

Jude Vss. 14-16

Enoch's Prophecy

The Book of Enoch

The patriarch, Enoch, supposedly wrote the "Book of Enoch." This work, also known as, "First Enoch," claims to describe the experiences and journeys of the biblical character Enoch after he was taken up into heaven.

The Book of Enoch is not a single book but actually a collection of five separate books. It is likely that these works circulated independently and were later brought together into one volume. It is not certain as to which language the Book of Enoch was originally written. Most likely it was either Aramaic or Hebrew or some combination of Aramaic and Hebrew. There are eleven manuscripts of the Book of Enoch found among the Dead Sea Scrolls. All of them are written in Aramaic.

While we do not know the history of these works, there is no evidence whatsoever that any of these five units were actually written by Enoch. Most scholars believe the five books were written in the second century before Christ and then compiled to form the Book of Enoch in the first century B.C.

Therefore, as it now stands, the Book of Enoch consists of five units that contain a total of one hundred and eight chapters. This work surveys human history from the start to the finish. In each of the five units there is the theme of angels coming down from heaven and marrying earthly women. This union produced gigantic offspring who became evil and violent. Because of the sin of these giants, God destroyed the earth with a flood in the days of Noah. This first judgment was given as a warning of judgment that is to come at the end of human history. Such is the story found in the Book of Enoch...

We do not find Jude citing the Book of Enoch as an authoritative source. At the most, he is merely citing a passage from 1 Enoch 1:9 as a truthful saying by the patriarch Enoch. He does not introduce his quotation by the statement "God said," or "it is written." Jude gives no indication that the source he is citing is actually Scripture. The only thing we can be certain of is that Jude believed the statement was actually made by Enoch. (Don Stewart, blueletterbible.org)

"The early Christian church used four criteria to determine what books appeared in the canon. First, they included books that were written by apostles or an author in special relationship to an apostle, such as Mark, Luke and James. Second, the contents were revelatory in nature; hence, apocryphal, (of double origin) and pseudepigraphical (written under pseudonyms or anonymously) books were eliminated. Many such books appeared around 200 B.C. Third, the church accepted books that were universally recognized as Scripture. These were the books that were used in preaching and teaching. Finally the books that were considered inspired or gave evidence of inspiration were placed in the canon.

God implied in Scripture that the giving of revelation would terminate and come to an end. By implication, those who added to revelation would be judged and those who took away from the

revelation would also receive God's condemnation (Rev. 22:18, 19). This verse is integrated specifically to the last book of the Bible, and application can be extended to all sixty-six books." biblesprout.com

Revelation 22:18-19 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

❖ *The Ancient Book of Enoch* by Ken Johnson TH.D "The commentary is from a fundamentalist Christian view, brought to you by Biblefacts Ministries, biblefacts.org

Jude Vs. 14a We learn two things about Enoch from this verse: (1) Enoch is the seventh from Adam, meaning the seventh generation (Gen. 5:4-24) (2) Enoch was a prophet (προφητεύω *prophēteúō*, *prof-ate-yoo'-o*; from G4396; to foretell events, divine, speak under inspiration, exercise the prophetic office:—prophecy). This is the only place in Scripture that states these facts about Enoch.

Genesis 5:18-24 18 When Jared had lived 162 years, he fathered Enoch. 19 Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters. 20 Thus all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died. 21 When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. 22 Enoch walked with God¹ after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. 23 Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. 24 Enoch walked with God, and he was not,² for God took him.

1 Chron. 1:1-4 To Noah's Sons 1 Adam, Seth, Enosh, 2 Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, 3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah. 4 The sons of Noah: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

- Enoch was of the blood line of Jesus. He is listed as one of his ancestors.

Luke 3:23,37-38 23 Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli,... the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, 38 the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

Jude Vs. 14b Part of having a **biblical worldview** (looking at life through the lens of Scripture), includes the anticipation of the rapture and our returning with Christ after the seven year tribulation to reign with Him in perfect justice during His 1000 year reign here on earth.

"To prepare hearts for deception, Satan has endeavored for centuries to undermine faith in the Bible. We have to admit how well this has worked. In 2022, the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University released survey results demonstrating that just 41 percent of senior pastors, 28 percent of associate pastors, 12 percent of children's and youth pastors, and 13 percent of teaching pastors hold a biblical worldview. In 2025, after extensive research, the same group concluded that only 6 percent of surveyed professing Christians held a biblical worldview. To be clear, a biblical worldview includes the following:

- An orthodox, biblical understanding of God.

- *The belief that all human beings are sinful by nature, and every choice we make has moral considerations and consequences.*
- *The conviction that Jesus Christ is the only means to salvation, through our confession of sin and reliance on His forgiveness.*
- *That belief that the entire Bible is true, reliable, and relevant, making it the best moral guide for every person in all situations.*
- *The belief that absolute moral truth exists, and that those truths are defined by God, described in the Bible, and are unchanging across time and cultures.*
- *The belief that the ultimate purpose of human life is to know, love, and serve God with all your, heart, mind, strength, and soul.*
- *The belief that success on earth is best understood as consistent obedience to God in thoughts, words, and actions.*

If few Christians are actually shaped by Scripture, should it be any surprise that in broader society—where one hundred fifty years ago, the Bible was seen as the most reliable source of truth—people now appeal to whatever source tickles their ears and promises the most benefits? This is the result of steady pressure applied by the enemy and his minions to pry humanity away from a sincere, childlike faith in our Maker. The Bible—the Word of God—remains Satan’s primary target, and he attacks it from all sides.” Paul Bock (The Disclosure Agenda)

- What practical application can we derive from this? First and foremost is the understanding that since the rapture can occur at any moment, then we must make sure that we are living in ways that truly exalt the good name of our Lord, Jesus Christ (1 Jn. 2:28). And secondly, we must make sure that we truly have a biblical world view so as to keep ourselves from being deceived by the evil world systems deceptive ways (Eph. 6:10-13).
- ❖ Do you have a Biblical World View? acuworldview.com Dr. George Barna is the Director of Research at the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University.
- In verse 14 Jude points out three certainties that await the godless false teachers who have slipped into the church to lead it away from the truth of God’s Word.

1. “the Lord is coming” is better translated **“came”** because of the aorist tense of the verb. He speaks of Jesus’ coming to bring judgment as if it has already occurred. He’s not speaking of the rapture but the 2nd advent of Christ to begin His millennial reign.

2. “The Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of holy ones” This will no doubt include both angels and resurrected saints.

Rev. 19:11-14 *Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. 12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. 13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. 14 And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.*

Daniel 7:9-10 As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

3. (vs. 15) "The Lord is coming to bring forth judgment (justice) on the ungodly"

- The word ungodly is stated four times. **asebēs** = destitute of reverential awe towards God, condemning God, impious. Strong's Conc. "impious, ungodly" (akin to A), "without reverence for God," not merely irreligious, but acting in contravention of God's demands, Vine's Expository Dict.
- Their root sin or basic sinful attitude was seen in their refusal to have a proper reverence for God. They acted in an ungodly way. They spoke harshly against God by trampling on His holiness and the truth of His Word. In essence, their actions mocked Him.

"against him" God sees all sin as sin against Him personally.

Psalm 51:4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

Jude Vs. 16 If we truly possess a biblical worldview, then the pernicious fruit of the ungodly who slip into the church to deceive should be easily seen by us (1 Jn. 4:1).

"Grumblers" = a murmurer, one who discontentedly complains (against God). Strong's

"Grumblers occurs only here in the New Testament and is the same term the Septuagint uses to describe Israel's murmurings against God. Like the ancient Israelites they grumbled against the truth and murmured against God's holy law."

"Fault finders" = complaining of one's lot, querulous [critical], discontented. Strong's

"You know the sort of people alluded to here, nothing ever satisfies them. They are discontented even with the gospel. The bread of heaven must be cut into three pieces, and served on dainty napkins, or else they cannot eat it; and very soon their soul hates even this light bread. There is no way by which a Christian man can serve God so as to please them. They will pick holes in every preacher's coat; and if the great High Priest himself were here, they would find fault with the color of the stones of his breastplate." (Spurgeon) Guzik

"They follow their own evil desires" They think that their way is the only way. These men are hard to debate and the best thing to do, after following Matthew 18 disciplinary action, is to forcefully remove them even if it causes division.

"They boast about themselves" = bulging over, i.e. (figuratively) insolent:--great swelling, over swollen. Strong's

"Flatter others for their own advantage" **2 Timothy 4:3** For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,