

Our Fathers Which Aren't In Heaven-Part 3-

Difficult Verses Explained About The Dead - Enoch

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

John 6:47 I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting **(aion-age lasting)** life. **48** I am the bread of life. **49** Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. **50** But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. **51** I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever **(aion-life in the age)**. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." **52** Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" **53** Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal **(aionios-age-lasting)** life, and I will raise him up at the last day. **55** For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. **56** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. **57** Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. **58** This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever.**(aion-into the age)"**.

(Young's Literal Translation) 26 Jesus answered them and said, ` Verily, verily, I say to you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw signs, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were satisfied; **27** work not for the food that is perishing, but for the food that is remaining to life age **(aion)** -during, which the Son of Man will give to you, for him did the Father seal -- [even] God.'

9` And this is the will of the Father who sent me, that all that He hath given to me I may not lose of it, but may raise it up in the last day;

40 and this is the will of Him who sent me, that every one who is beholding the Son, and is believing in him, may have life age **(aion)**-during, and I will raise him up in the last day.'

IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL----

Several times we have mentioned the words *immortal soul*, but the phrase is found nowhere in the Bible.

Where did the idea of an immortal soul originate?

The concept of the soul's supposed immortality was first taught in ancient Egypt and Babylon.

"The belief that the soul continues in existence after the dissolution of the body is . . .

speculation . . . nowhere expressly taught in Holy Scripture . . . The belief in the immortality of the

soul came to the Jews from contact with Greek thought and chiefly through the philosophy of

Plato, its principal exponent, who was led to it through Orphic and Eleusinian mysteries in which

Babylonian and Egyptian views were strangely blended" (*Jewish Encyclopedia*,

1941, Vol. VI, "Immortality of the Soul," pp. 564, 566).

Plato, the Greek philosopher who lived 428-348 B.C., as a student of Socrates taught that the body and

an "immortal soul" separate at death. The

International Standard Bible Encyclopedia

comments on ancient Israel's view of the soul: "

. . . We are influenced always more or less by the Greek, Platonic idea, that the body dies, yet the soul is immortal.

Such an idea is utterly contrary to the Israelite consciousness, and it is nowhere found in the [Old Testament]" (1956, Vol. II, "Death," p. 812).

Early Christianity was influenced by Greek philosophies even as the gospel of Christ was preached to the Greek and Roman world. By A.D.

200 the doctrine of the immortality of the soul became a controversy in

the established church. The *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology* notes how Origen, an early and

influential church theologian, was influenced by Greek thinkers:

"Speculation about the soul in the sub apostolic church was heavily influenced by Greek

philosophy. This is seen in Origen's acceptance of Plato's doctrine of the preexistence of the soul as

pure mind (*nous*) originally, which, by reason of its fall from God, cooled down to soul (*psyche*)

when it lost its participation in the divine fire by looking earthward" (1992, p. 1037, "Soul").

Secular history reveals that the concept of the immortality of the soul is an ancient belief

embraced by many pagan religions. But it is not a biblical, Hebrew or apostolic teaching.

John 3:13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven the Son of Man. **Genesis 5:21** When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. **22** And after he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. **23** Altogether, Enoch lived 365 years. **24** Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

Hebrews 11:5 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.

NASB (New American Standard Bible) 5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.

NLT (New Living Translation) 5 It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying—he disappeared, because God took him."For before he was taken up, he was known as a person

who pleased God.

11:5 BBE (Bible in Basic English) By faith Enoch was taken up to heaven so that he did not see death; he was seen no longer, for God took him away:

An important principle that must be adhered to when looking at difficult verses : is that the few difficult statements have to be understood in light of the many clear statements on the same subject.

Hebrews 11:13 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance.

Psalms 89:48 What man can live and not see death, or save himself from the power of the grave?

KJV (King James Version) 5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

The original Greek word for "translate" is *metatithemi*, the main meaning is to "convey to another place . . . transfer" to transpose to transfer to change to transfer one's self or suffer one's self to be transferred to go or pass over to fall away or desert from one person or thing to another.

(Acts 17:16)

Jude 11 Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion.

12 These men are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm—shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted—twice dead. **13** They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever. **14** Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones **15** 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." **16** These men are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.

Duet 34: 5 And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. **6** He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. **7** Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died,

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated-*metatithemi*. us into the kingdom of his dear Son: