



Offense against the 3rd Book of Enoch

The *Third Book of Enoch* (3 Enoch), also known as *Sefer Hekhalot* ("Book of Palaces"), is a late Jewish mystical text associated with Merkabah (chariot) mysticism. It claims to contain the revelations given to Rabbi Ishmael by the angel Metatron. While it is not considered canonical by Christians or Jews, some have attempted to use it to justify certain theological views. However, upon closer examination, *3 Enoch* is riddled with contradictions—both with itself and with the Holy Scriptures.

I. Contradictions Between *3 Enoch* and the Bible

1. The Deification of Enoch as Metatron

In *3 Enoch*, the patriarch Enoch is supposedly transformed into the angel Metatron, the "lesser YHWH":

"The Holy One, blessed be He, took me from their midst and appointed me as a prince and a ruler over all the denizens of the heights." (3 Enoch 10:3)

The text claims that God gave Enoch the divine name, causing the angels to worship him. This is a blatant contradiction to the Bible, which explicitly states that:

- **God does not share His glory with another** (Isaiah 42:8, 48:11).
- **There is only one God** (Deuteronomy 6:4).
- **Angels refuse worship**—In Revelation 22:8-9, John falls at the feet of an angel, but the angel rebukes him, saying: *"Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brothers the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"*

Yet *3 Enoch* falsely asserts that Metatron (Enoch) was deified and worshiped by other angels, making it heretical and incompatible with biblical monotheism.

2. The False Teaching that Enoch Became the 'Lesser YHWH'

In *3 Enoch 12:5*, Enoch (now Metatron) claims:

"He called me 'the Lesser YHWH' in the presence of his entire household in the height, as it is written, 'My name is in him' (Exodus 23:21)."

This is an extreme violation of **God's absolute uniqueness** (Deuteronomy 4:35, Isaiah 44:6). Nowhere does Scripture permit a human to become a "lesser YHWH." This is an outright contradiction of:

- **Exodus 3:14**, where God states His unique name, "I AM WHO I AM." No created being can take this name.
- **Isaiah 46:9**, which says, "*For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me.*"
- **Psalms 89:6-7**, which establishes the absolute distinction between God and all heavenly beings.

Furthermore, the reference to Exodus 23:21 is misapplied. That passage refers to an angel carrying out God's commands, not someone becoming "a lesser YHWH." The idea of Enoch receiving divine worship is a clear violation of monotheism.

3. The False Notion that Metatron Sits on a Throne

In *3 Enoch 16:1*, Metatron states:

"The Holy One made for me a throne like the Throne of Glory, and he sat me down upon it."

This claim is in direct contradiction to **Hebrews 1:13**, which states:

"But to which of the angels has He ever said, 'Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet?'"

Only Jesus Christ sits at the right hand of God (Psalm 110:1, Matthew 26:64). No angel—let alone a human who supposedly became an angel—is given a throne of glory. The notion that Enoch was exalted in this manner contradicts God's Word, which exalts Christ alone as the King of Kings (Philippians 2:9-11).

4. The False Idea That Metatron Was Punished for Being Worshiped

In *3 Enoch 16:3-5*, God supposedly punishes Metatron for allowing the angels to worship him:

"Because of the love with which he loved me more than all the denizens of the heights, he had me sit on a great throne. ... But when the princes of the world saw me, they said: 'Certainly, there are two powers in heaven!' ... So the Holy One, blessed be He, removed the radiance of my face and took away my throne of glory."

This contradicts the earlier assertion that God exalted Metatron to be the "lesser YHWH." If God Himself supposedly set up Metatron to be worshiped, why would He then punish him for it? This is an inherent contradiction within *3 Enoch* itself.

Moreover, this scenario directly contradicts:

- **Deuteronomy 4:39**, which declares, "*The LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other.*"
- **Isaiah 45:5**, where God states, "*I am the LORD, and there is no one else; there is no God except Me.*"

II. Internal Contradictions in *3 Enoch*

1. **Metatron is Worshiped, but Later Punished for It**
 - If God truly ordained Enoch to be the "lesser YHWH," why would God punish him for allowing worship?
 - This self-contradiction exposes the text as inconsistent and unreliable.
2. **God's Throne is Unique, but Metatron is Given One**
 - *3 Enoch* claims Metatron receives a throne of glory, but also claims God later removes it (16:3-5).
 - If God's throne is unique (Isaiah 6:1, Revelation 4:2), why was Metatron ever given one?
3. **Metatron Has God's Name but Is Later Demoted**
 - The text claims Enoch was given God's name (12:5) but later stripped of glory (16:3).
 - This contradicts **Malachi 3:6**, which states, "*For I, the LORD, do not change.*"

III. Conclusion: *3 Enoch* Is a Heretical and Contradictory Text

The *Third Book of Enoch* contradicts both itself and the Bible in multiple ways:

1. It **falsely teaches that a man (Enoch) became divine**, contradicting Isaiah 42:8.
2. It **promotes the worship of Metatron**, contradicting Revelation 22:8-9.
3. It **claims Metatron has a throne of glory**, contradicting Hebrews 1:13.
4. It **contains self-contradictions regarding Metatron's worship and punishment**.
5. It **misinterprets Exodus 23:21**, falsely applying it to Enoch rather than an angel acting on God's behalf.

Because of these contradictions, *3 Enoch* should be rejected as a reliable source of truth. The Bible is clear that there is only **one God** (Deuteronomy 6:4) and **one Mediator between God and man, Christ Jesus** (1 Timothy 2:5). All glory, power, and worship belong to Him alone.



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