swords, knives, shields, breastplates, made them see that which was behind them and the workmanship of bracelets and ornaments, the use of paint, the beautifying of the eyebrows, the use of stones of every valuable and select kind, and of all sorts of dyes, **so that the world became altered** (8:1).

Then Enoch passing on said to Azazyel. Thou shalt not obtain peace. A great sentence is gone forth against thee. He shall bind thee; Neither shall relief, mercy, and supplication be thine, **on account of the oppression which thou has taught; And on account of every act of blasphemy, tyranny, and sin, which thou hast discovered to the children of men** (13:1-3).

How could the Bible overlook such an evil entity as Azazyel, if he really existed? Somehow this great deceiver corrupted the earth by revealing **the secret things done in heaven!** Dear

reader, does this seem possible to you? How could sin such as blasphemy and tyranny result from knowledge found in heaven?

Was it *Gadrel* or *Azazyel*?

Question: Which fallen angel taught people how to make the shield and sword? Here are the conflicting accounts from the BOE:

The name of the third is **Gadrel**, he discovered every stroke of death to the children of men. He seduced Eve; and **discovered to the children of men** the instruments of death, **the coat of mail, the shield, and the sword** for slaughter; every instrument of death to the children of men (68:6,7).

Azazyel taught men to make swords, knives, shields, breastplates ... (8:1).

Besides the shield and sword, protective armor could be added to the list, since *breastplates* and the *coat of mail* fall under this description. But the question remains--was it Gadrel or Azazyel, who taught this knowledge to humans?

Besides this contradiction between the BOE and itself, there is another major problem regarding this, if you accept the message of the Bible. In Gen 4:22 we read the following from three different translations:

And Zillah, she also bare Tubal-cain, the forger of **every cutting instrument of brass and iron:** and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah. (ASV)

And, as for Zillah, she also, bare Tubal-Cain, **a sharpener of every cutting instrument of bronze and iron**,--and, the sister of Tubal-Cain, was Naamah. (Rotherham)

And Zillah gave birth to Tubal-cain, who is the father of every maker of **cutting instruments of brass and iron:** and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah. (BBE)

According to this Scripture, every cutting instrument of brass and iron (which would include *swords*) were in existence at Gen. 4:22, but the fallen angels referred to in the BOE didn't cohabit with female humans until the beginning of Gen. 6. **This means *swords*, and the knowledge to produce them, were already around before *Gadrel* and *Azazyel* came on the scene!**

Guess What *Penemue's* Horrible Crime Was?

Another name you will never read of in the Bible is Penemue. This fallen angel's crime, according to the BOE, was somewhat different. He is charged with teaching people ***to understand writing and the use of paper and ink***. **The reason why is ludicrous:**

The name of the fourth is **Penemue**: he discovered to the children of men bitterness and sweetness; And pointed out to them every secret of their wisdom. **He taught men to understanding writing, and the use of ink and paper. Therefore numerous have been those who have gone astray from every period of the world, even to this day. For men were not born for this, thus with pen and with ink to confirm their faith** (68:9-13).

The R. H. Charles translation yields the same message, though its location is in a different chapter:

And the fourth was named **Penemue**: he taught the children of men the bitter and the sweet, and he taught them all the secrets of their wisdom. **And he instructed mankind in writing with ink and paper, and thereby many sinned from eternity to eternity and until this day. For men were not created for such a purpose, to give confirmation to their good faith with pen and ink** (69:8-11).

The BOE would have us believe that *numerous* people have gone astray because men were not born with *pen and with ink to confirm their faith*. Think about this. How could the ability to express your faith in writing be evil? When the Apostle Paul communicated God's thoughts/words to various people via writing, was he not confirming his faith? Was that evil? Also remember, if it wasn't for writing, the Holy Scriptures would not be here for us to read. There is no way for us to know all of the wonderful things that occurred over the years because of the written word of God (the Bible). But then on the other hand, if it wasn't for writing, the BOE would not have been written or read by anyone and that would have spared a lot of confusion and deception over the years!

The Lord of spirits

Over and over in the BOE God is referred to as *Lord of spirits*, which is never found in the Bible. Here are a few of the many times it is found in the BOE:

All these confess and laud before the **Lord of spirits** (68:34).

Then the **Lord of spirits** seated upon the throne of his glory the Elect one (60:10).

... I have thought, and according to the pleasure of the **Lord of spirits** (37:2).

Did Noah Really Call Out To Enoch?

If you believe the report found in the BOE you will think that Noah called out to Enoch and learned from him the inside details about the destruction of mankind. Dear reader, don't be deceived by this account:

And in those days **Noah** saw the earth that it had sunk down and its destruction was nigh. And he arose from thence and went to the ends of the earth, and **cried aloud to his grandfather Enoch**: and Noah said three times with an embittered voice: '**Hear me, hear me, hear me.**' And I said unto him: 'Tell me what it is that is falling out on the earth that the earth is in such evil plight and shaken, lest perchance I shall perish with it?' And thereupon there was a great commotion on the earth, and a voice was heard from heaven, and I fell on my face. And **Enoch my grandfather** came and stood by me, and said unto me: 'Why hast thou cried unto me with a bitter cry and weeping? And a command has gone forth from the presence of the Lord concerning those who dwell on the earth that their ruin is accomplished **because they have learnt all the secrets of the angels, and all the violence of the Satans, and all their powers the most secret one--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: And how silver is produced from the dust of the earth, and how soft metal originates in the earth. For lead and tin are not produced from the earth like the first: it is a fountain**

that produces them, and an angel stands therein, and that angel is pre-eminent.' (65:1-9)

Please note the following: (1) The reasons for earth's destruction were not that earth learned *all the secrets of the angels, and all the violence of the Satans* as well as the power of sorcery, witchcraft, idol-making and the knowledge of how silver is produced from the dust of the earth! (2) Beyond that, Enoch tells Noah that lead and tin are produced from a fountain where an angel is standing therein. (What do you think a geologist would say about this?)

Furthermore, why would anyone think Enoch could hear Noah's cry since he is not God and only God is all-knowing and can hear such crys. **Also, to call on or try to communicate with the dead (though Enoch was not dead) is a form of divination. Since divination is a form of witchcraft and therefore an abomination according to Scripture (Lev. 19:26; Deut. 18:10; etc.), then Christians should immediately reject the BOE just on this basis alone.**

The Biblical Record and the Details

Now you are about to read the truth about the days of Noah and why the Flood came. The following account is from the Bible:

The Nephilim were on the earth in those days--and also afterward--when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown. The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that **every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.** The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. So the LORD said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth--men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air--for I am grieved that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. **Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out"** (Gen 6:4-14).

NOTE: (1) God spoke directly to Noah without carrying his message through Enoch. In fact, Enoch was nowhere around. (2) *Sorcery* was not mentioned as having any part in man's corruption, which led to the Great Flood. (3) *Violence* was the predominant form of wickedness which led to and preceded the Flood. (4) *Secret knowledge* that angels passed on to mankind is not mentioned either, including how silver is produced from dust. (5) Man's thoughts were evil all the time and God was grieved that he made man and decided to destroy all people except for the ones in the ark.

Do Angels Have Children?

The answer to this depends on what source you consult. If you believe what the Lord Jesus taught, as he answered people about marrying and having children, your answer will be *no*. If you believe the message of the BOE, your answer will be *yes*. Read these conflicting accounts for yourself in this order:

Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; **for they are like the angels**. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection" (Luke 20:34-36).

Afterwards my spirit was concealed, ascending into the heavens. I beheld **the sons of the holy angels** treading on flaming fire, whose garments and robes were white, and whose countenances were transparent as crystal (70:1).

Jesus taught angels neither marry (and have children), nor can they die just like those *worthy* of taking part in that age.

Even More Errors

Besides the BOE erroneously declaring that the *year is precisely three hundred and sixty-four days* (71:41) other strange statements are found in it like the following:

The spirit of frost has its angel; in the spirit of hail there is a good angel; the spirit of snow ceases in its strength, and a solitary spirit is in it, which ascends from it like vapor, and is called **refrigeration** (59:20).

Other Miscellaneous Problems With Angels

The BOE states, along with Cherubim and Seraphim, there are Ophanin that surround God's throne:

The Cherubim, the Seraphim, and the **Ophanin** ... (60:13).

Then the Seraphim, the Cherubim, and **Ophanin** surrounded it; these are those who never sleep, but watch the throne of this glory (70:9).

Comment: The Bible mentions only the first two, but not even a hint of the third. The BOE also *adds* to the names of holy angels mentioned in the Bible--Raphael, Suryal, Uriel, Raguel, Sarakiel, Phanuel (9:1; 20:1-7; 40:9).

Since All These Problems Exist in the Book of Enoch How Could *Jude* Quote It?

Is it possible to view the BOE as something far less than sound and still embrace that the Bible is 100% truth, since Jude quoted from the BOE? Could the Bible quote a source that is less than pure truth? The answers are yes to both questions. If you have read through the entire Bible, then you should have noticed that **it quotes the devil lying to Eve:**

"You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman (Gen 3:4).

The Bible also records the actual words of a false prophet (Zedekiah) who opposed Micaiah, a true prophet of God:

Now Zedekiah son of Kenaanah had made iron horns and he declared, **"This is**

what the LORD says: 'With these you will gore the Arameans until they are destroyed'" (1 Ki 22:11).

Elsewhere, the Apostle Paul actually quoted *unsaved* people at times when he was verbally witnessing or writing. Examples are:

As **some of your own poets** have said, **"We are his offspring"** (Acts 17:28).

Do not be misled: **"Bad company corrupts good character"** (1 Cor 15:33).

Even **one of their own prophets** has said, **"Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons"** (Titus 1:12).

In Acts 17:28 Paul quotes two Grecian poets--Aratus and his poem *Phaenomena* as well as Cleanthus from his *Hymn to Jupiter*. In 1 Cor. 15:33, Paul quotes Menander's comedy *Thais*. Finally, in Titus 1:12 Paul quotes the Cretan prophet (who was a false prophet) named Epimenides and his work *Concerning Oracles*. **Hence, Paul quoted numerous unsound pagans (Aratus, Cleanthus, Menander and Epimenides) and their sources to make an important point for the moment. Paul sanctioned that particular statement he referred to, but not the writer or his whole poem, hymn, comedy, etc.**

Perhaps Jude quoted the BOE just like Paul did the above sources. Isn't it possible that the false teachers that Jude wrote of, who changed grace into a license for immorality (v. 4), also wrongly accepted the BOE and he wanted to make a striking point from that spurious book only regarding that single point, while not meaning to endorse the whole. As Paul was not endorsing the various sources written by the pagans he quoted, Jude wasn't endorsing the BOE by quoting from it. In other words, quoting a statement from a work as truth does not make the whole work true nor does it make it Scripture.

In Summary

The data you have just read reveals: (1) The BOE contradicts the Bible. Without going any further, this is enough to flatly reject the BOE; (2) Parts of the BOE contradict others parts of the BOE, thereby revealing errors; (3) Parts of the BOE are beyond the realm of reality, such as 475 foot people-eating giants; (4) The BOE has errors in it based on our knowledge today such as its *364 day year* instead of the *365 ¼ day year*; (5) Just because Jude quoted from a part of Enoch (or others) doesn't mean he endorsed the whole as factual.

Hence, regardless who may endorse/encourage the reading of the BOE--Elizabeth Clare Prophet, David Bercot, New Agers, angel-crazed people, etc., we must consider the *evidence* and compare it to the Bible--God's only standard of spiritual truth (2 Tim. 3:16,17; 1 Cor. 4:6). When we do this, the BOE must be rejected as inspired by God and a source of spiritual information. Don't just believe some sanitized review of the BOE. It is *filled with errors*.

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