







views, the traditions of *I Enoch* appealed to the authority of wisdom and knowledge, which was handed down from pre-deluvian times and which Enoch acquired through revelatory dreams and visions. Those who now possessed that ancient wisdom would learn proper calendar reckoning and priestly conduct, and the events foreseen by the ancient patriarch that some would act

relationships invoked by the sage with his students in a school context. That is, it evokes the principal places where wisdom would be handed down in antiquity.









material, might *I Enoch* be intended for transmission in the family or in “schools,” however we might construct that notion?

Before discussing a possible “school” context for *I Enoch*, however, I want to think a

Temple (24.8–12). No one went to heaven to get Wisdom; Wisdom was sent down from God











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