

Enoch and Noah: Profiles of the Walk of Faith

Hebrews 11:5-7

Audience

Believers (1:3)

2nd generation (2:2-3)

Jews

Located in the Land of Israel

Date (A.D. 62–64)

Before

A.D. 95 (Clement of Rome)

A.D. 70 (Heb 8:4, 13; 9:6; 10:1-2; 13:10)

A.D. 64 (Heb 12:4)

After apostolic generation (2:2-3)

Purpose

Encouragement/motivation to not lapse back into Judaism

What believers already have in Christ is superior to every vestige of Judaism (Angels, Moses, and the Aaronic priesthood)

Warnings

Message

The superiority of the full revelation of Christ in comparison to OT Judaism is shown through Christ's superiority to every major vestige of Judaism

Outline

I. Doctrinal section (1:1–10:18)

A. Christ's attributes (1:1-3)

B. Christ is superior to the angels (1:4–2:18)

C. Christ is superior to Moses (3:1–4:13)

D. Christ is superior to Aaron (4:14–10:18)

II. Practical section (10:19–13:25)

A. Exhortations and pastoral reminders (10, 12, 13)

B. Hall of faith (11)

C. Benediction (13:20-25)

Similarities Between Enoch and Noah

1. Both ministered to the same era
2. Both stood out as lights to a corrupt generation
3. Both serve as positive examples for us

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1. Enoch (5)
2. Faith's Benefits (6)
3. Noah (7)

"Believe" Defined

pisteuō... "to believe," also "to be persuaded of," and hence, "to place confidence in, to trust," signifies, in this sense of the word, reliance upon, not mere credence. It is most frequent in the writings of the apostle John, especially the Gospel. He does not use the noun...Of the writers of the Gospels...uses of the verb...John ninety-nine.

Exemption from Death (1 Cor 15:54-56)

- Enoch (Gen 5)
- Elijah (2 Kings 2)
- Christ (Acts 1:11; Rev 12:5)
- Philip (Acts 8:39)
- Paul (2 Cor 12:2, 4)
- John (Rev 4:1-2)
- Two witnesses (Rev 11)

Genesis 1–11 Structure

- I. Creation (1–2)
- II. Fall (3–5)
- III. Flood (6–9)
- IV. National dispersion (10–11)

The Flood (Gen 6–9)

1. Events before the flood (Gen 6)
2. The flood (Gen 7)
3. The abating of the waters (Gen 8)
4. Events following the flood (Gen 9)