The Book of The Watchers (1 Enoch 1–36): An Anti-Mosaic, Non-Mosaic, or Even Pro-Mosaic Writing?

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Abstract

The Book of the Watchers (BW) is generally considered a non-Mosaic if not an anti-Mosaic writing. In more recent research, discussions on the meaning of such labels are ever so prevalent. Nevertheless, the positions do not move far beyond the common patterns of interpretation. The present paper explores the different presuppositions and arguments supporting the assumption of the non- or even anti-Mosaic character of the BW and proposes a reading beyond the antagonism “Enochic” versus “Mosaic.”

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The first part of Book of Enoch describes the fall of the Watchers, the angels who fathered the Nephilim. The remainder of the book, blessing of Enoch; according to which he blessed the chosen and righteous who must be present on the day of distress, which is appointed, for the removal of all the wicked and impious. 1.2 And Enoch began his story and said: There was a righteous man whose eyes were opened by the Lord, and he saw a Holy vision in the Heavens, which the Angels showed to me. And I heard everything from them, and I understood what I saw: but not for this generation, but for a distant generation that will come. 1.3 Concerning the Chosen I spoke; and I uttered a parable concerning them: The Holy and Great One will 2011. "The Book of the Watchers (1 Enoch 1-36): An Anti-Mosaic, Non-Mosaic or even Pro-Mosaic Writing? . " Journal of Hebrew Scriptures (ATLA Religion Database with ALTASerials) 11 (4): 2-23. Collins, John J. 1982. "The Apocalyptic Technique: Setting And Function in the Book of Watchers." The Catholic Biblical Quarterly (ATLA Religion Database) 44 (1). Douglas, Sally. 2013. "A Decoding of Evil Angels: The Other Aetiology of Evil in the Biblical Text and its Potential Implications in our Church and World." Stokes, Ryan E. 2008. "The Throne Visions of Daniel 7, 1 Enoch 14, and the Qumran Book of Giants (4Q530): An Analysis of their Literary Relationship." Dead Sea Discoveries (Academic Search Complete) 15 (3): 340-358. Erica Monteferrante "Enoch was the first who invented books and different sorts of writing. The ancient Greeks declare that Enoch is the same as Mercury Trismegistus [Hermes], and that he taught the sons of men the art of building cities, and enacted some admirable laws...He discovered the knowledge of the Zodiac, and the course of the Planets; and he pointed out to the sons of men, that they should worship God, that they should fast, that. 1-36 The Book of the Watchers may date from the third century BCE. Parts of its text have been identified on several copies from Qumran cave 4; the earliest fragmentary manuscript (4QEnocha) dates, according to the editor J.T. Milk, to between 200 and 150 BCE. All Qumran copies are in the Aramaic language."