Iran and Israel in Parthian Times with Special Regard to the Ethiopic Book of Enoch

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I have based this book on Michael A. Knibb’s scholarly translation of the Ethiopian manuscripts, (The Ethiopic Book of Enoch, Oxford University Press), which I believe to be the best translation currently available. I first heard about the Book of Enoch a few years ago, while I was researching into ‘End of Days’ prophesies. When I finally managed to get hold of a copy, I discovered that it was a very strange and unusual book. The first time I read it I was skeptical and somewhat puzzled; I wondered who would have written an odd book like this. I knew that Enoch, (Hanokh in Hebrew), was ve the present Book of Enoch can generally be found to a certainty, the writers in this respect following the example of Jude, whose citation is taken from En. 1:9, and is not a literal reproduction. The Fathers all, with possibly the one dissenting voice of Tertullian (De Cult. Fem. Before proceeding to the special examination and analysis of the book before us, it is highly important that the question of the trustworthy or untrustworthy character of the Ethiopic translation be discussed. Is the Ethiopic translation a reliable version of the Greek Enoch? For it is evident that the translation belongs to the early period of Ethiopic literature, when the literature in the Greek language was copied and translated by the Abyssinian theologians, before the introduction of Arabic influence and models. The authentic Jacob/Israel will appear in the end times and be the catalyst of universal salvation.

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