

C. THE TYPES WHICH ARE PRESENTED IN THE PERSON NAMED ENOCH

1. In Enoch's "walk with God" we have a type of the christian life which can be lived in fellowship with God (Gen. 5:22).

- a. Notice it is said that Enoch "walked with God" (5:22,24). This is an expression that indicates that his life was one of fellowship and obedience which resulted in Divine favor. Note Heb. 11:5.

Despite the sinful temptations of the devil, the allurements of this world, and the inclinations of a fallen nature, Enoch was a man of faith who had a testimony of pleasing God. This life was not easy but God gave him the grace to do it.

- b. Notice as Enoch lived a life of fellowship with God so should it be in the christian's life (Col. 2:6). It should be a life of faith which sees beyond the fleshly, the frivolous, and the fleeting things of this world (II Cor. 4:18; 5:7).

I believe there's a parallel also in the fact that it was after a specific time that Enoch walked with God. Even so in our lives there must be a time of salvation which separates us from our former sinful ways and those of others (II Cor. 5:17; Titus 2:14; I Pet. 1:18-23). This life is not an easy life but God will give us the grace to do it.

2. In the prophesy which Enoch gave we have a type of the kind of witnesses that believers ought to be in this world (Jude 14,15).

- a. Enoch was the first recorded preacher and his message was one of coming judgment upon the ungodly who lived in sin. For some 300 years his life was a testimony of the grace of God and his verbal witness was a declaration of warnings concerning coming judgment. It would seem from Jude 14,15 that Enoch was also persecuted for his witness and that it was both pointed and powerful.

- b. Just as Enoch prophesied to the ungodly of his days of coming judgment this is the kind of witness that Christians should have. Our lives ought to be a testimony of the grace of God and we ought to be witnesses to those who are lost and tell them of coming judgment (Acts 1:8; 5:32; II Thess. 1:8,9). Notice also as Enoch was apparently persecuted in his day so shall we be as we bear witness for Christ (Jn. 15:18-21; Acts 4:1-4; 5:17-28; 5:40-42).
3. In the translation of Enoch we have a type of the rapture which is the blessed hope of the church (Gen. 5:24; I Thess. 1:10; 4:13-18; Titus 2:13,14).
- a. Notice all those in Adam up to Enoch died, but Enoch did not see death (Gen. 5:24; Heb. 11:5). God translated or raptured Enoch out of this sinful world and before the judgment came upon it. Thus he was made a trophy of God's victory over the power of death.
 - b. Just as Enoch was spared death and taken out before the judgment of the flood came so will the church be raptured one day out of this world. When it occurs all those living believers who make up the church will be taken out of this world and not see death (I Cor. 15:51; I Thess. 4:17).

When this event occurs it will occur before the coming judgment of the tribulation period (I Thess. 5:9; Rev. 3:10).