

and do not transgress their command from (the creation of) the world and for ever. ²¹And through that oath the stars complete their course, and he calls their names, and they answer him from (the creation of) the world and for ever; ²²and likewise the spirits of the water, of the winds, and of all the breezes, and their paths, according to all the groups of the spirits. ²³And there are kept the storehouses of the sound of the thunder and of the light of the lightning; and there are kept the storehouses of the hail and the hoar-frost, and the storehouses of the mist, and the storehouses of the rain and dew. ²⁴And all these make their confession and give thanks before the Lord of Spirits and sing praises with all their power; and their food consists of all their thanksgiving, and they give thanks and praise and exalt in the name of the Lord of Spirits for ever and ever. ²⁵And this oath is strong over them, and through it they are kept safe, and their paths are kept safe, and their courses are not disturbed. ²⁶And they had great joy, and they blessed and praised and exalted because the name of that Son of Man had been revealed to them. ²⁷And he sat on the throne of his glory, and the whole judgement was given to the Son of Man, and he will cause the sinners to pass away and be destroyed from the face of the earth. ²⁸And those who led astray the world will be bound in chains, and will be shut up in the assembly-place of their destruction, and all their works will pass away from the face of the earth. ²⁹And from then on there will be nothing corruptible, for that Son of Man has appeared and has sat on the throne of his glory, and everything evil will pass away and go from before him; and the word of that Son of Man will be strong before the Lord of Spirits. This is the third parable of Enoch.

70. And it came to pass after this (that), while he was living, his name was lifted from those who dwell upon the dry ground to the presence of that Son of Man and to the presence of the Lord of Spirits. ²And he was lifted on the chariots of the spirit, and his name vanished among them. ³And from that day I was not counted among them, and he placed me between two winds, between the north and the west, where the angels took the cords to measure for me the place for the chosen and the righteous. ⁴And there I saw the first fathers and the righteous who from (the beginning of) the world dwelt in that place.

71. And it came to pass after this that my spirit was carried off, and it went up into the heavens. I saw the sons of the holy angels^b treading

^bthe sons of the holy angels: Possibly a false translation of "the holy sons of God."

upon flames of fire, and their garments (were) white, and their clothing, and the light of their face (was) like snow. ²And I saw two rivers of fire, and the light of that fire shone like hyacinth, and I fell upon my face before the Lord of Spirits. ³And the angel Michael, one of the archangels, took hold of me by my right hand, and raised me, and led me out to all the secrets of mercy and the secrets of righteousness. ⁴And he showed me all the secrets of the ends of heaven and all the storehouses of all the stars and the lights, from where they come out before the holy ones. ⁵And the spirit carried Enoch off to the highest heaven, and I saw there in the middle of that light something built of crystal stones, and in the middle of those stones tongues of living fire. ⁶And my spirit saw a circle of fire which surrounded that house; from its four sides (came) rivers full of living fire, and they surrounded that house. ⁷And round about (were) the Seraphim, and the Cherubim and the Ophanim; these are they who do not sleep, but keep watch over the throne of his glory. ⁸And I saw angels who could not be counted, a thousand thousands and ten thousand times ten thousand, surrounding that house; ⁹and Michael and Raphael and Gabriel and Phanuel, and the holy angels who (are) in the heavens above, went in and out of that house. And Michael and Raphael and Gabriel and Phanuel, and many holy angels without number, came out from that house; ¹⁰and with them the Head of Days, his head white and pure like wool, and his garments indescribable. ¹¹And I fell upon my face, and my whole body melted, and my spirit was transformed; and I cried out in a loud voice in the spirit of power, and I blessed and praised and exalted. ¹²And these blessings which came out from my mouth were pleasing before that Head of Days. ¹³And that Head of Days came with Michael and Gabriel, Raphael and Phanuel, and thousands and tens of thousands of angels without number. ¹⁴And that angel came to me, and greeted me with his voice, and said to me, You are the Son of Man who was born to righteousness, and righteousness remains over you, and the righteousness of the Head of Days will not leave you. ¹⁵And he said to me, He proclaims peace to you in the name of the world which is to come, for from there peace has come out from the creation of the world; and so you will have it for ever and for ever and ever. ¹⁶And all will walk according to your way, inasmuch as righteousness will never leave you; with you will be their dwelling, and with you their lot, and they will not be separated from you, for ever and ever and ever. ¹⁷And so there will be length of days with that Son of Man, and the righteous will have peace, and the righteous will have an upright way in the name of the Lord of Spirits for ever and ever.