

The book of Jude

¹ Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, *and* called:

² Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

³ Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. ⁴ For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Three examples of apostasy

⁵ I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

⁶ And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

⁷ Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

⁸ Likewise also these *filthy* dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

⁹ Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

¹⁰ But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

¹¹ Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

¹² These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; ¹³ Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

¹⁴ And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

¹⁵ To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches* which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

¹⁶ These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling *words*, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

¹⁷ But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; ¹⁸ How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. ¹⁹ These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

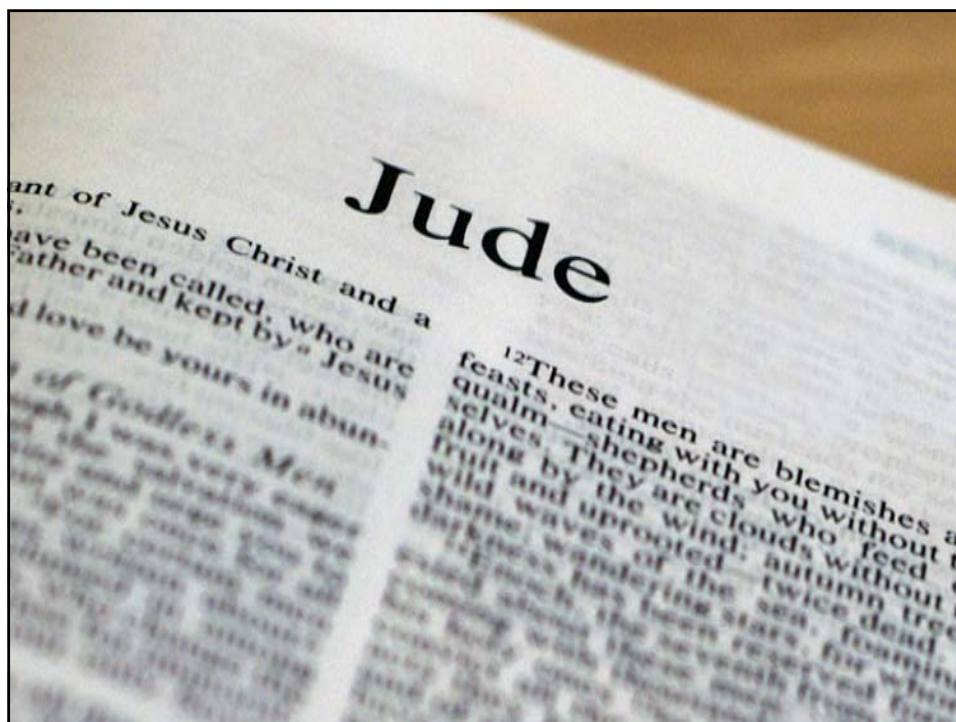
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AMEN!



Why study Jude?

- It is written for us today. It is written for the end times, for the end of the Church Age.
- Jude is the only book devoted to the great apostasy, helping to answer Luke 18:8 –

“Shall the Son of Man find faith on the Earth?”

- Jude is an entry to the book of Revelation.
- It is filled with fascinating Old Testament references and allusions.

Who was Jude?

- Jude (Judas) was Jesus' youngest brother.
- The Lord's oldest brother, James, became head of the Church in Jerusalem and the author of the Epistle of James.
- Neither James nor Jude were early believers.

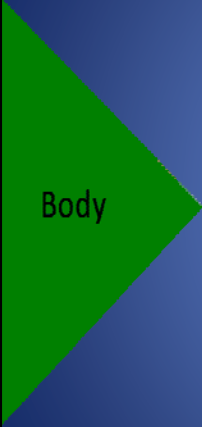


(Ps. 69:7-8; Matt. 13:55-56; Mark 6:3; Gal. 1:19)

“Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? Aren't all his sisters with us?”

The Structure of Jude

Greeting



Body

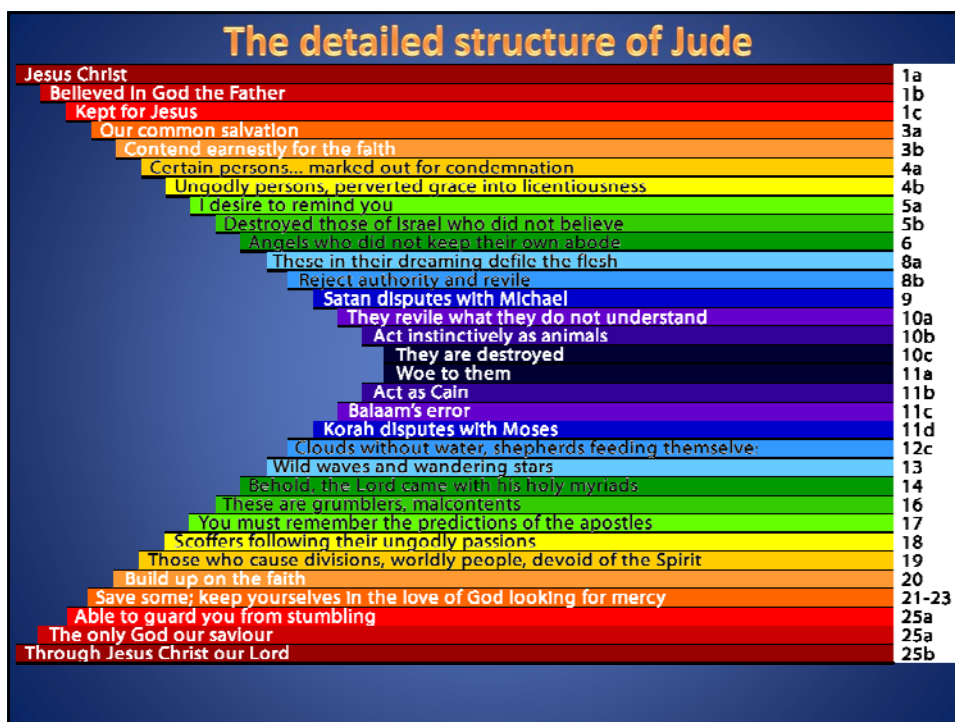
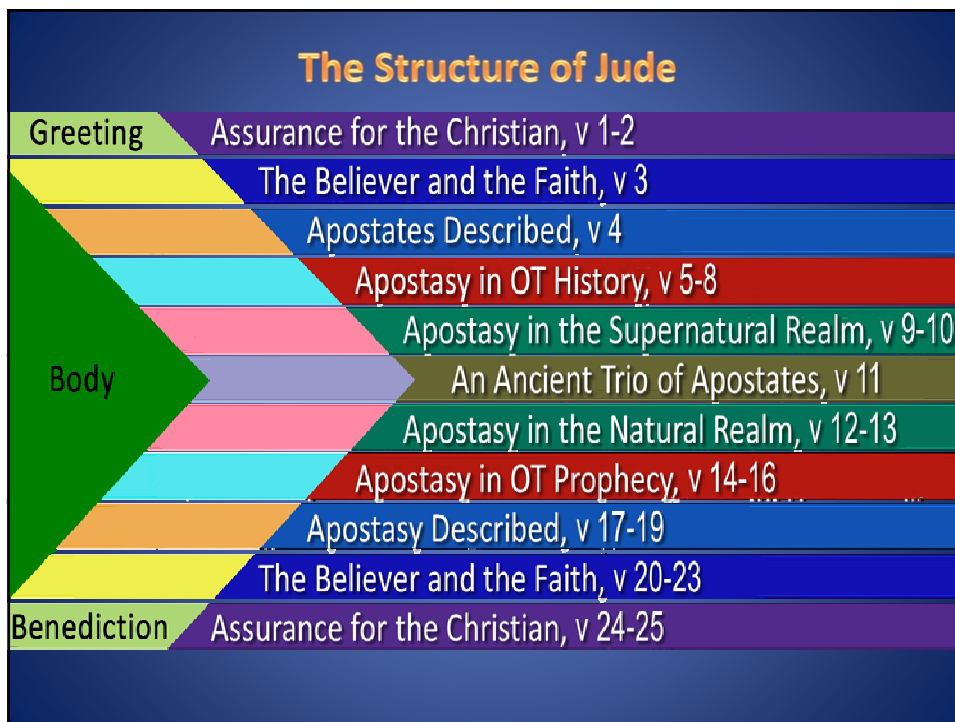
Benediction

The book of Jude fits the common structure of Biblical Epistles.

Is anything missing?

The Structure of Jude

Greeting	Assurance for the Christian, v 1-2
Body	The Believer and the Faith, v 3
	Apostates Described, v 4
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Assurance for the Believer

Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, to those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ: Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

Jude 1:1-2

- Christians:
 - “Called” – “I have chosen you.
 - “Loved” – John’s Gospel
 - “Kept” – under watchful care
- You and me

Mercy Why not “grace”?

Peace Worry about nothing
Pray about everything
Thank God for everything
Philippians 4:6

Love The mark of a Christian.

Mercy Upwards

Peace Inwards

Love Outwards

The believer and the faith

Dear friends, *although* I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.

Jude 1:3

- Jude was going to write of salvation...
- ... something changed his mind, so ...
- he wrote urging us to contend for the faith!

What's the problem?

- **Christians face persecution in 225 countries.**
 - The Church thrives on external pressure
 - Pressure from within is a greater threat to faith.
- **The early Church faced false teaching from:**
 - Legalism (Pharisees); "You are not free to sin."
 - Liberalism (Sadducees): "If saved, it's OK to sin."
- **Jude criticizes these false teachers.**
- **Paul and 2 Peter also warn of them.**
- **Revelation 2 and 3 warn of the Nicolaitans.**

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Through Him,
we are free to **not sin.**

Contend for the faith!

- **How should we follow this exhortation?**
 - Strengthen the hands of faithful people (Rev 3:2);
 - Unflinching witness; diligent preparation (Jude 20);
 - Withhold support and encouragement from those who compromise or deny the whole counsel of God; speak out against the preaching of “another Gospel” (Proverb 19:27);
 - Work with a sword at your side (Nehemiah 4:17).
 - Pray in all things (Philippians 4:6)
- **Only protection is the Word of God.** (Ephesians 6)

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how to deal with that situation
in a delicate way

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Corruption in the Body of Believers!

Four ways corruption affects believers:

- **Creed** – false teaching is like a cancer
 - A sentimental view of God (“Forgive and forget”)
 - Jesus was a great philosopher (like many others)
- **Conduct** - immoral conduct follows
- **Character** – character is the result of conduct
- **Conversation** – whinging, moaning, contempt, flattery, scorn

Apostates Described

For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

Jude 1:4

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Apostasy in Old Testament history – Ex. 1

Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe.

Jude 1:5

Conduct – when a group's creed is corrupt, their conduct soon follows:

- Israel in the wilderness
- Angels cohabiting with human women
- Sodom and Gomorrah

Apostasy in Old Testament history – Ex. 2

And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.

Jude 1:6

- Fallen angels impregnated human women, who gave birth to giant hybrids (Nephilim).

The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.

Genesis 6:6

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WHAT THE
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FALLEN ANGELS AND NEPHILIM
GENESIS 6:1-13

Genesis 6:1-4

¹And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

²That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

³And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

Genesis 6:4

⁴There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

- Psalm 68:33
- 2 Peter 3:5
- Jude 1:9
- Genesis 2:4-5
- Genesis 6:12-13

בְּנֵי־הָאֱלֹהִים

sons of God = *Bene HaElohim* = angels =
 (directly created beings, e.g., Adam, angels)

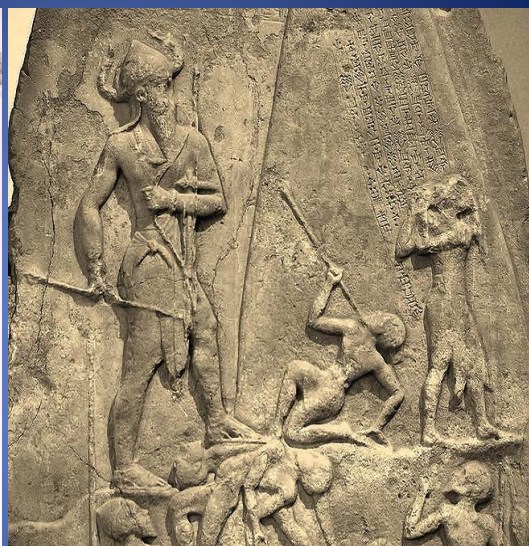
OT (Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7); NT (Lk 20:36); Book of Enoch; Septuagint (LXX).

בְּנוֹת הָאָדָם

daughters of men = *Benoth Adam* =
 “daughters of Adam” (human women)



David and Goliath



Akkadian Bas Relief

Genesis 6:5-8

⁵And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

⁶And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

⁷And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

⁸But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Genesis 6:9

⁹“These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.”

תָּמִים *tamiym*: perfect = without blemish, sound, healthful, without spot, unimpaired.

דֹּר *dowr*: generation = period or age, those living during a period, a race of men.



THE LOST BOOK OF ENOCH

A COMPREHENSIVE transliteration OF THE FORGOTTEN BOOK OF THE BIBLE

THE BOOK OF ENOCH

JOSEPH B. LUMPKIN

WHAT THE BIBLE Is ABOUT

An aside on supernatural dimensions!

- The **Book of Enoch** is an ancient Jewish religious work. Scholars estimate the older sections (mainly in the *Book of the Watchers*) to date from about 300 BC.
- Only the Ethiopian and Eritrean Orthodox churches consider it canonical.
- Believed lost for centuries, explorer James Bruce brought three Ethiopic copies back from Abyssinia. Dead Sea Scroll fragments in Aramaic confirmed the text.
- Evidently widely known during the development of the Hebrew Bible canon, Enoch was excluded from both the formal canon of the Tanakh and the typical canon of the Septuagint (c. 270 BC).

An aside on supernatural dimensions!

- The Book of Enoch was considered as scripture in the Epistle of Barnabas and by early Church Fathers, such as Athenagoras, Clement of Alexandria, Irenaeus and Tertullian, who wrote c. 200 that it was rejected by the Jews because it had prophecies pertaining to Christ.
- Later Fathers denied its canonicity, usually stumbling over the first part, which describes the fall of **the Watchers**, the angels who fathered the Nephilim.
- The Council of Laodicea (AD 363-4) banned the book, with others, to reinforce Sunday as the Sabbath. (SDA)
- The Book of Enoch claims authorship by Enoch, seventh from Adam, great-grandfather of Noah. Scholars consider it part of the *pseudepigrapha* (falsely ascribed).

Supernatural dimensions!

- Once considered to be of Christian origin because of its obvious references to Christ, ten fragments of The Book of Enoch found at Qumran in the Dead Sea Scrolls show it to have existed since at least the 2nd Century BC.
- Modern scholars speculate that it was begun in the 2nd or 3rd century BC as a collection of works that later included writings from the 1st century BC.
- Some believe it contains the actual words of Enoch from *before the Flood* as handed down through the ages. There is no real way to know.
- It is believed that the Apostles and the writers of the New Testament were fully aware of the Book of Enoch, as it is directly quoted in the Bible.

Supernatural dimensions!

1. It happened after the sons of men had multiplied in those days, that daughters were born to them, elegant and beautiful.
2. And when the angels, the sons of heaven, beheld them, they became enamoured of them, saying to each other, Come, let us select for ourselves wives from the progeny of men, and let us beget children....
7. Then they swore all together, and all bound themselves by mutual execrations. Their whole number was two hundred, who descended upon Ardis, which is the top of mount Armon (Mount Hermon).
8. That mountain therefore was called Armon, because they had sworn upon it, and bound themselves by mutual execrations.
9.These were the prefects of the two hundred angels, and the remainder were all with them.
10. Then they took wives, each choosing for himself; whom they began to approach, and with whom they cohabited; teaching them sorcery, incantations, and the dividing of roots and trees.
11. And the women conceiving brought forth giants....





Apostasy in the Old Testament history – Ex. 3

In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire. In the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings.

Jude 1:7-8

- The two cities went against God's laws.
- God hates pride, idolatry and immorality.

A peek behind the veil

But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

Jude 1:9

- Moses died on Mount Nebo, "but to this day no one knows where his grave is." (Deuteronomy 34:6)
- Per the Bible, the spirit world is real. Scripture warns against meddling with it.

Apostasy in the supernatural realm

Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they do not understand; and what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals—these are the very things that destroy them.

Jude 1:10

- Angels can appear in human form (Gen 19:5, 10, 16)
- "... some people have entertained angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:2)
- They are capable of combat. (Gen 19, Ex 12, 2 Ki 19)
- They are forces behind world powers. (Daniel 10)

An Ancient Trio of Apostates

Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion.

Jude 1:11

Character - character is the result of conduct.

- **Cain** (a man of anger)
- **Balaam** (a man of avarice (love of money))
- **Korah** (a man of ambition)

Apostasy in the Natural Realm

These men are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm—shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted—twice dead.

Jude 1:12

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| • Shepherds feeding selves | ➤ selfishness |
| • Hidden rocks | ➤ unseen danger |
| • Clouds without rain | ➤ false promise |
| • Trees without fruit/uprooted | ➤ barren profession |

Apostasy in the Natural Realm

They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever.

Jude 1:13

- Wild waves of the sea ➤ **wasted effort**
- Wandering stars ➤ **aimless course**

Summarising Jude 12-13

Verse	Meaning	Jesus	Believers
Hidden rocks	Unseen danger	Rock of our salvation	Living stones
Waterless clouds	False promise	Comes with clouds	Source of living water
Fruitless trees	Barren profession	Tree of life	Tree of righteousness
Raging waves	Wasted efforts	Leads beside still waters	Peace like a river
Wandering stars	Aimless course	Bright and Morning Star	Shine as stars forever

- Observe the craftsmanship of the Holy Spirit!

Apostasy in OT Prophecy

Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

Jude 1:14-15

Jude quotes 1 Enoch 1:9. Is this the only such?

New Testament words of Jesus

Book of Enoch

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. (Mat 5:5)	The elect shall possess light, joy and peace, and they shall inherit the earth. (Enoch 5:7 {6:9})
the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the son (John 5:22).	the principal part of the judgment was assigned to him, the Son of man. (Enoch 69:27 {68:39})
shall inherit everlasting life (Mat. 19:29)	those who will inherit eternal life (Enoch 40:9 {40:9})
"Woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation. (Luke 6:24)	Woe to you who are rich, for in your riches have you trusted; but from your riches you shall be removed. (Enoch 94:8 {93:7}).
Ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (Mat. 19:28)	I will place each of them on a throne of glory (Enoch 108:12 {105:26})
Woe unto that man through whom the Son of man is betrayed! It had been good for that man if he had not been born. (Mat. 26:24)	Where will the habitation of sinners be . . . who have rejected the Lord of spirits. It would have been better for them, had they never been born. (Enoch 38:2 {38:2})
between us and you there is a great gulf fixed. (Luke 16:26)	by a chasm . . . [are] their souls separated (Enoch 22: 9,11{22:10,12})
In my Father's house are many mansions (John 14:2)	In that day shall the Elect One sit upon a throne of glory, and shall choose their conditions and countless habitations. (Enoch 45:3 {45:3})
that ye may be called the children of light (John 12:36)	the good from the generation of light (Enoch 108:11 {105: 25})
the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. (John 4:14)	all the thirsty drank, and were filled with wisdom, having their habitation with the righteous, the elect, and the holy. (Enoch 48:1 {48:1})

What does Enoch's prophecy tell us?

1. We know that Jesus will return!
2. We know who will be coming with him.
3. We know why He is coming.
4. We know the result of His coming.

Riddle me this

Who am I?

I lived the longest of anyone mentioned in the Bible, yet died before my father.

Who should we be wary of?

These men are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.

Jude 1:16

Conversation –flows out of character.

- Signs of inner decay: whinging, grumbling, scorn, moaning, contempt, flattery, ridicule, etc.
- Rejecting anyone else's authority.
- Fault finders.

Apostasy described

But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold.

They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires."

These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

Jude 1:17-19

The Believer and faith - a call to persevere

But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

Be merciful to those who doubt; snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

Jude 1:20-23

Assurance for the Believer - The Grand Benediction

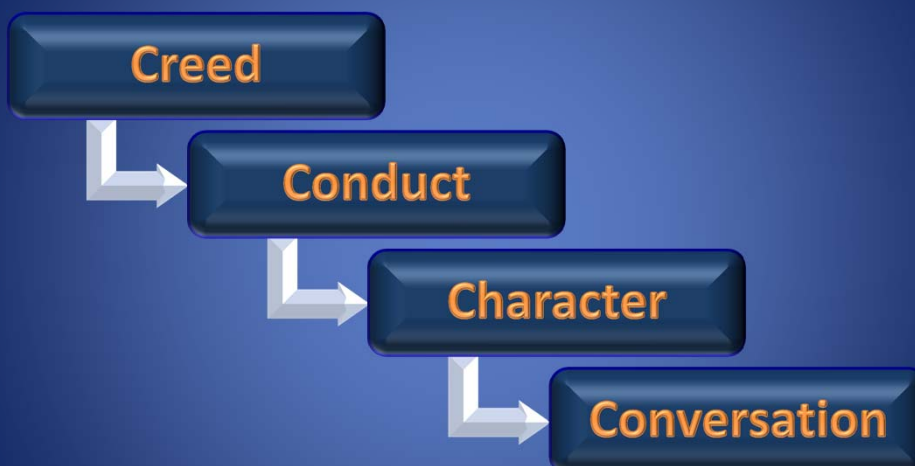
Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Jude 1:24-25 (KJV)

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- Jude begins and ends with assurance to believers.
- There is nothing to suggest that a true child of God can become an apostate.
- Biggest danger to the Body of Believers is from within. Persecution only tends to strengthen it.

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- We must be clear about the truth. The truth about today (and every day) is in His Word.
- Fight for the truth and contend for the faith.
- Weak on our own, we are strong in Him!