

(vv1-4) *‘...and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith...For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men...’* the apostates of Jude’s time, those preceding them in the Old Testament, and present day apostates, all will be eternally condemned. (vv8-13) Jude begins to list the sins and characteristics of the ungodly men who secretly infiltrated the church. These men (and women) will be judged; however ‘many’ will succumb to their errors and follow them to destruction **2 PETER 2:1,2; MATTHEW 24:11; 1 JOHN 2:18; REVELATION 12:9; 13:8**. How we must *‘earnestly contend for the faith’* – salvation in Jesus alone.

(vv14,15) The Prophecy of Enoch

Once again the reality of eternal damnation for apostates is easily seen in this prophecy. *‘And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these...’* Jude tells us by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that Enoch was a prophet. When looking back at Enoch’s life we can learn so much about walking with God today.

GENESIS 5 (vv1-20) in reading these ten Hebrew names a fascinating insight comes forth in the English meaning of these names in their exact order in sentence form: **Man** (is) **appointed mortal sorrow**, (but) **the blessed God shall come down teaching** (that) **His death shall bring** (the) **despairing rest**. The Gospel of Jesus Christ hidden in the meaning of the Hebrew names of **GENESIS 5!** As we see from this genealogy, the Enoch Jude is speaking of is indeed the seventh from Adam. Let’s look back at his life:

GENESIS 5 (vv21-24) Enoch never died *‘for God took him.’* The Bible tells us that *‘...Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years...And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: And Enoch walked with God...’* **AMOS 3:3** *‘Can two walk together, except they be agreed?’* Enoch walked with God and followed Him wholly. (v27) Methuselah, at 969 years old, is the longest recorded lifespan in the Bible; yet he died before his father did! His father Enoch never died; he was raptured! **HEBREWS 11:1-5** *‘By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death...for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.’* Enoch walked with God during a time of great apostasy on earth, as God would send the Flood to judge. We learn from Jude that Enoch was a prophet and that makes for incredible truth about God’s sovereign reign.

GENESIS 5 (vv21-25) apparently Enoch was given a prophecy of the coming Flood and was told as long as his son (Methuselah) was alive the judgment of the Flood would be withheld, but as soon as Methuselah would die, the Flood would be sent forth, and that is exactly what happened. *‘Methuselah’* - “M^th^uwshelach, coming from the root words: *‘muth’* - death; *‘shalach’*

- to bring or send forth. Thus Methuselah means *‘his death shall bring or send forth.’* (v25) Methuselah was 187 years old when Lamech was born (v26) Methuselah lived 782 years more after he fathered Lamech (v27) Methuselah dies at 969 years old, the longest recorded lifespan in the Bible (vv28,29) Lamech was 182 years old when he begat Noah. Now let’s turn to **GENESIS 7:6,11** Noah was 600 years old when the Flood came, thus 600 (the age of Noah) + 182 (Lamech’s age at Noah’s birth) = 782nd year of Lamech; this was the year the Flood came. When you compare that with **GENESIS 5:26** *‘And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years...’* the 782nd year of Lamech was the exact year Methuselah died! God’s Word says, *‘his death shall bring or send forth.’* The longest lifespan on earth thus becomes a symbol of God’s great grace.

2 PETER 1:16-21 Peter tells us that the prophetic word of God is directly communicated by the Holy Spirit: *‘We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place...’* Enoch was warned of the coming Flood judgment by God and it radically changed his life; he walked in agreement with God during a time when men were in total rebellion against Him. We too have been warned by God of His imminent judgment to come: **2 PETER 3:8-14** *‘But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.’* Enoch walked with God for 300 years because he believed and acted upon the Word of God; do we? *‘Since all these things are thus in the process of being dissolved, what kind of person ought [each of] you to be [in the meanwhile] in consecrated and holy behavior and devout and Godly qualities.’* Does the prophetic Word of God shape the way you live your life?

(v15) Enoch’s prophecy tells us:

1. **We know** Jesus is coming again (His 2nd Coming!) **REVELATION 19:11-16**
2. We know His saints will come with Him **REVELATION 19:14; 1 THESSALONIANS 3:13**
3. **We know** why He is coming (judgment) **LUKE 10:14,15; 2 PETER 3:7**
4. **We know** the result of His coming (execute or perform judgment). The ungodly will be eternally damned **JUDE 1:15; MATTHEW 12:36**

Application for the believer: the believer has no condemnation **ROMANS 8:1-18**. Is Jesus your Savior and Lord? If yes, then rest in Him! Enoch was raptured before the Flood – a picture of the believer today: **1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18; 5:1-11; COLOSSIANS 2:6,7** Walk in Jesus every moment of every day!

JUDE

contending for the faith

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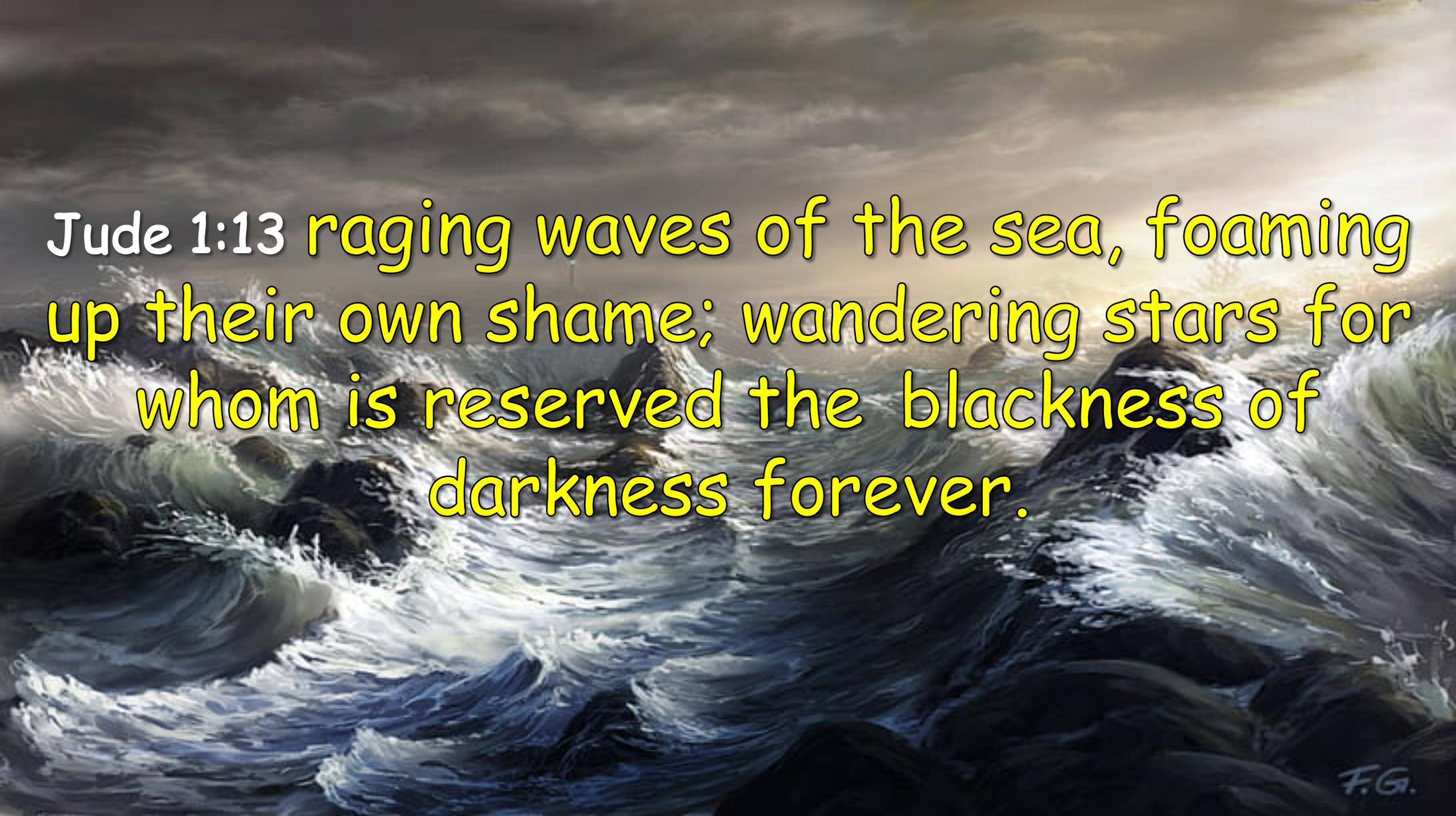
(Amplified Version) '...their doom was predicted long ago...'

Jude 1:8 Likewise also these **filthy dreamers** defile the flesh, **despise dominion**, and **speak evil** of dignities.

Jude 1:10 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**.

Jude 1:11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the **way of Cain**, have **run greedily** in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the **rebellion of Korah**.

Jude 1:12 These are **spots** in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are **clouds without water**, carried about by the winds; **late autumn trees without fruit**, twice dead, pulled up by the roots;



Jude 1:13 raging waves of the sea, foaming
up their own shame; wandering stars for
whom is reserved the blackness of
darkness forever.

2Pet 2:2 And **many** shall follow their pernicious ways... [destructive/sensuality/ depraved conduct]

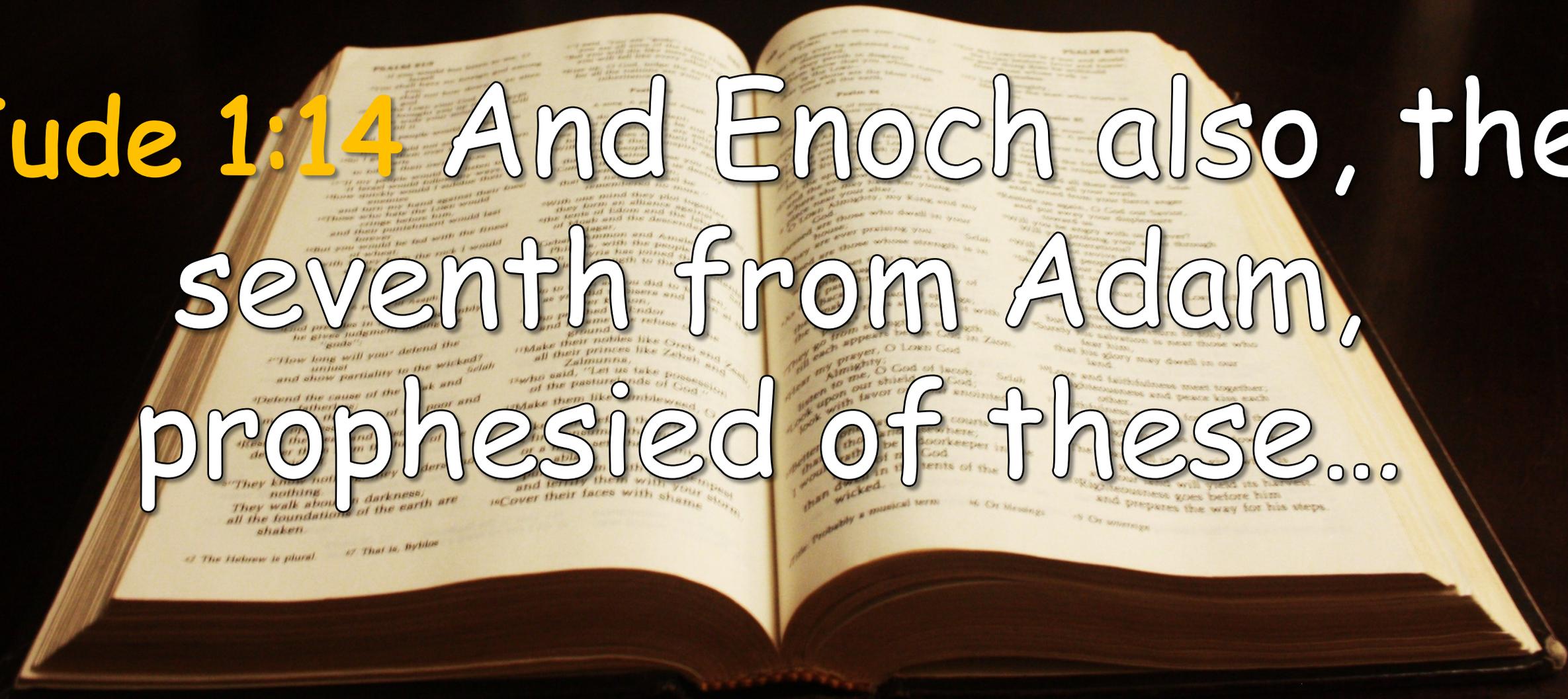
Mat 24:11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

1John 2:18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

Rev 12:9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Rev 13:8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him [Antichrist], whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

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THE GOSPEL IN GENESIS 5

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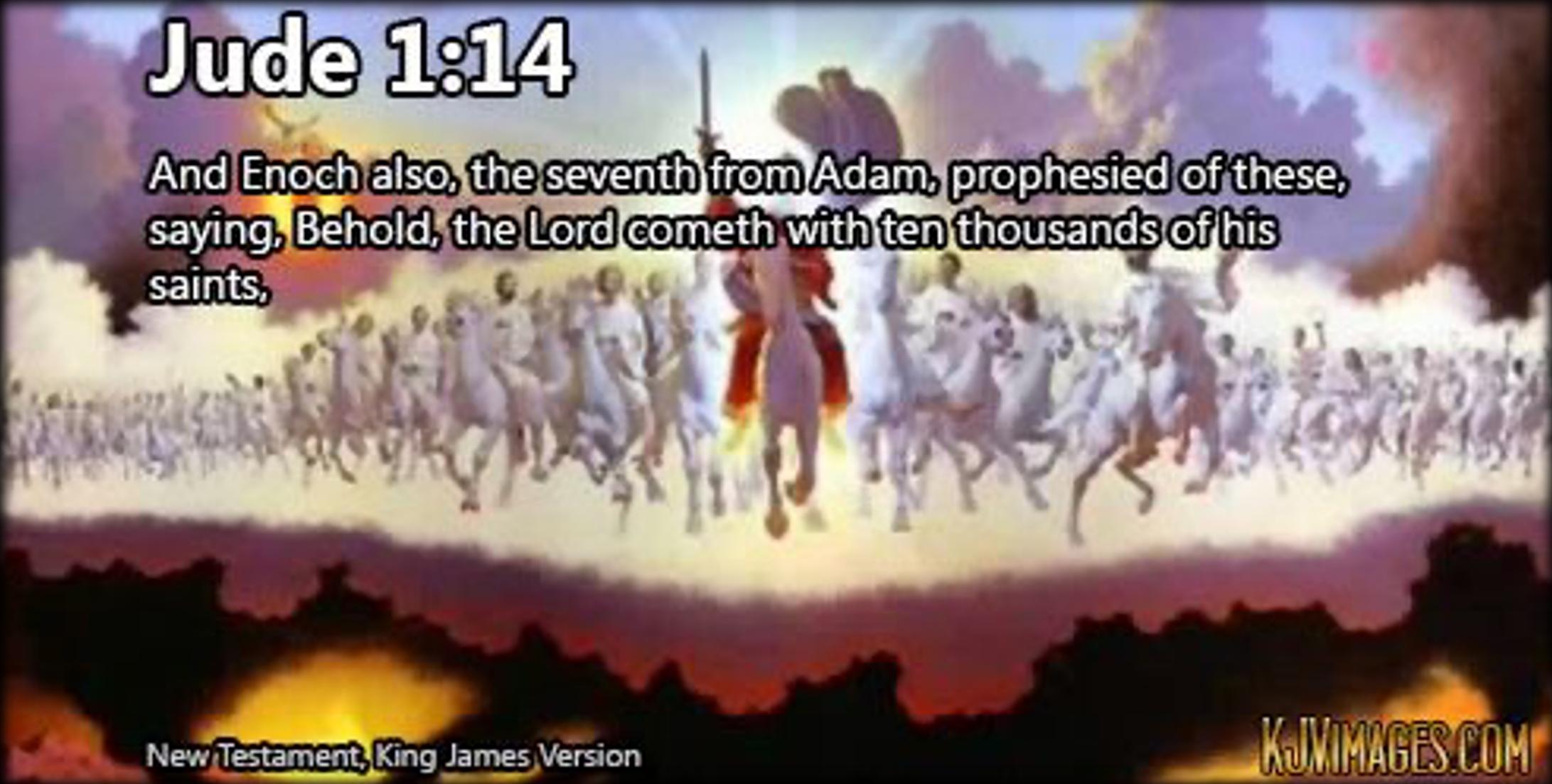
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Revelation 19:11 (NIV)



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Rev 19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

1Thess 3:13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ **with all His saints.**

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Luk 10:14 But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you.

Luk 10:15 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades...

2Pet 3:7 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.

4. We know the result of His coming (execute)

Jude 1:15 "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."

Mat 12:36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.



THEREFORE,
THERE IS NOW
NO CONDEMNATION
FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN

Christ Jesus

ROMANS 8:1

1Thess 4:16 For the **Lord Himself** shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first...

1Thess 5:4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

A crown of thorns, made of dry, sharp, and tangled branches, is draped over the horizontal beam of a wooden cross. The cross is made of light-colored wood and is set against a dark background. The lighting highlights the texture of the wood and the sharp points of the thorns.

For God did not appoint
us to wrath,
but to obtain
salvation

through our
Lord Jesus Christ

1 Thessalonians 5:9

AS YOU
THEREFORE HAVE
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Jude 1:16 NIV

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