

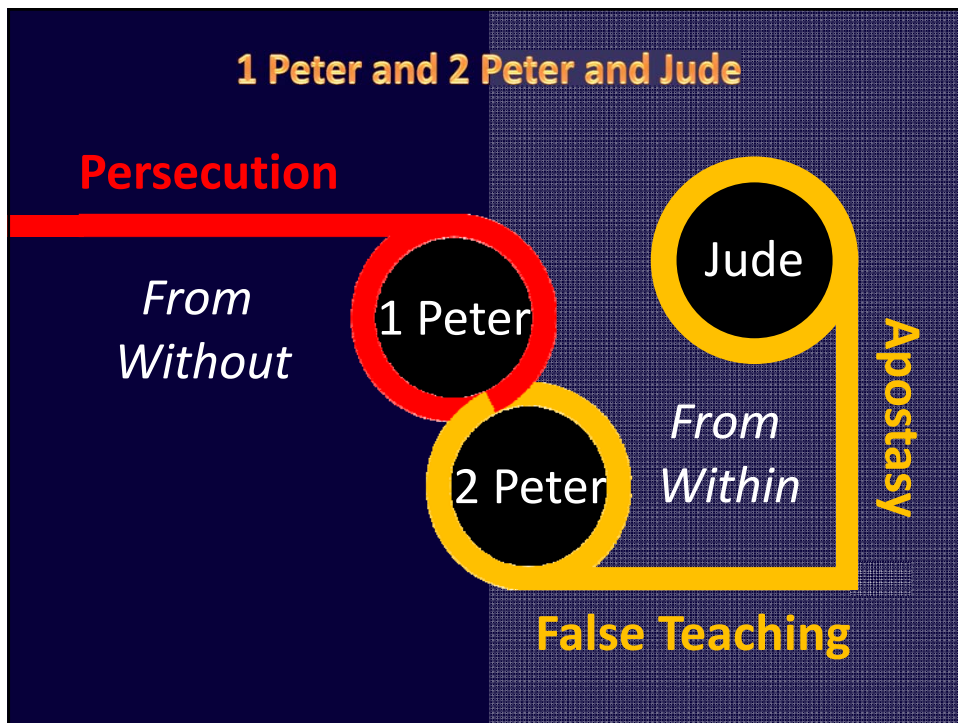
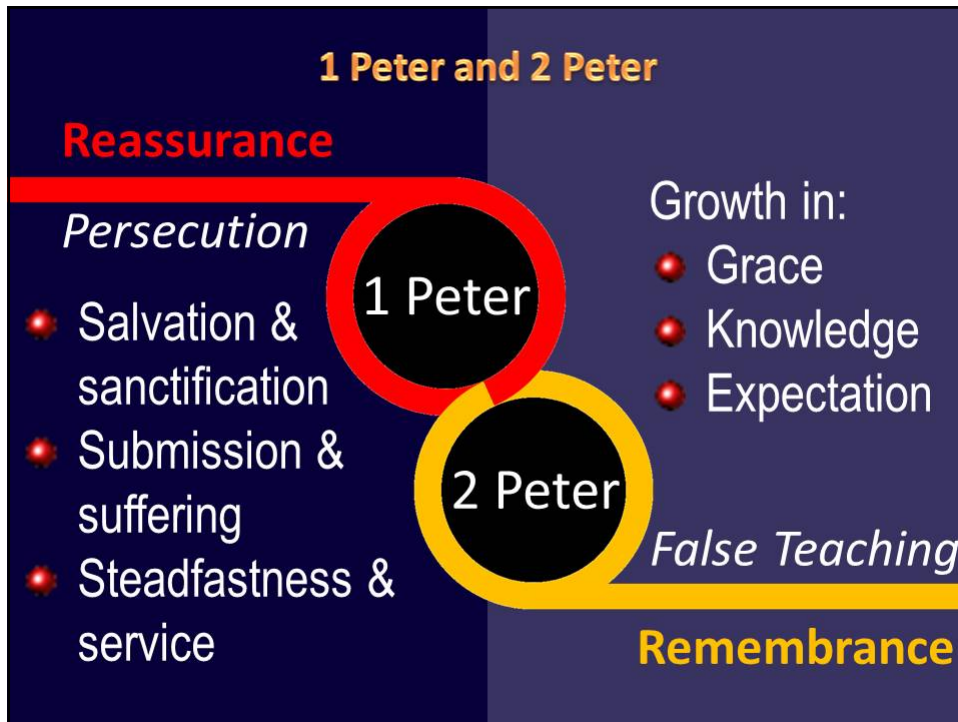
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2 PETER/JUDE

Addressing the controversy

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KEY POINTS

Peter had been a courageous but careless Christian:

- He rushed in when he should wait;
- He slept when he should pray;
- He talked when he should listen.

But through God's grace, Peter learned his lesson, and we can, too.

1 Peter

KEY VERSE

According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

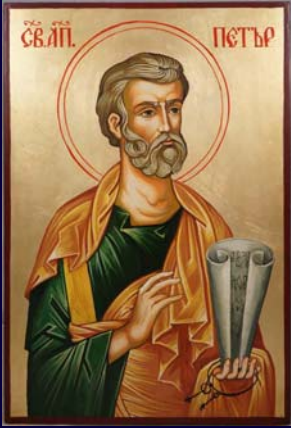
2 Peter 2:3-4

“Three dimensions”

1 & 2 Peter	Jude
<p>● Faith A tested faith</p> <p>● Hope A living hope</p> <p>● Love A joyful love</p>	<p>● Mercy ↑↓ Why not “grace”?</p> <p>● Peace ↔↔ Philippians 4:6 <small>Worry about nothing Pray about everything Thank God in all things</small></p> <p>● Love ↔↔ The mark of a Christian</p>

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ

- Simon (original name) Peter (“stone”, name given by Jesus), Cephas (Aramaic version of Peter).
- c. 1 AD - Born Bethsaida (John 1:44)
- c. 25 AD - Married (Mark 1:30)
- c. 29 AD - Fisherman in Capernaum with his father and brother Andrew.
- “Unlearned” (Acts 4:13), meaning he had no formal religious schooling (other than a 3-year apprenticeship).
- A leading apostle called to minister to the Jews (Galatians 2:1-10). Writing these letters was part of his ministry.
- c. 64 AD - John Mark (“Mark, my son” 1 Peter 5:13) who wrote the Gospel of Mark (*probably* the gospel according to Peter).



Simon Peter

Outline

EXPLANATION: THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST

(2 Peter Chapter 1)

- The gift of knowledge—1:1–4
- The growth in knowledge—1:5–11
- The ground of knowledge—1:12–21

EXAMINATION: THE FALSE TEACHERS

(2 Peter Chapter 2)

- Their condemnation—2:1–9
- Their character—2:10–17
- Their claims—2:18–22

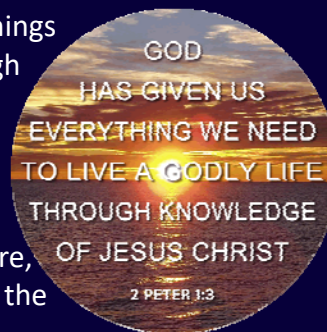
EXHORTATION: THE TRUE BELIEVER

(2 Peter Chapter 3)

- Be mindful—3:1–7
- Be not ignorant—3:8–10
- Be diligent—3:11–14
- Beware—3:15–18

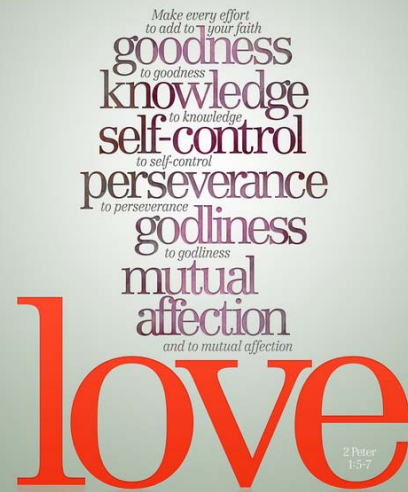
2 Peter 1

- 1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by
the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:
- 2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of
God and of Jesus our Lord,
- 3 as His divine power has given to us all things
that *pertain* to life and godliness, through
the knowledge of Him who called us by
glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been
given to us exceedingly great and
precious promises, that through these
you may be partakers of the divine nature,
having escaped the corruption *that is* in the
world through lust.




Fruitful Growth in Faith

- ⁵ But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,
- ⁶ to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,
- ⁷ to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.



- ⁸ For if these things are yours and abound, *you* will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ⁹ For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.
- ¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; ¹¹ for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

<p>2 Peter 1:5-7</p> <p>FRUIT OF FAITH</p> 	01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Diligence: a stewardship term
	02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Virtue: more than merely chastity; it is really valour.
	03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Knowledge: there can be no growth without spiritual understanding.
	04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Temperance: self-control (see Acts 24:25; Gal 5:23). In contrast with false teachers.
	05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Patience: endure without complaint.
	06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Godliness: God-likeness; true piety.
	07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Charity: love (see Gal 5:6; 1 Cor 13).


Peter's Approaching Death

¹² For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.

¹³ Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent [**physical body**], to stir you up by reminding *you*, ¹⁴ knowing that shortly I *must* put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.

¹⁵ Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.

The Trustworthy Prophetic Word

 ¹⁶ **For we did not follow cunningly devised fables** when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, **but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.**

★ Peter's two great eyewitness experiences

The declaration of the building of the Church (Matthew 16:13-20)

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT

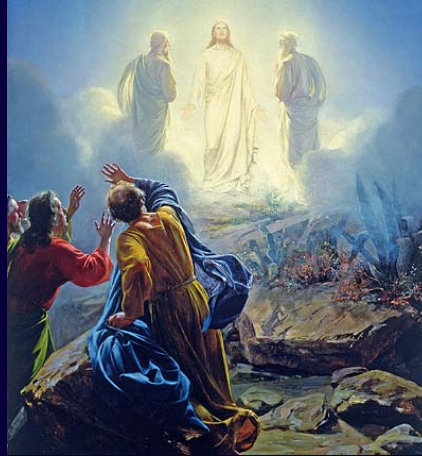
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Peter's Confession

"You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God."

"Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

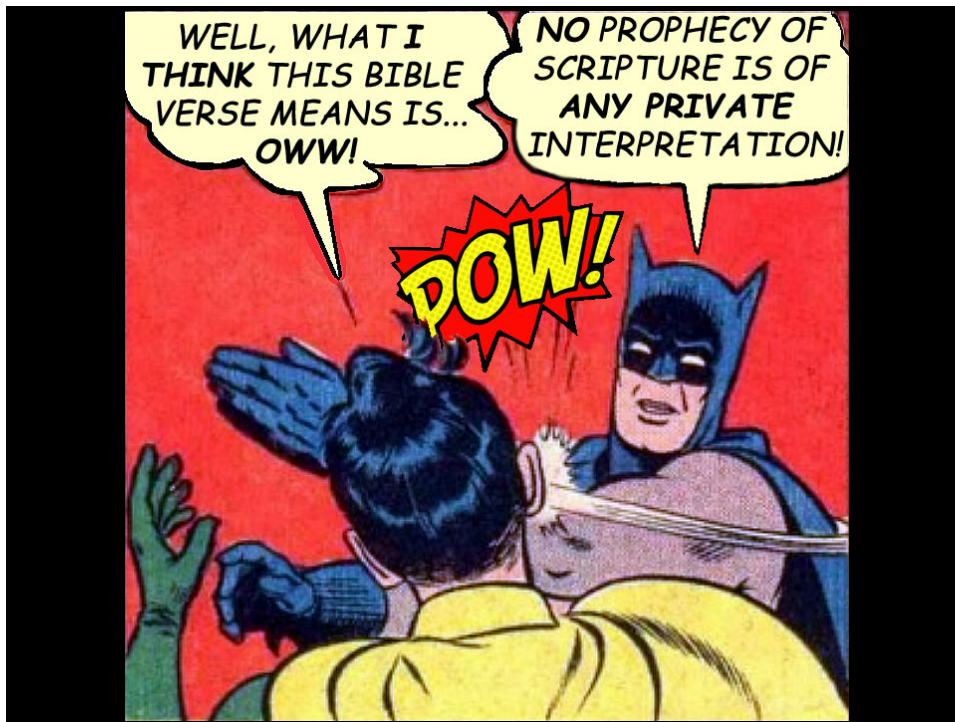
The Transfiguration of Christ (Matthew 17:1-13)



"Transfiguration of Christ" by Carl Heinrich Bloch (1834-1890)

- ¹⁷ For He received from God the Father honour and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ And **we heard this voice** which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.
- ¹⁹ And so **we have the prophetic word confirmed**, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;
- ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

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2 Peter 2

Destructive Doctrines

- 1 But there were also **false prophets** among the people, even as there will be **false teachers** among you, who will secretly bring in **destructive heresies**, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction.
- 2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom **the way of truth will be blasphemed**.
- 3 By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

**BEWARE
OF FALSE
PROPHETS
FALSE
TEACHERS
DESTRUCTIVE
HERESIES**

Doom of False Teachers

⁴ For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; ⁵ and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

Luke 16:19-31

Genesis 6:1-7

Genesis 6:8-8:16

⁶ and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; ⁷ and delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked ⁸ (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds)—

⁹ *then* the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, ¹⁰ and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority.



They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of **dignitaries**,

KJV 10401	dignity (2x as dignities)	δόξα dóxa	Heavenly honour and glory: the glorious and splendid condition of God, Christ or heavenly entities including angels (spiritual)
	dignitary (84x)	7 Gk*, 27 Heb words	Ruler (20x), prince (9x), captain (6x), leader (4x), governor (3x), nobles (1x), excellent things (1x) + 40 others (human)

¹¹ whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.

NOTE: * The seven Greek terms for leader/ruler/etc. do NOT include δόξα dóxa.

Depravity of False Teachers

¹² But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption, ¹³ and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime.

They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you,

¹⁴ *having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls.*

They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children.



¹⁵ They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; ¹⁶ but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet.

Numbers 22-24

Num. 22:22-33



¹⁷ These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

Deceptions of False Teachers

- ¹⁸ For when they speak great swelling *words* of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.
- ¹⁹ While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.
- ²⁰ For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.
- ²¹ For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.

- ²² But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."



2 Peter 3

God's Promise Is Not Slack

- ¹ Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in *both of* which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), ² that you may be mindful of the words **which were spoken before** by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior,
- ³ knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation."
- ⁵ For this they wilfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶ by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water.

- ⁷ But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

- ⁸ But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

- ⁹ **The Lord is not slack** concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, **but is longsuffering** toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

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2 Peter 3:8

**He has not
given up...**

... *despite* the choices I've made.

The Day of the Lord

- ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.
- ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,
- ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?
- ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Be Steadfast

- ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;
- ¹⁵ and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* **salvation— as also our beloved brother Paul**, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, ¹⁶ as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures.
- ¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;

¹⁸ but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.



Big ideas in the book of 2 Peter

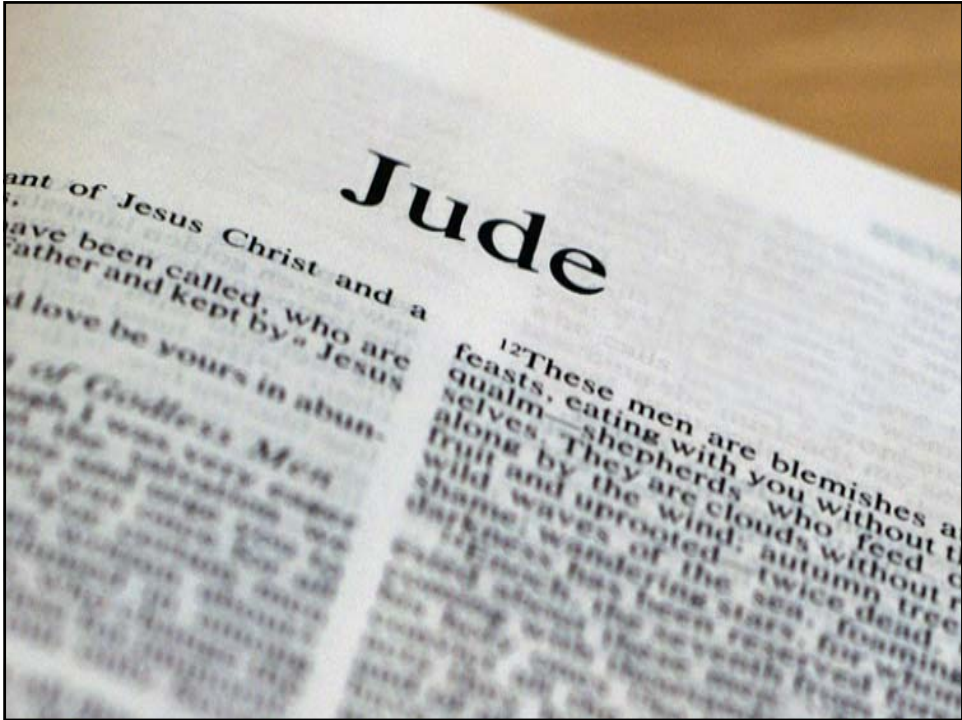
God's power has given believers everything they need to live godly lives.

False teachers threaten the faithfulness of believers.

Jesus will return! Believers can prepare for that day by living faithful lives.

If someone who made as many headstrong mistakes as Peter can be saved, anyone can!

Suffering isn't enjoyable, but it can be a blessing.



KEY THEME

**Overcome
the
apostates!**

Jude

KEY POINTS

Apostates are here now.

Believers must contend
for the faith as
delivered by Jesus.

Jude

Why study Jude?

- The book of Jude 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.

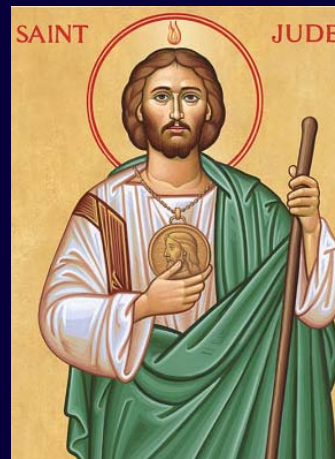
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Jude 3-4

Jude, the brother of James

- Jude (Judas) was James' youngest brother. This made him the legal brother (and half-brother) of Jesus.
- The Lord's oldest brother, James, became leader of the Church in Jerusalem and the author of the Epistle of James.
- Neither James nor Jude were early believers. (John 7:5).
- After the resurrection, James was converted (1 Cor. 15:7), and it's likely that Jude was also saved at that time.
- Per Acts 1:14, "his brethren" were part of the group awaiting the Holy Spirit; 1 Corinthians 9:5 states "the brethren of the Lord" were known in the early church.



Jude

The children of Joseph and Mary



(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?"

Outline

GREETING

(Jude 1:1-3)

- Assurance for the Christian—1:1–2
- The Believer and the Faith—1:3

BODY

(Jude 1:4-19)

- A call to arms!—1:4-7
- Meet the Apostates—1:5-16
- You don't have to stumble—1:17–19

BENEDICTION

(Jude 20-25)

- The Believer and the Faith - 1:20-23
- Assurance for the Christian –1:24-25

The Structure of Jude

Greeting

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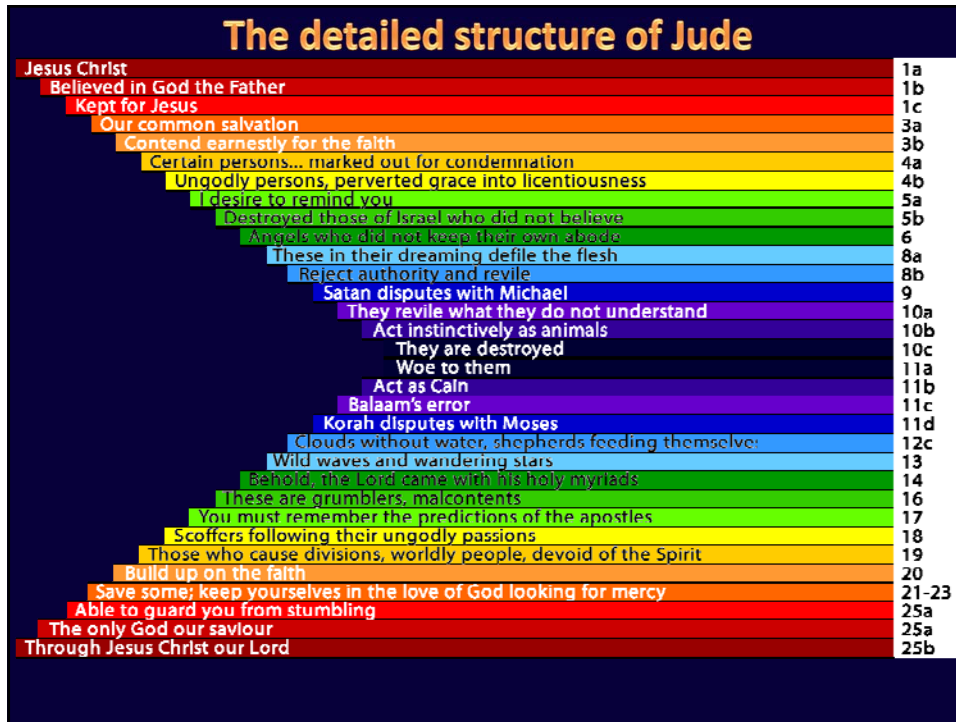
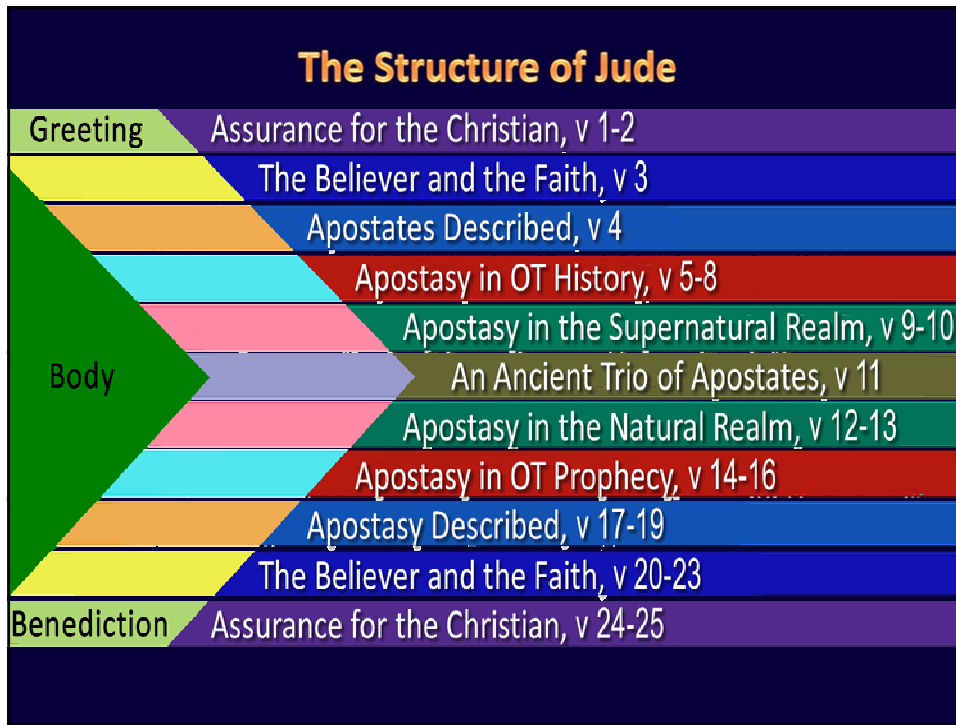
Benediction

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

Structure

The epistle of Jude also follows the Menorah pattern of Hebrew poetry.

- POINT A
- POINT B
- POINT C
- POINT D
- MAIN POINT
- POINT D RESTATED
- POINT C RESTATED
- POINT B RESTATED
- POINT A RESTATED



Where we're headed

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**The first half of Jude is about
 a dangerous corruption
 in the churches**

Where we're headed

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**The last half of Jude is about
how to deal with that situation
in a sensitive way**

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The Believer and the Faith, v 20-23

Assurance for the Christian, v 24-25

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.
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Through Jesus, we are free to not sin!

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How to contend for the faith?

- **The only protection is the Word of God.** (Eph. 6)
- **What can I do?**
 1. Strengthen the hands of faithful people (Rev. 3:2);
 2. Unflinching witness; diligent preparation (Jude 20);
 3. Withhold support from those who compromise or deny the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27);
 4. Reject preachers of “another Gospel” (Gal. 1:9);
 5. Work with a sword at your side (Nehemiah 4:17);
 6. Pray in all things (Philippians 4:6);
 7. In everything, give thanks to God (1 Thess. 5:18).

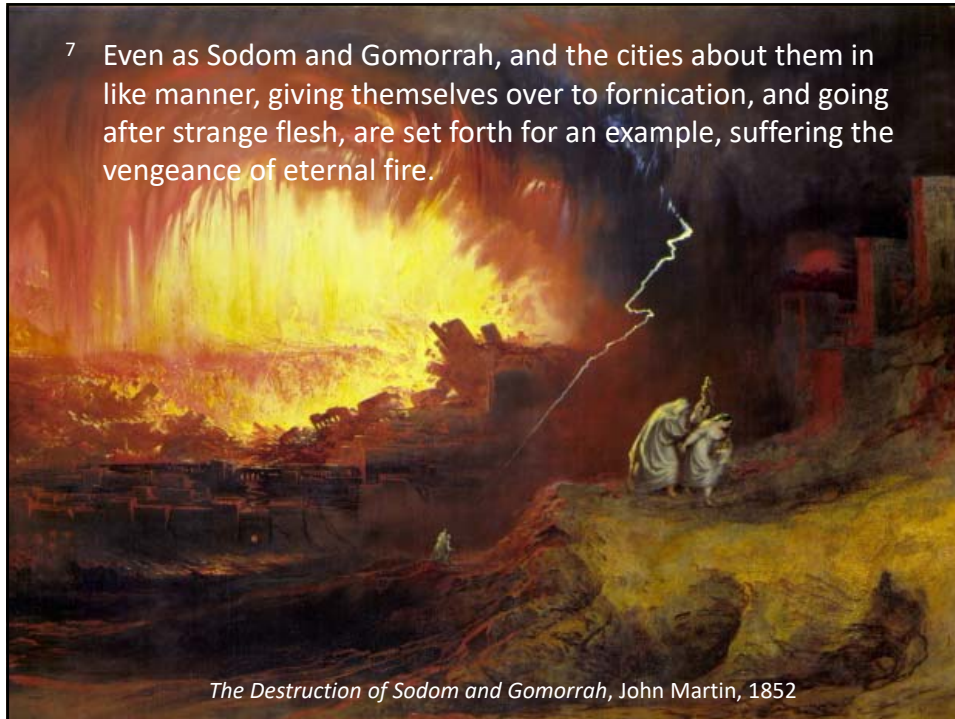
- ⁵ I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

The Israelites wandered for 40 years in the Wilderness until none aged over 20 when leaving Egypt lived to enter the Promised Land other than Joshua and Caleb. Num 13:26-38.

- 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.

Reference to the Fallen Angels of Genesis 6:1-9, etc.

- 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.



The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, John Martin, 1852

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


Remember, dignities are **spirits**, while dignitaries are **human**.

- 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.

Jude is making a **new revelation**, just as Peter did in 2 Peter 2:5 when declaring Noah a preacher of righteous. Others include Paul (2 Tim 3:8 and Acts 20:35) and James (5:17).

- 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.

	<p>Cain <i>anger</i> (Genesis 4:1-16)</p>	<p>Jealous that YHWH favoured Abel's blood sacrifice over his produce offering, Cain slew his younger brother in a rage.</p>
	<p>Balaam <i>avarice</i> (Numbers 22:22-34)</p>	<p>Balaam of Mesopotamia tried to sell his God-given prophetic gift to Israel's enemy king Balak of Moab for financial gain. Even Balaam's mule knew better.</p>
	<p>Core Korah <i>ambition</i> (Numbers 16)</p>	<p>Levite priest Korah, jealous of Aaron, with Dathan and Abiram, brothers jealous of Moses, led 250 princes in rebellion. YHWH buried the leadership issue.</p>

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Verse	Meaning	Jesus	Believers
Hidden rocks (spots)	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

“Twice dead”

Definitional

1. Dead to the fruit of profession = first death (1 Timothy 5:6).
2. Dead to the root of possession = second death (Rev 20:14).

Analogous

- When the harvest is ripe, believers will be gathered (Matt 13:30) whilst others are rooted up (Matthew 15:13)
- “But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.” (Proverbs 2:22).

Eschatological

“He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.” (Rev. 2:11)

“¹⁴Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:14-15)

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.

Another **new revelation**, and the OLDEST prophecy in the Bible. Remember, Enoch lived before the flood of Noah.

How to recognise an Apostate:

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How to recognise an Apostate:

1. Murmurer/grumbler

- “Jews murmured at Him...Bread of Life” (John 6:41).
- “Disciples murmured...walked no more...” (John 6:61,66; Eph 2:2,3).

2. Complainer/faultfinder

- A third of the angels followed Lucifer (Genesis 6; Isa 14:2; Rev. 12:4,9)
- “Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.” (proverbs 27:20)
- Pharisees “found fault.” (Mark 7:2)

3. One who walks after his or her own lusts

- Sodom and Gomorrah
- “...scoffers, walking after their own lusts...” (2 Pet 3:3-5).
- “Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies. “ (Romans 1:20-32)

4. Speaking great swelling words (boaster)

5. Flattering people to gain advantage

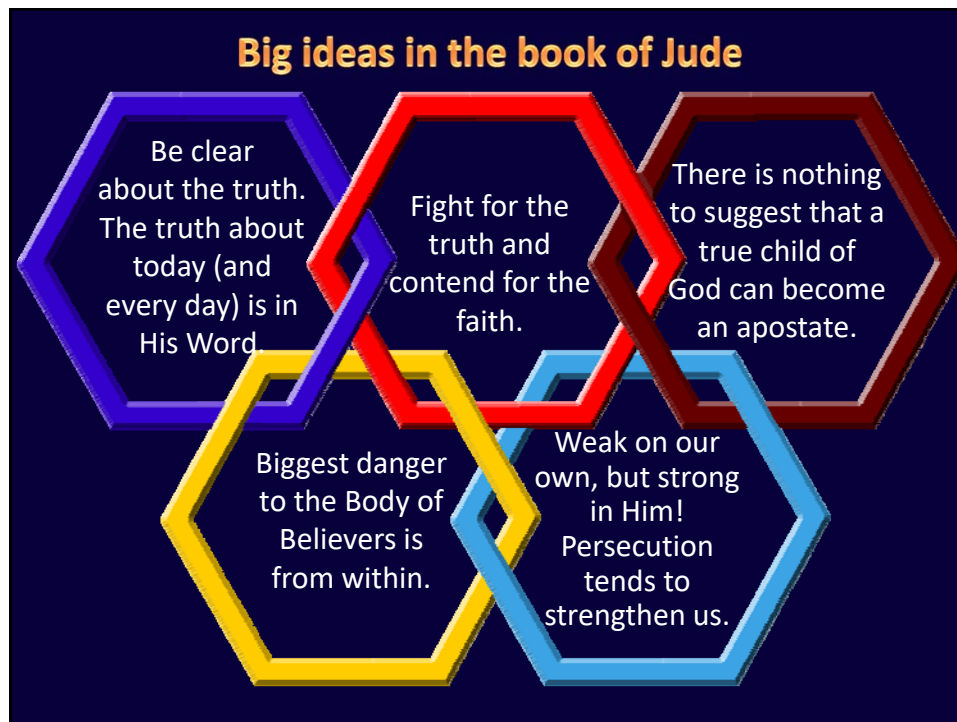
But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: ¹⁸ how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.

- ¹⁹ These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.
- ²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.
- ²² And on some have compassion, making a distinction; ²³ but others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

²⁴ 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,

²⁵ To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

AMEN.



Parallels between 2 Peter and Jude

Some scholars have made much of parallels between 2 Peter and Jude:

- There are some parallel (but not identical) passages.
- Parallel passages pretty much follow the same order.
- About half the verses in each are unique.

Possibly both Jude and Peter refer to a tradition or document circulating in the early church, perhaps a standard renunciation of false teachers.

Some scholars hypothesize (*without proof*) a "literary dependence" of 2 Peter on Jude, which was written first.

Let's examine the parallels.

Appendix

Fallen angels and Nephilim – Genesis 6:1-9

The Book of Enoch

Comparison of 2 Peter Chapter 2,
The Epistle of Jude and 1 Enoch (miscellaneous verses)

The declaration of the building of the Church

The Transfiguration of Christ

WHAT THE
BIBLE
Is ABOUT

**FALLEN ANGELS
AND NEPHILIM
GENESIS 6:1-13**

Genesis 6:1-9

- ¹ And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,
- ² That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.
- ³ And 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.

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).

בָּנוֹת הָאָדָם

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

Giants on the earth in those days

4 There 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.

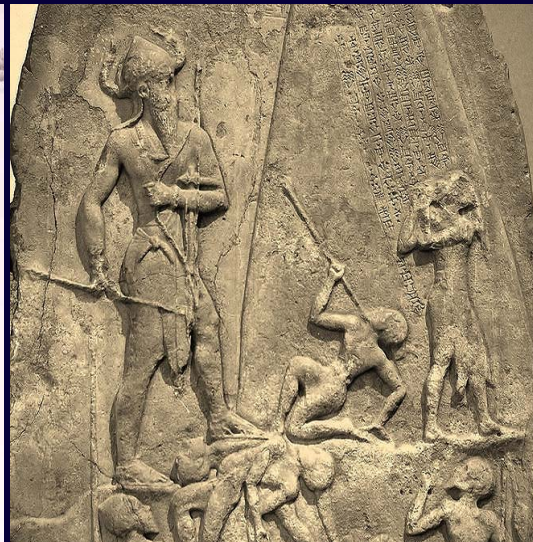
Cross-references:

- Numbers 13:33
- Deuteronomy 2:11
- Deuteronomy 2:20
- Deuteronomy 3:11
- Deuteronomy 3:13
- Joshua 12:4
- Joshua 13:12
- Joshua 15:8
- Joshua 17:15
- Joshua 18:16

There are 29 references to giants *or the like* in 27 verses



David and Goliath



Akkadian Bas Relief

Genesis 6:5-8

- ⁵ And 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.
- ⁶ And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.
- ⁷ And 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.

Genesis 6:9

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

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WHAT THE BIBLE IS ABOUT

The book of Enoch

An aside on supernatural dimensions!

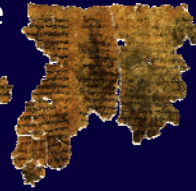
- The Book of Enoch is an ancient Jewish religious work.
- Scholars estimate that the older sections (mainly in the *Book of the Watchers*) date from about 300 BC.
- The Ethiopian and Eritrean Orthodox churches consider it canonical.
- Believed lost for centuries, explorer James Bruce brought three Ethiopic copies back from Abyssinia.
- Dead Sea Scroll fragments in Aramaic confirm 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).

Questions about canonicity

- The *Epistle of Barnabas* considered *Enoch* scripture.
- Early Church Fathers such as Athenagoras, Clement of Alexandria, Irenaeus did also. Tertullian 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.
- The *Book of Enoch* claims authorship by Enoch, seventh from Adam, great-grandfather of Noah.
- Scholars consider it *pseudepigrapha* (falsely ascribed).

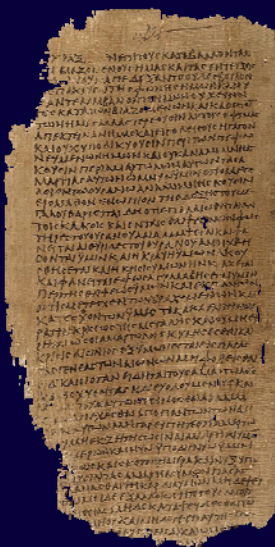
Supernatural dimensions!

- Once considered of Christian origin because of its 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....**



The book of Jude annotated with 2 Peter 2

- 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.

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[1] But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them -- bringing swift destruction on themselves.

2P

[2] Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. [3] In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

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.

2P

[4] For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment; (2 Peter 2:4)

[5] if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others;

- 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.

2P

[6] if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;

[7] and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men [8] (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard) -- [9] if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment.

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

2P [10] This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the sinful nature and despise authority.

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,

2P [11] yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord. [12] But these men blaspheme in matters they do not understand.

¹² These men are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm--shepherds who feed only themselves.

2P They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you.

They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted -- twice dead.

¹³ They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever.

2P [17] These men are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them.

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[18] For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error.

- 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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[3:3] First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires....

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The declaration of the building of the Church

(Matthew 16:13-20)

- ¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"
- ¹⁴ So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
- ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
- ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
- ¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter [*Petros = loose stone*], and on this rock [*petra = bedrock*] I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
- ²⁰ Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT

I AM

The Disciples view while Jesus spoke – then



The Gates of Hell The Temple of Pan Niches for idols

The Disciples view while Jesus spoke - now



The Gates of Hell The Temple of Pan Niches for idols

The Transfiguration of Christ

(Matthew 17:1-13)

- ¹ Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; ² and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. ³ And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. ⁴ Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
- ⁵ While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" ⁶ And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." ⁸ When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.
- ⁹ Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."
- ¹⁰ And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"
- ¹¹ Jesus answered and said to them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. ¹² But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands." ¹³ Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.

