

The New Testament Church

The Book of Jude #9 – Jude 1:14-15; (Genesis 5:23-24) – Enoch and the Return of the Lord
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I Review of Jude - called to contend as well as continue in the faith

- A. Book of Jude - a summary of truths preparing the early Church for a “test” of evil rising
- B. A review of lessons one through four – Jude 1:1-13
 - 1. **Called** to faith and family – first test in Kingdom manifestation – Jesus is our example
 - 2. **Contend** - opposition causes us to clarify our beliefs (apologetics) – for original gospel
 - 3. **Continue** - overcome sinful obstacles by living under authority – a submissive attitude
 - a. Walk in the way of the cross rather than the “way of Cain” – lust of flesh - **pleasure**
 - b. Embracing godliness with contentment rather than greed – lust of eyes – **power**
 - c. Cultivating God’s presence through humility vs. pride of life – **spiritual pride**
 - d. Protected from detours by koinonia – community, participation - **fellowship**

II Continuing in the Faith – Preparing for “the return of the Lord” – Jude 1:14-15; Ge. 5:23-24

- A. *Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied* (proclaim God’s Word) - Genesis 5:23-24
 - 1. Enoch, seventh generation (Adam, Seth, Enosh, Cainan, Mahalalel, Jared) – 627 AM
 - 2. *And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him* (at 364 years old).
- B. *about these men also* (false teachers), *saying, ‘behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment... convict ungodly persons, deeds, ways, things spoken...*
 - 1. The Book of Enoch is an apocryphal book – historic but outside the canon of Scripture
 - a. The three-fold rule (400 AD) – apostolic origin, church acceptance, consistency
 - b. 1 Enoch – chapter 1:9 – is quoted by Jude... *the Lord comes in the midst of His saints*
 - 2. The meaning of “erchomai” (#2064) – to come, to go – “*from one place into another*”
 - a. The Lord comes “with” or “in the midst of” ten thousands of His saints...
 - b. *The return of Christ at the “end”*- the “*bride hath made herself ready*” – Rev. 19:7
 - 1. Mt. 13:43 (left at the end); 15:52 (last trumpet); Rev. 21:1-2 (bride becomes city)
 - 2. 1st Th. 4:14 (bring dead in Christ with Him); 5:3-4 (wicked night; watch & sober)
 - c. The executing of judgment by Jesus “with His saints” (dead in Christ, alive at return)
 - 1. Convict all who are ungodly – is our example that contagious now?
 - 2. Convict them of their ungodly deeds – are we able to share truth in love?
 - 3. Which they have committed in an ungodly way – methods (attitude) important
 - 4. And all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him – are we able to defend the truth by speaking and demonstrating truth in love (Eph. 4:15)?
 - 5. Are we asking God for the maturity to judge properly now? (Mt. 7:1-5)
 - 3. The meaning of “parousia” (#3952 as in) – para (with) and ousia (being) - presence
 - a. Contextually – victorious king arriving to a city, greeted and returns *with* the citizens
 - b. The “two-stage” return *for* us and then *with us* is a recent addition – the 1830’s
 - c. The return of the Lord has become waiting until He does it all when He returns...
 - d. But... He did it all when He came the first time... now we are to progressively and incrementally manifest His Kingdom which requires a maturity of “walking with God”
 - e. Enoch “walked with God and was not for God took Him” – are we that close to God?
 - 4. We can prepare for His coming now by asking God to help us judge evil His way
 - a. God most often judges evil by its consequences & discipline us, but we are called to
 - b. ...lovingly judge, *let us do so without condemnation but in discernment* (Heb 5:14)