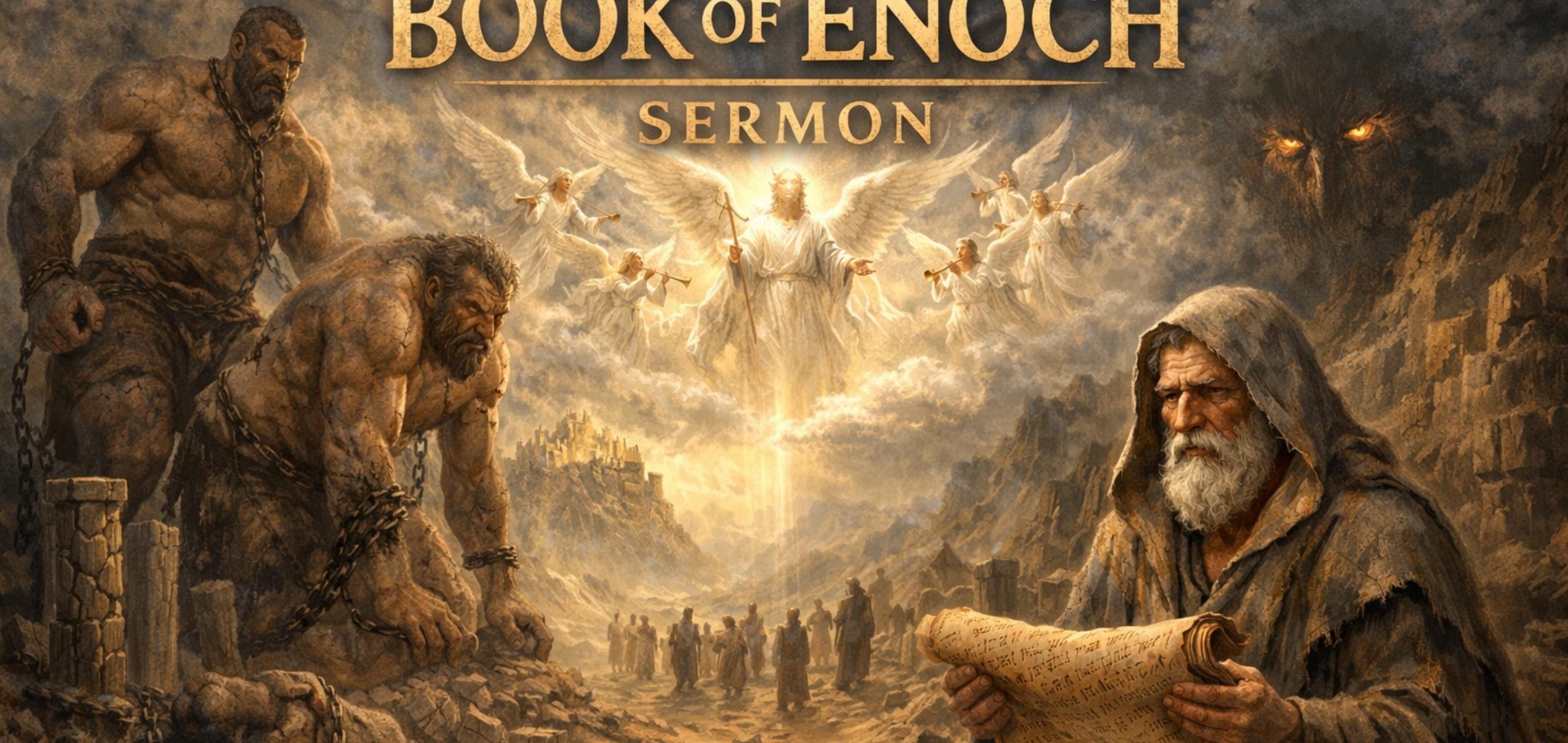


THE
BOOK OF ENOCH
SERMON



Praying for the Past

- Tim Brewer
- The Blurry Creatures Podcast, Ep 395 (start 45:00)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TDt7XwVXYeY>

Reactions to this sermon

- Confusion
- Denial/Rejection/Cognitive Dissonance
- Anger
- Sadness for me
- Intrigue
- Faithlessness?
- Imagine the first time hearing Ephesians... This is that day.

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Jude

³ Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. ⁴ For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

⁵ Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved^[c] a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. ⁶ And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— ⁷ just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire,^[d] serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

⁸ Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. ⁹ But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.”¹⁰ But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively. ... ¹²⁻¹³ These are wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.

¹⁴ It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, ¹⁵ to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”

Who was Enoch?

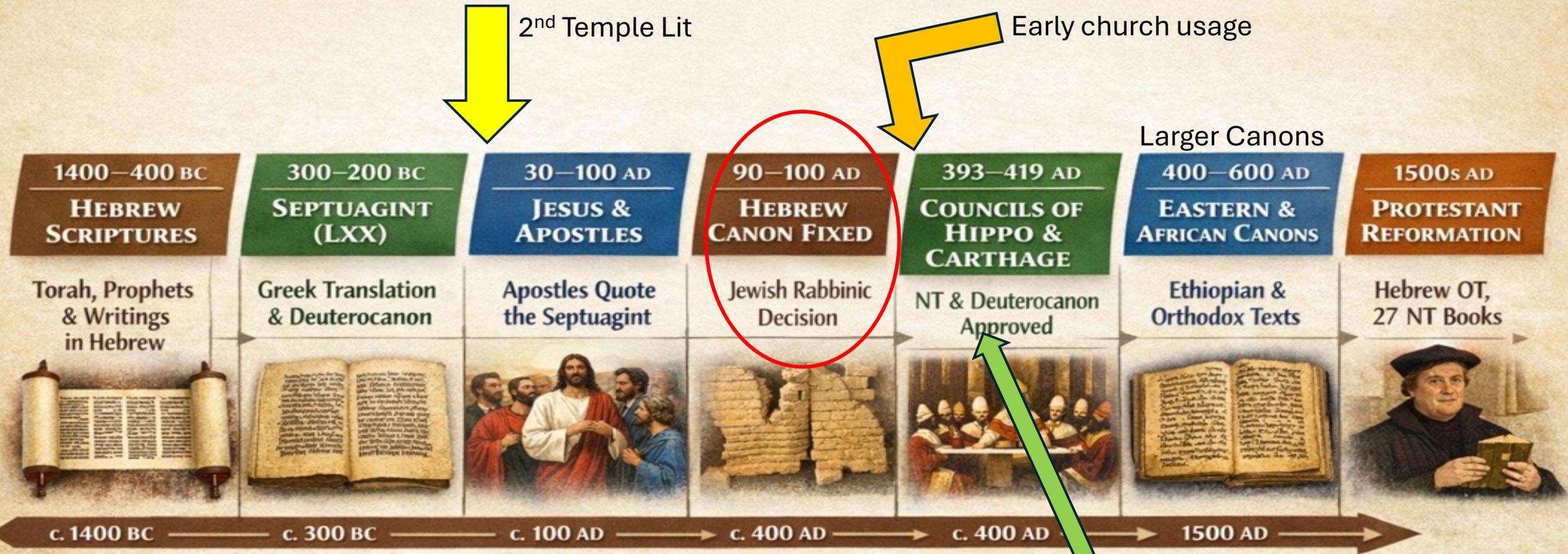
Genesis 5

- ¹⁹ Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters. ²⁰ Thus all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died.
- ²¹ When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. ²² Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. ²³ Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. ²⁴ Enoch walked with God, and he was not, ^[c] for God took him.
- ²⁵ When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he fathered Lamech. ...
- ²⁸ When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son ²⁹ and called his name Noah

A Brief History of the Bible



HISTORY of the BIBLE CANON



2nd Temple Lit

Early church usage

Larger Canons

Different Canons for Different Traditions

PROTESTANT • CATHOLIC • ORTHODOX • ETHIOPIAN

66 • 73 • 76-79 • 81

Apocrypha moved to appendix or removed

Athanasius' Easter letter lists 27 NT books

Current Bible Book Counts

- Ours: **66** (39 + 27)
- Catholic: **73** (Tobit, Judith, Maccabees, etc.)
- Eastern Orthodox: **76-79** (1 Esdras, 3 Maccabees, etc.)
- Ethiopian Orthodox: **81** (Enoch, Jubilees, 1-3 Meqabyan)

The Apocrypha

Historical Books

- **1 Esdras**
- **2 Esdras** (also called *4 Ezra*)
- **Tobit**
- **Judith**
- **Additions to Esther**
- **1 Maccabees**
- **2 Maccabees**

Wisdom & Teaching Books

- **Wisdom of Solomon**
- **Sirach** (Ecclesiasticus)

Prophetic / Liturgical Books

- **Baruch**
- **Letter of Jeremiah**
- **Prayer of Azariah**
- **Susanna**
- **Bel and the Dragon**
(Items 12–14 are the Greek additions to Daniel)

Enoch not Apocryphal?

1 Early Jewish Recognition

- 1 Enoch was widely circulated and influential within Jewish communities during the Second Temple period (around 200 BCE to 100 CE).
- Many of its ideas were incorporated into Jewish mystical traditions, especially concerning angels, the Watchers, and final judgment.
- Even though it wasn't included in the final Hebrew canon, it was not suppressed or condemned. Some of its concepts, like the Son of Man (which closely mirrors later Christian thought about Jesus), were embraced in a significant way.

2 Christianity's Early Use of Enoch

- Early Church Fathers like Tertullian, Irenaeus, and Clement of Alexandria quoted and referenced 1 Enoch.
- The Epistle of Jude (in the New Testament) directly quotes 1 Enoch 1:9 (Jude 14–15), showing that early Christians were comfortable with its authority.
- Christians in the first few centuries even considered it to be part of a larger theological tradition, often referring to it when discussing topics like angels, demons, final judgment, and the Messiah.
- In fact, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church still includes 1 Enoch in its canon—it's one of the few Christian traditions that recognizes it as scripture!

3 Why It Was Not Included in the Canon

- 1 Enoch didn't make it into the Hebrew Bible simply because it was not part of the Jewish canon when the final list was solidified, especially during the Council of Jamnia (90 CE).
- Later Christian exclusion: Though it had significant theological influence in early Christianity, 1 Enoch was excluded from the New Testament canon because: It was considered too speculative and too controversial in its theology (especially with its focus on angels and the Son of Man). There was also debate in the early Church about whether it was consistent with orthodox Christian teachings about the nature of Christ and angels.

Enoch Parts

1 Enoch (A collection of books)

- Book of the Watchers
- Book of the Parables
- Astronomical Book (Book of Luminaries)
- Book of Dream Visions
- Epistle of Enoch

2 Enoch

3 Enoch

Where they found it

1. The Dead Sea Scrolls (Oldest Fragments)

- The most significant ancient remnants were discovered between 1947 and 1956 in the [Qumran Caves](#) near the Dead Sea.
- Age: These Aramaic fragments date from the 3rd century BCE to the 1st century BCE.
- Significance: Before this discovery, the book was only known through much later translations. These scrolls proved the book's ancient Jewish origins and included four of the five major sections of 1 Enoch, as well as the related [Book of Giants](#)

2. Greek Fragments

- Before the Dead Sea Scrolls discovery, scholars relied on scattered Greek remnants found primarily in Egypt.
- Age: These fragments date from the 4th to 6th centuries CE.
- Key Discovery: In 1886–1887, a significant portion containing chapters 1–32 was found at [Akhmim, Egypt](#)
- These fragments served as a bridge between the ancient Aramaic versions and the complete Ethiopic tradition.

3. Ethiopic Manuscripts (Complete Copies)

- The only surviving complete version of the Book of Enoch is in Ge'ez (ancient Ethiopic). It was "rediscovered" for Western scholarship in 1773 by explorer [James Bruce](#), who brought three manuscripts from Ethiopia to Europe.
- Age: While the original Ethiopic translation likely occurred between the 4th and 7th centuries CE, the oldest *physical* manuscripts are much younger.

•Current Inventory: Today, there are approximately 80 known Ethiopic manuscripts of the Book of Enoch, most of which date to the 18th century or later.

How do we know if it should be in the Bible?

1. Is it old?
2. Who wrote it?
3. Did the people back then use it and count it as credible?
4. Is it quoted or referenced in other “canonical” works?
5. Does its teachings align with other “canonical” books?

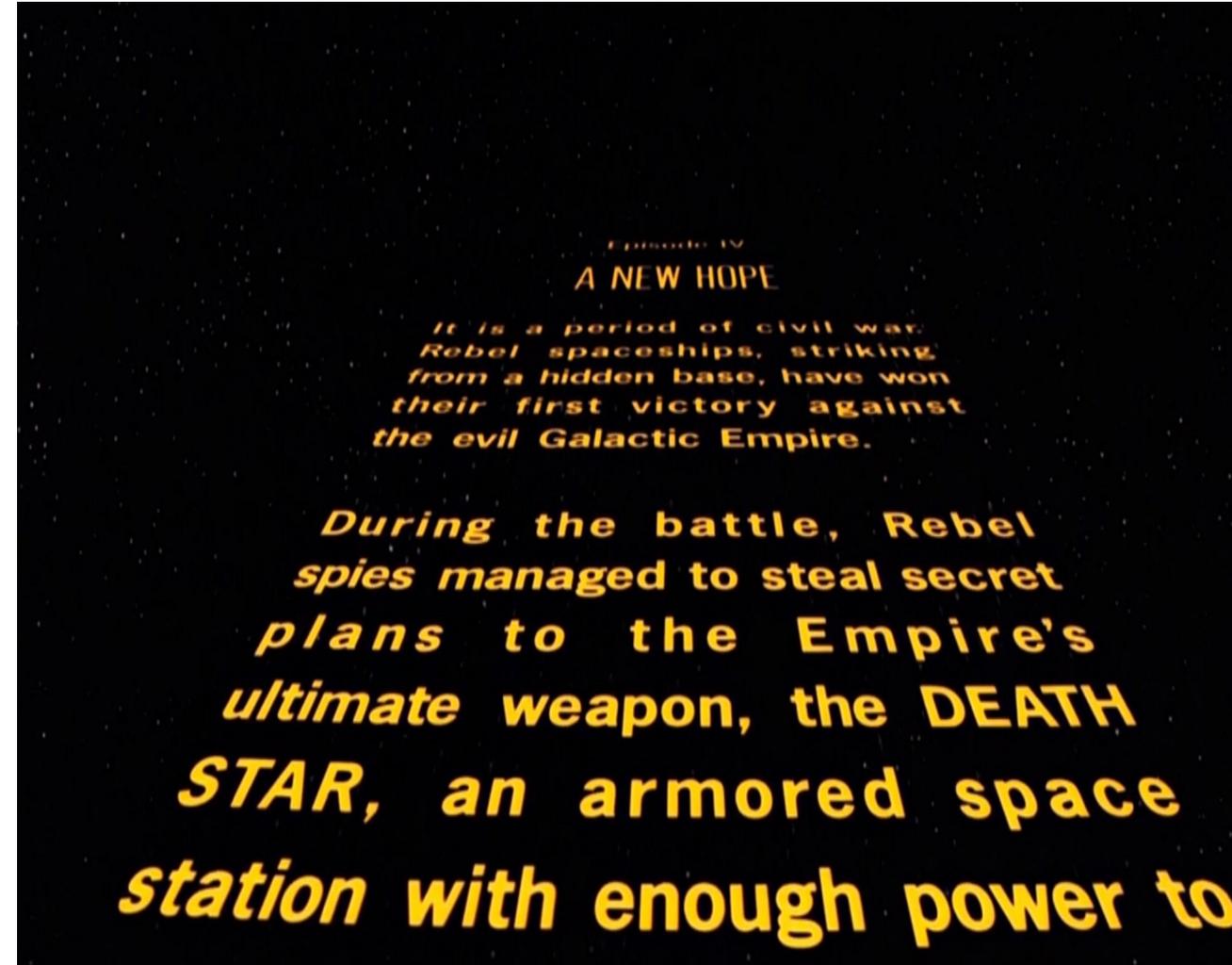
The Book of the Watchers

Daniel 4 (Nebuchadnezzar)

¹³ “I saw in the visions of my head as I lay in bed, and behold, a **watcher**, a holy one, came down from heaven. ¹⁴ He proclaimed aloud and said thus: ‘Chop down the tree and lop off its branches, strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the beasts flee from under it and the birds from its branches. ¹⁵ But leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, amid the tender grass of the field. Let him be wet with the dew of heaven. Let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth. ¹⁶ Let his mind be changed from a man's, and let a beast's mind be given to him; and let seven periods of time pass over him. ¹⁷ The sentence is **by the decree of the watchers**, the decision by the word of the holy ones, to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.’

Opening Thoughts

- Star Wars—we start in the middle of the story
- There's a lot we are not told.
- The Kingdom of Heaven is a kingdom with kingdom things—royalty, council, army, etc.
- Kingdoms have kingdom problems
- Genesis 1 is not the beginning
- “Angels” are not all the same (seraphim, cherubim, sons of God, sons of might, watchers)
- Little brother jealousy motif: Man made a little lower than the angels (Heb 2)
- Genesis 6 assumes the audience already knows this story
- Watchers had free will
- Why do the watchers do this? (dominion over earth?)



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Matthew 16:18-19

- ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

- 1 Thess 4:14-16

- ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

- Rev 1:7

- ⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail^[b] on account of him. Even so. Amen.

Genesis 6

- When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, ² the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. ³ Then the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.” ⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.
- ⁵ The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶ And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷ So the Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

- Job 1:6-7

- Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan[b] also came among them. 7 The Lord said to Satan, “From where have you come?” Satan answered the Lord and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.”

- Psalm 89:5-7

- Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
- 6 For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings (sons of heaven) is like the Lord,
- 7 a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him?

- Genesis 6:11-13

- ¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. ¹³ And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, [\[c\]](#) for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Revelation 4:1

- After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”

Matthew 12

- 43 “When the **unclean spirit** has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. 44 Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. 45 Then it goes and brings with it seven **other spirits more evil than itself**, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation.”

Ephesians 1

- 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us **the mystery of his will,** according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, **to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him.**

Luke 8

- 26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs.
- 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.” 29 For he had commanded the **unclean spirit** to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.)
- 30 Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. 31 **And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss.** 32 Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

1 Pet 3

- 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which he went and **proclaimed to the spirits in prison**, 20 because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

Jude 1:5-6

- 5 Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. 6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, **he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—**

2 Peter 2

- For if God **did not spare angels when they sinned**, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment; ⁵ if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others;
- ⁶ if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;
- ⁷ and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless ⁸ (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)—⁹ if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment. ¹⁰ This is especially true of those who follow the **corrupt desire of the flesh** and despise authority.