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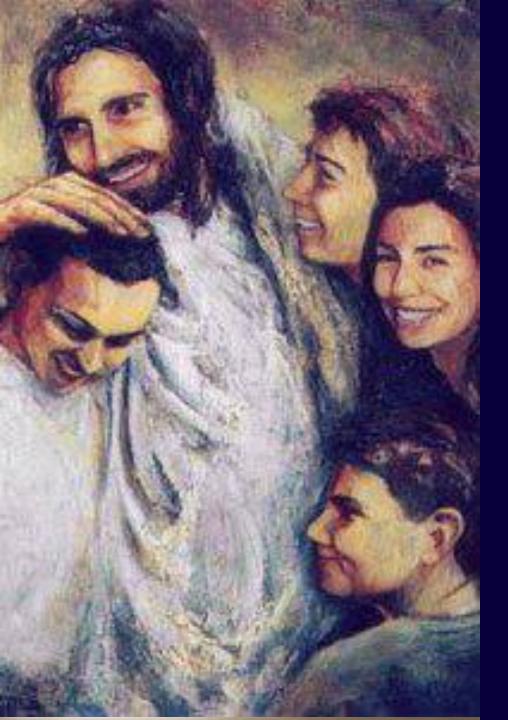
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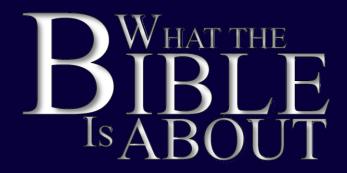
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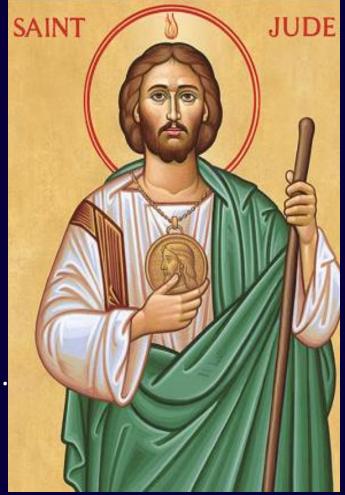




### Brothers and Sisters of Jesus (Genesis 6:1-13)

#### Jude, the brother of James

- Per the New Testament, Jude (Judas) was James' youngest brother. This made him the *legal* brother of Jesus.
- 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 also converted at that time.
- The oldest of Jesus' brothers, James, became leader of the Church in Jerusalem and wrote the Epistle of James.
- 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

#### **Three Historical Views**

It was not until the fourth century that theologians argued seriously whether or not Mary gave birth to the siblings of Jesus. Three views competed.

- The Helvidian View (Helvidius) was that Mary had other children, namely Jesus' brothers and sisters mentioned in scripture (traditional view enunciated AD 370s).
- The Epiphanian View (Epiphanius) was that "brothers" and "sisters" are children of Joseph from a previous marriage (developed AD 377).
- The Hieronymian View (St. Jerome) held that the brothers and sisters of Jesus are actually His cousins, children of a sister of Mary (developed AD 382).

#### **The Helvidian View**



(Psa 69:7-8; Mat 12:46-50; 13:55-56; Mk 6:3; Lk 8:19-21; Jhn 7:1-10; Acts 1:14; 1 Cor 9-5; 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?" Matthew 13:55

#### **Perpetual Virginity of Mary of Nazareth**









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Virginity during birth Virginitas Post Partum

Virginity after birth

#### **The Epiphanian View**

- A widely held view from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> centuries was that Jesus' siblings were his step brothers and sisters by Joseph from a previous marriage.
- This led to a view that Joseph was old (90 years) at the time of the marriage, consistent with Old Testament ages of the Patriarchs. Another held that he was Mary's guardian, not husband.
- Some scholars note that several second century apocryphal writings (the Protoevangellium of James, the Infancy Gospel of Thomas, and the Gospel of Peter) are written as if Joseph was previously married.

Georges de La Tour, 1642 St Joseph the Carpenter

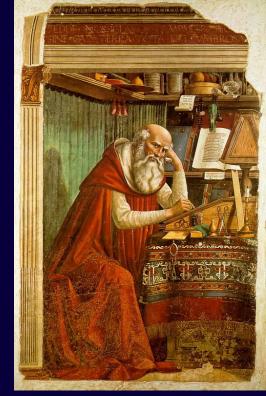


Joseph of Nazareth

- This view was held by Origen (184-253), Augustine (354-430), etc., and codified at the Council of the Lateran (AD 649).
- But the Bible doesn't even hint that Joseph was old, previously married, or already a father. If there were older children, where were they during the trips to Bethlehem, Egypt, and Nazareth?

#### **The Hieronymian View**

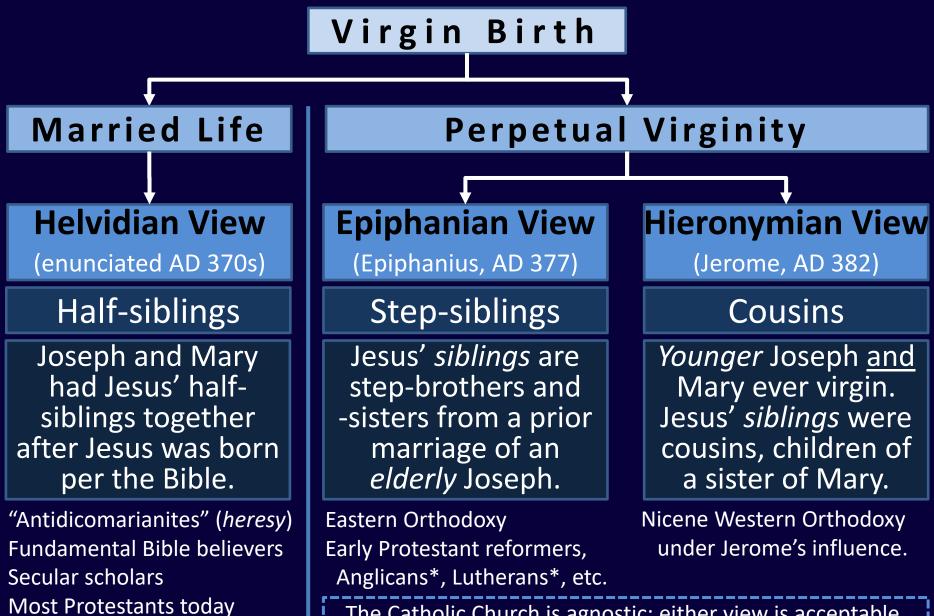
- Upset by Helvidius' view, Jerome proposed that the "brothers" and "sisters" were actually cousins, and through his influence this became the traditional Western Church view.
- Jerome accused Helvidius, "You have set on fire the temple of the Lord's body, you have defiled the sanctuary of the Holy Ghost."
- Scholars complained, because while there was no specific Greek word for step-brothers or halfbrothers, there was one for cousins (*anepsios*), which Paul did use elsewhere (e.g., Col. 4:10).



Jerome of Stridon "Hieronymus" Latin (AD 347-420)

- Jerome noted that the Jewish concept of "brethren" (as opposed to "brother") was broad enough to include relatives and kindred souls.
- As a corollary of this position, Jerome even declared Joseph to be a perpetual virgin so that Jesus could be born from a virgin wedlock.

#### **Three Historical Views of Jesus' Family**



The Catholic Church is agnostic; either view is acceptable.

#### **Interesting facts**

The Roman Catholic Church promotes four Marian dogmas:

- Mary's divine motherhood (*Theokotos*, "Mother of God")-AD 451
- Perpetual Virginity Lateran Council of AD 649
- Mary's Immaculate Conception AD 1854
- Mary's Bodily Assumption into heaven AD 1950
- Rome allows either the Epiphanian (step-brothers) or Hieronymian (cousins) view; as both are compatible with perpetual virginity.
- Eastern Orthodoxy holds the Epiphanian view (step-brothers).
- While most Protestants today might scoff at perpetual virginity, Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, Cranmer, and even John Wesley (1703-1791) favoured this Catholic dogma.
  - Perpetual virginity is a widely held view among Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists and Reformed churches, which tend to neither confirm nor deny the belief (Westminster Confession).



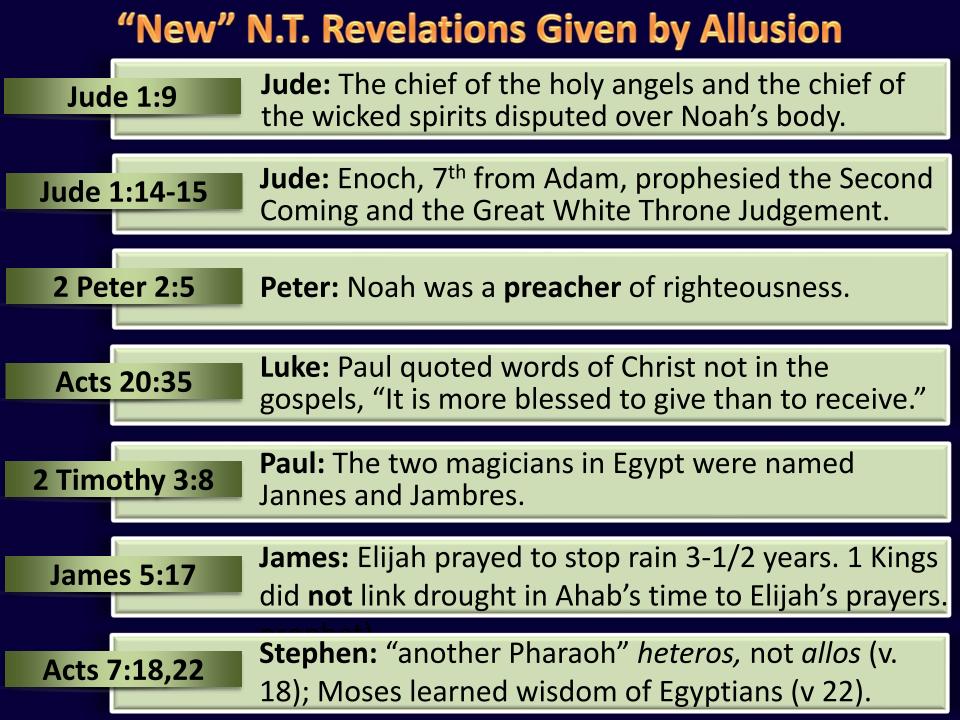


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- <sup>8</sup> Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of [dignitaries <u>OR</u> dignities]\*.
- <sup>9</sup> Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"



Jude here makes a new revelation, something not elsewhere mentioned in Scripture that sheds light on one or more other Bible passages.

\*Dignities are spirits (celestial beings (NIV)), while dignitaries are human.

#### **REVELATION** — Why is Jude 1:9 important?

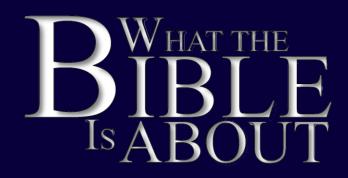
"<sup>5</sup> So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day." (Deuteronomy 34:5-6)

- 1. Who was the "he" who buried Moses?
- 2. Why did YHWH arrange for Moses' secret burial?
  - Was the reason secular? (To avoid fetishes for false worship; etc.)
  - Was it spiritual/supernatural? Does Moses have a future role?
    - Two unfinished ministries (Elijah and Moses);
    - Two witnesses at the Temple during the first 3½ years in Rev. 11.
    - Two "witnesses" at the Transfiguration (Elijah and Moses).
- 2. Why was Satan interested in Moses' body?
- 3. Why was Michael sent to claim the body?
  - Satan seeks to defeat God's program; Michael is God's chosen instrument for overcoming Satan's purpose.

#### **REVELATION**—Why is Jude 1:14-15 important?

"<sup>14</sup> Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, 'Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, <sup>15</sup> to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.' " (Jude 1:14-15)

- Without Jude, we would know little about pre-Flood prophecy. Now we have Enoch's 2<sup>nd</sup> prophecy (his first was naming his son).
- What do we learn from the mention of Enoch and his prophecy?
  - 1. Enoch didn't die; he was translated before the Flood (Gen. 5).
  - 2. We know the Lord's Second Coming is sure.
  - 3. We know who will come with him (*myriads of His saints*).
  - 4. We know the purpose of the Second Coming (*judgement*).
  - 5. We know the outcome of His Second Coming (*convict ungodly*).



Fallen Angels and Giants (Nephilim) (Genesis 6:1-9)

Victory Stele of Naram-Sin (2254-2218 BC) The Louvre, Paris



#### The Days of Noah (Genesis 6:1-9)

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



**A Fallen Angel** by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, Italy, circa 1752



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(directly created beings, e.g., Adam, angels)
OT (Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7); NT (Lk 20:36); Book of Enoch; LXX



daughters of men = *Benoth Adam =* "daughters of Adam" (human women)

"The Sons of God Saw the Daughters of Men That They Were Fair" a 1923 marble sculpture by Daniel Chester French No matter your interpretation, the lesson is that the angels rebelled and were punished.

#### Conflicting views on "Sons of God"

**Created Beings** (Angels) The phrase elsewhere means "angels". It refers to created beings (not human) Matthew 22:30 says angels don't marry (but these are fallen angels). This is way out there, dude!

"Sons of God" ???

Human Rulers People who were powerful rulers may act this way (broadly fits context).But how could their children become Nephilim, giants or men of renown?

"And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh. Then *men* began to call\* (קָרָא qara') on the name of the LORD." Godly Offspring of **Seth's** Lineage Seth was godly (Gen 4.26), Cain was not, so intermarriage was taboo.
"Call" is one\* meaning of *qara';* classic Jewish rendering is "to profane."
Idolatry began in the time of Enosh.
Separation by race is racist.

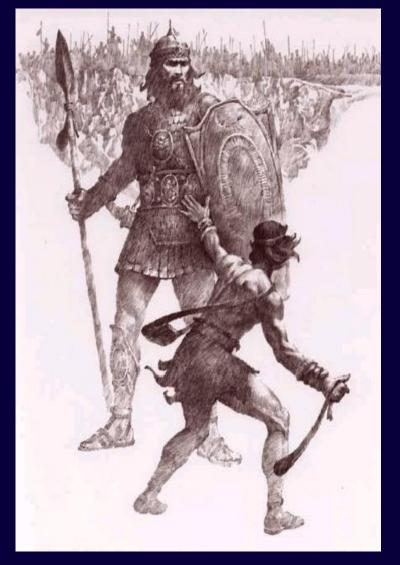
#### Giants on the earth in those days

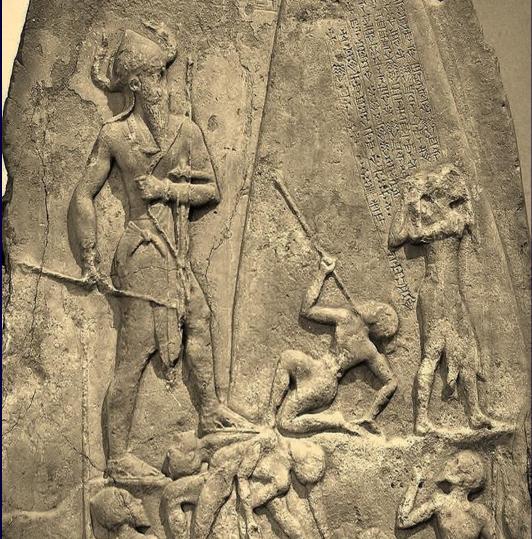
- <sup>3</sup> And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.
- <sup>4</sup> There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they 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

#### **Ancient Giants in Native Legends**





- <sup>5</sup> And God saw that the <u>wickedness</u> of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- <sup>6</sup> And it <u>repented</u> the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.
- <sup>7</sup> 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 <u>repenteth</u> me that I have made them.
- <sup>8</sup> But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Building of Noah's Ark (painting by a French master, 1675)

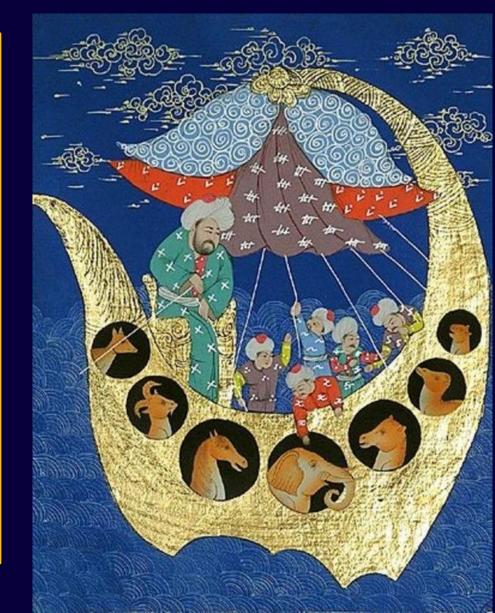


<sup>9</sup> These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and <u>perfect in his generations</u>, and Noah walked with God."

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

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



#### A possible modern explanation

Was Noah's DNA *untainted* by the DNA of fallen angels.

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## The Book of Enoch

#### **The Book of Enoch**

- 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 before 300 BC.
- The Ethiopian and Eritrean Orthodox churches consider the book of Enoch part of the canon.
- Believed lost for centuries, in 1773 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 not included in either the formal canon of the Tanakh (c. 140–40 BC) or the typical canon of the Septuagint (c. 270 BC).

#### **Questions about canonicity**

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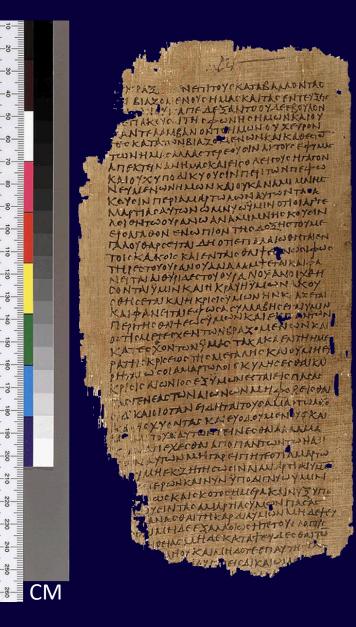
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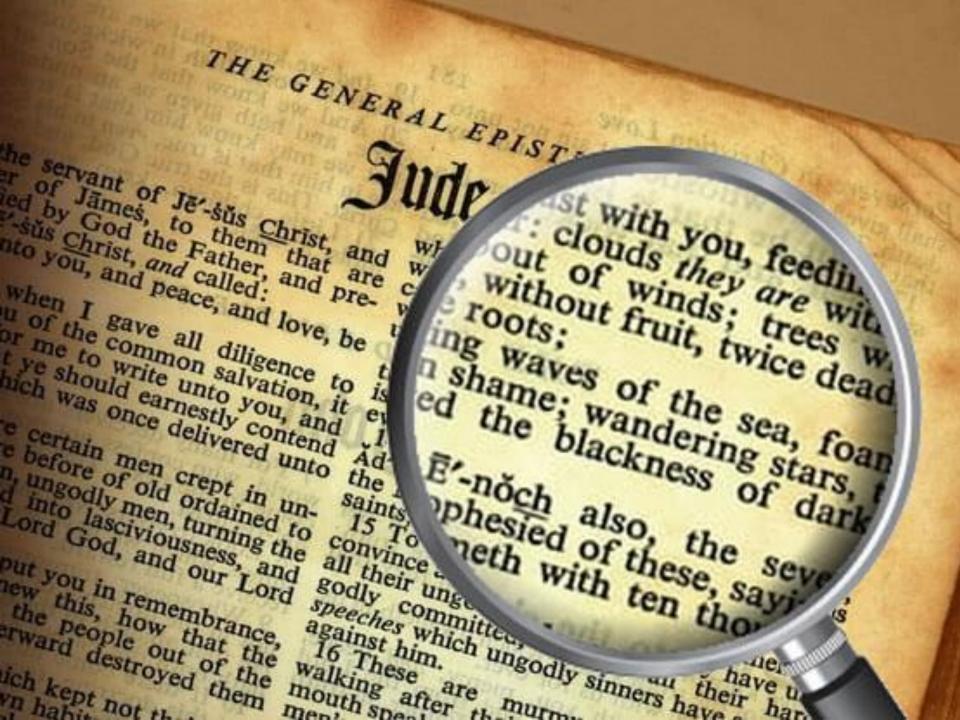
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- 1. It happened after the sons of men had multiplied in those days, that daughters were born to them, elegant and beautiful.
- 2. And when the angels, the sons of heaven, beheld them, they became enamoured of them, saying to each other, Come, let 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....**



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KEY THEME

## **Apostates are here now.** Believers must contend for the faith as delivered by Jesus.

Jude

#### KEY VERSE

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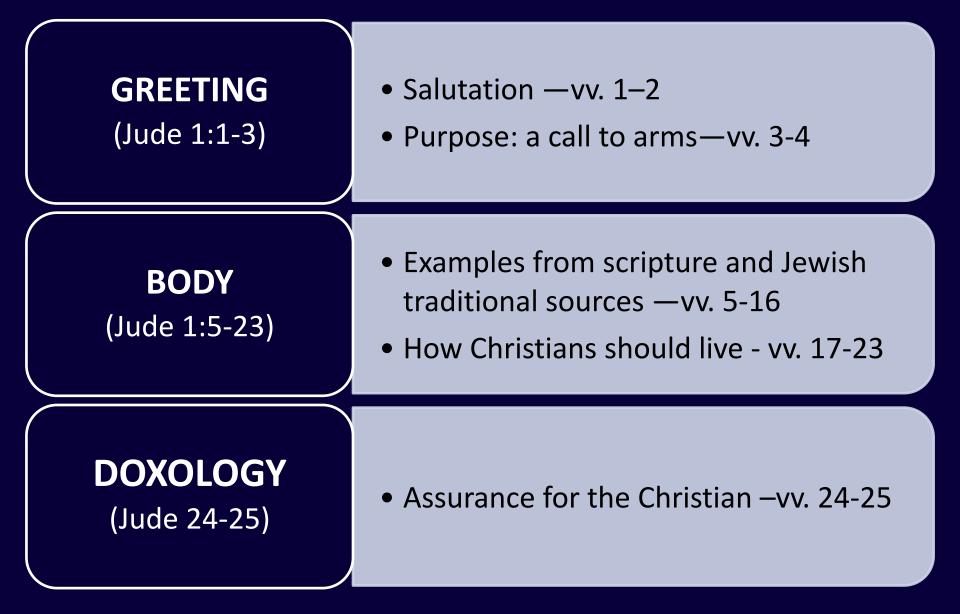
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Jude is the only book devoted to the great apostasy, helping to answer Luke 18:8 –

## "Shall the Son of Man find faith on the Earth?"

- Apostosia, "falling away," (2 Thess 2:3), means departure from the faith (1 Tim 4:1), unwillingness to endure sound doctrine (2 Tim 4:3), and damnable heresies (2 Peter 2:1)
- Jude relates to the book of Revelation.
- It is filled with fascinating Old Testament references, allusions, and knowledge.

#### Outline



## **Detailed Outline**

## **Dangerous Corruption**

(verses 1-16)

- Creed
  - Sentimental God
  - Syncretized Jews
- Conduct
  - Israel in the Wilderness
  - Angels at Mount Hermon
  - Sodom and Gomorrah
- Character
  - Cain anger
  - Balaam avarice
  - Korah ambition
- Conversation (behaviour)
  - Grumblers and fault finders
  - Boasters and flatterers

## **Delicate Correction**

(verses 17-25)

- Should have expected this
  - Old Testament prophets
  - New Testament apostles
- Will have to deal with this
  - Yourselves
    - Build up in faith
    - Wait for mercy in hope
  - Others
    - Mental doubt
    - Mortal danger
    - Moral defilement
- His ability keep and protect
- His authority the only God

## **The Structure of Jude**



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

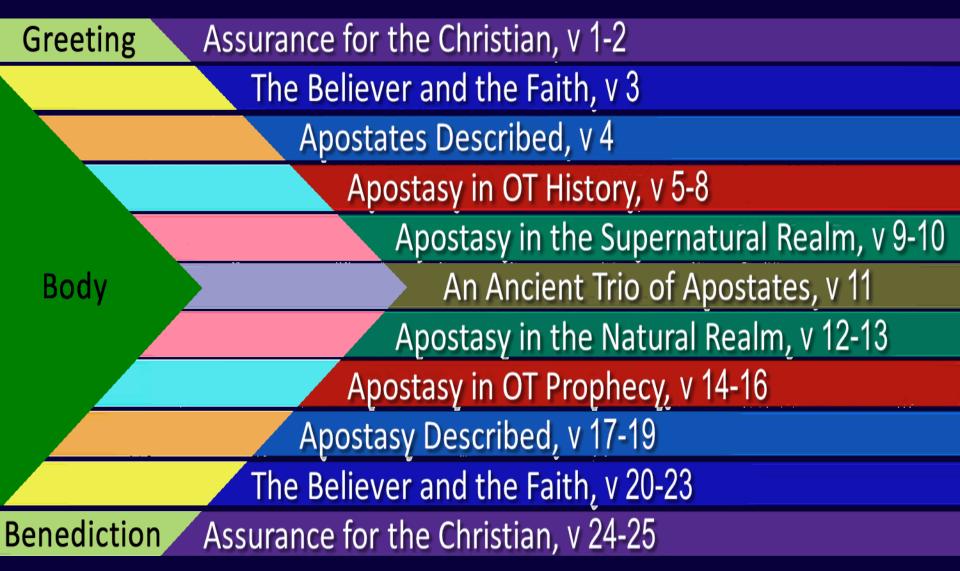
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The epistle of Jude also follows the Menorah pattern of Hebrew poetry.

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## The Structure of Jude



## The detailed structure of Jude

Jesus Christ	1a
Believed in God the Father	1b
Kept for Jesus	1c
Our common salvation	Ja Ja
Contend earnestly for the faith	3b
Certain persons marked out for condemnation	4a
Ungodly persons, perverted grace into licentiousness	4b
I desire to remind you	5a
Destroyed those of Israel who did not believe	5b
Angels who did not keep their own abode	6
These in their dreaming defile the flesh	8a
Reject authority and revile	8b
Satan disputes with Michael	9
They revile what they do not understand	10a
Act instinctively as animals	10b
They are destroyed	10c
Woe to them	11a
Act as Cain	11b
Balaam's error	11c
Korah disputes with Moses	11d
Clouds without water, shepherds feeding themselve:	12c
Wild waves and wandering stars	13
Behold, the Lord came with his holy myriads	14
These are grumblers, malcontents	16
You must remember the predictions of the apostles	17
Scoffers following their ungodly passions	18
Those who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit	19
Build up on the faith	20
Save some; keep yourselves in the love of God looking for mercy	21-23
Able to guard you from stumbling	25a
The only God our saviour	25a
Through Jesus Christ our Lord	25b

## Where we're headed

Assurance for the Christian, v 1-2 The Believer and the Faith, v 3 Apostates Described, v 4 Apostasy in OT History, v 5-8 Apostasy in the Supernatural Realm, v 9-10 An Ancient Trio of Apostates, v 11 Apostasy in the Natural Realm, v 12-13 Apostasy in OT Prophecy, v 14-16 Apostasy Described, v 17-19 The Believer and the Faith, v 20-23 Assurance for the Christian, v 24-25

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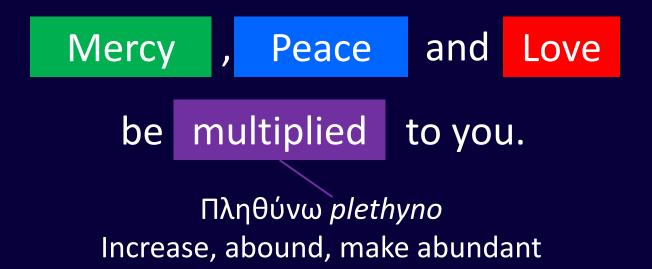
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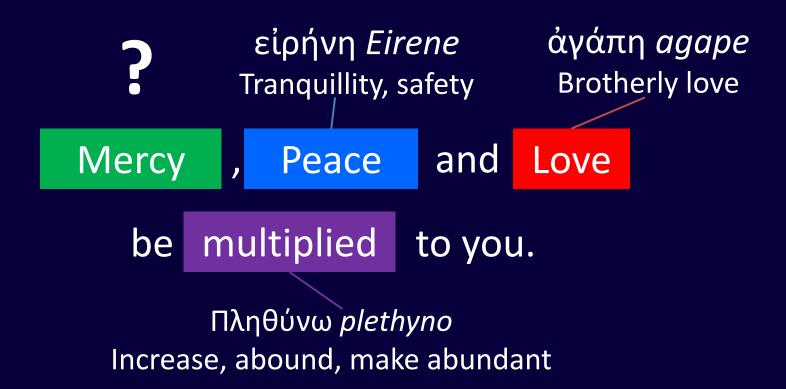
## Sanctified Purified, dedicated, beloved

Called Chosen by God (John 15:16; 6:65)

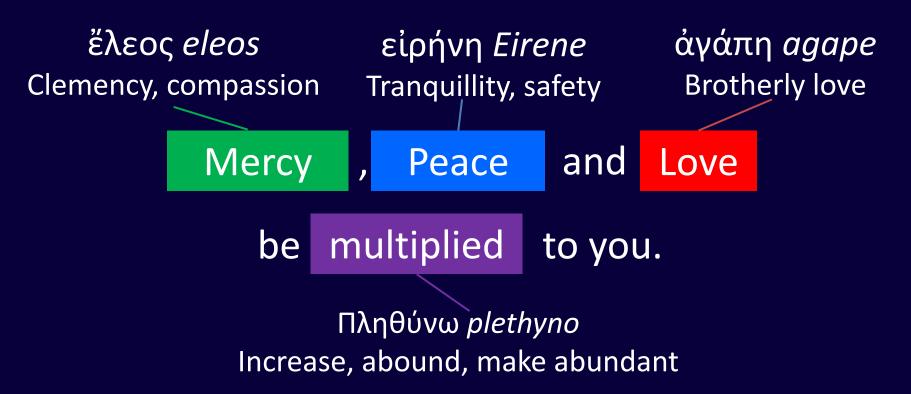
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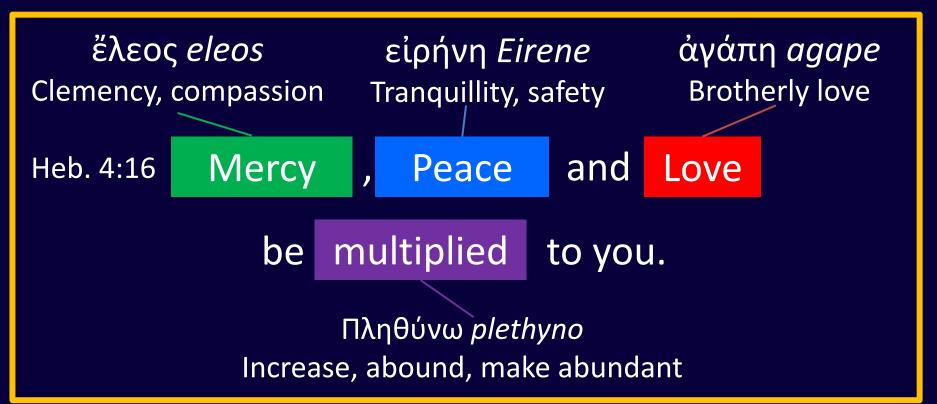
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## Through Jesus, we are <u>free to not sin</u>!

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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).

<sup>5</sup> But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.



"The Israelites Gathering Manna" by Ercole de' Roberti, c. 1490 (The National Gallery, London)

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. <sup>6</sup> 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.

> This is in reference to the Fallen Angels of Genesis 6:1-9, etc.

Angel with the Key to the Bottomless Pit, the Apocalypse series, Albrecht Dürer, 1511



as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

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The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, John Martin, 1852

<sup>8</sup> Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of [dignitaries <u>OR</u> dignities].

Dignities are spirits (celestial beings (NIV)), while dignitaries are human.

- <sup>9</sup> Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling [railing] accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"
- <sup>10</sup> But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.

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#### **Definitional**

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- 2. Dead to the root of possession = second death (Rev 20:14).

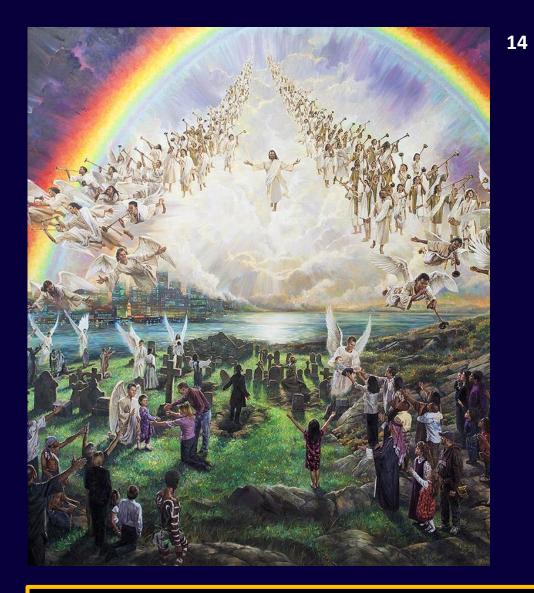
#### <u>Analogous</u>

- 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)

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



Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, <sup>15</sup> to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.

Another <u>new revelation</u>, the OLDEST prophecy in the Bible (Enoch lived before Noah's flood), and Enoch's 2<sup>nd</sup> prophecy.

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## Jude on 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)
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#### The Dangerous

To help those who have erred, be careful not to be trapped! Many a would-be rescuer has ended up drowning. Jude cautions that God's people must love others, but must also hate sin. Wherever there is sin, Satan has a foothold. <sup>24</sup> 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, <sup>25</sup> To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. AMEN.

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### Big ideas in the book of Jude

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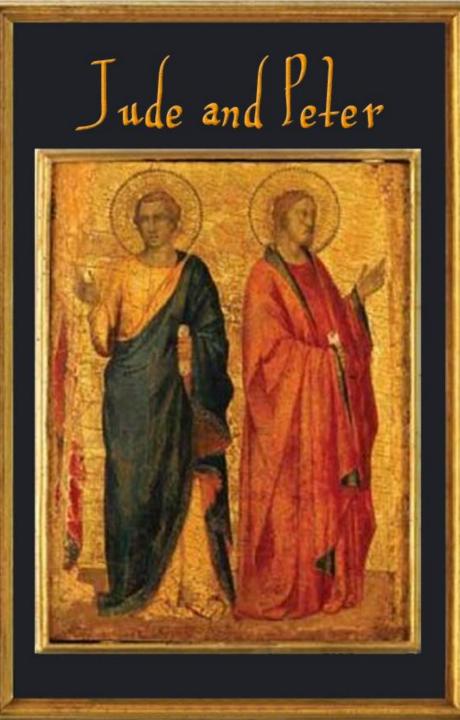
Fight for the truth and contend for the faith. There is nothing to suggest that a true child of God can become an apostate.

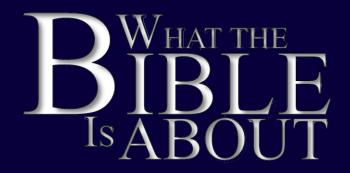
Biggest danger to the Body of Believers is from within. Weak on our own, but strong in Him! Persecution tends to strengthen us.

## Some of Jude's potential allusions to 1 Enoch

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Jude 6	"The angels that did not keep	"(The angels) have abandoned the	1 En 12: 4	
	their own position but left their proper dwelling"	high heaven, the holy eternal place"		
		"procerved for the day of suffering"	1 En 45: 2	
	"until the judgement of the great	"preserved for the day of suffering"	_	
	day"		1 En 10: 6	
	"Angels kept in eternal chains	"this is the prison of the angels, and	1 En 21: 10	
	under gloomy darkness"	here they will be imprisoned forever"	1 En 10: 4	
Jude 12	"waterless clouds"	"Every cloud rain shall be withheld"	1 En 100: 11	
	"raging waves"	"ships tossed to and fro by the waves"	1 En 101: 2	
	"fruitless trees"	"fruit of the tree shall be withheld"	1 En 80: 3	
Jude 13	"wandering stars"	"stars that transgress the order"	1 En 80: 6	
	"the gloom of utter darkness has	"darkness shall be their dwelling"	1 En 46: 6	
	been reserved forever"			
Jude 14	"Enoch the seventh from Adam"	"my grandfather (Enoch) seventh	1 En 60: 8	
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Chart taken from George W. E. Nickelsburg, 1 Enoch: A Commentary on the Book of 1 Enoch, ed. Klaus Baltzer, Hermeneia—a Critical and Historical Commentary on the Bible (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 2001) and Richard J. Bauckham, 2 Peter, Jude, vol. 50, Word Biblical Commentary (Dallas: Word, Incorporated, 1998).





## NEXT WEEK

## The Second Epistle of Peter