

And as I said, the word hitalech which describes a 'walk', is a reflexive verb, so it means that there was a close relationship between them. They were walking together in relationship and suddenly, as they were walking along, God took them. God took Enoch to be with him. In **2 Kings chapter 2 verse 11**, you read that Elijah himself was also taken directly into heaven without dying.

Interestingly, Enoch prophesied midway between Adam and Abraham, Elijah midway between Abraham and the Messiah, both prophesied in times of spiritual apostasy and falling away from God. So, Enoch lived in a time also when there was increasing wickedness on the face of the earth. We've seen Enoch prophesied the end of the wickedness in the coming of the Flood. And he himself was taken out of the way before his prophecy of the Flood coming took place. It was a totally unexpected event, there was no prior warning of it. How it was explained by those who were left behind, I don't know. It doesn't say. But we read here that Enoch was taken to be with the Lord: "**And he was not, for God took him**".

Is there a parallel experience in the new testament? Yes, there is, in the Rapture of the Church. According to Paul, this is going to happen to one generation, a whole generation at the time of the second coming. **1 Thessalonians chapter 4 verse 16** "**For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.**" That's what the Bible says. Do you believe it? Maybe some people find it difficult to believe.

But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? **Hebrews 1.8-13**