



Jude

Acts of the Apostates

Lesson 02

Apostates Predicted

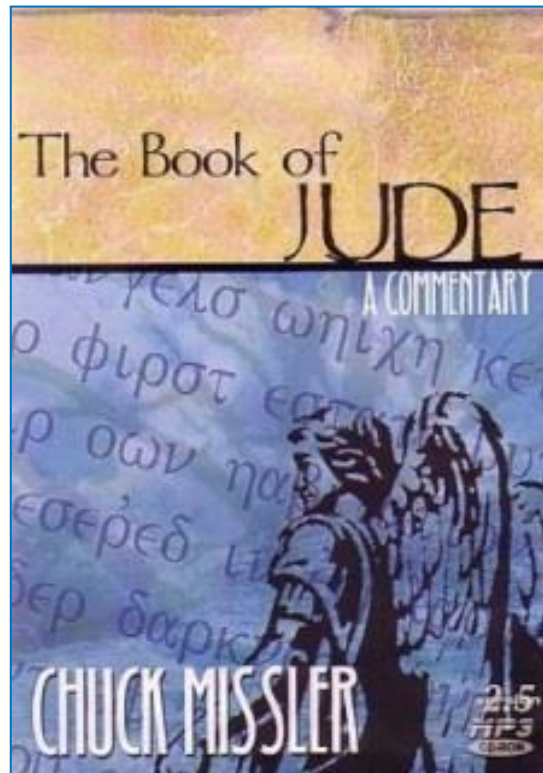
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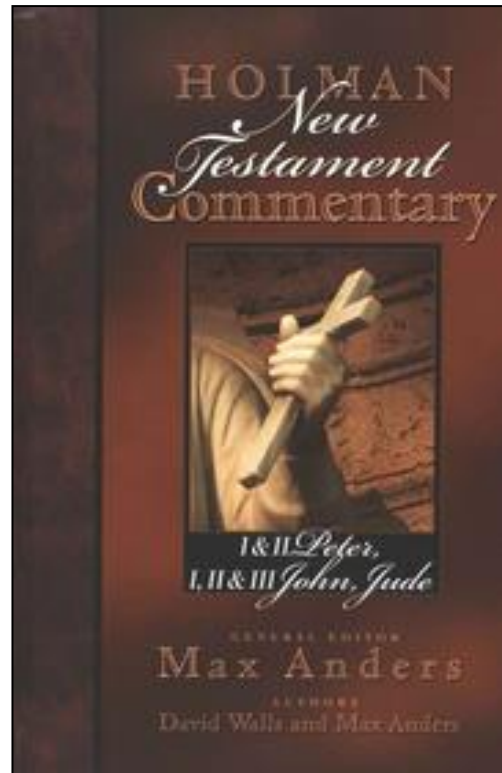


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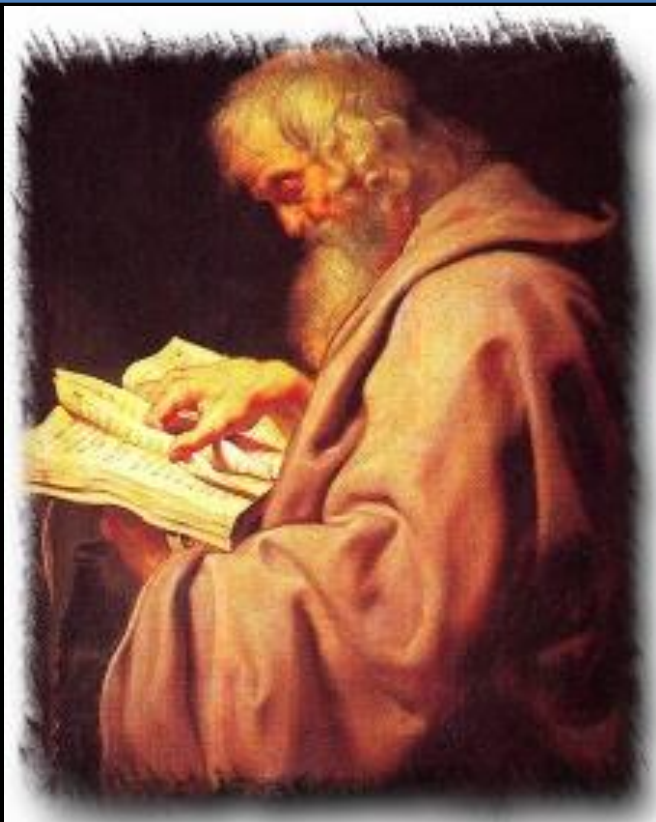
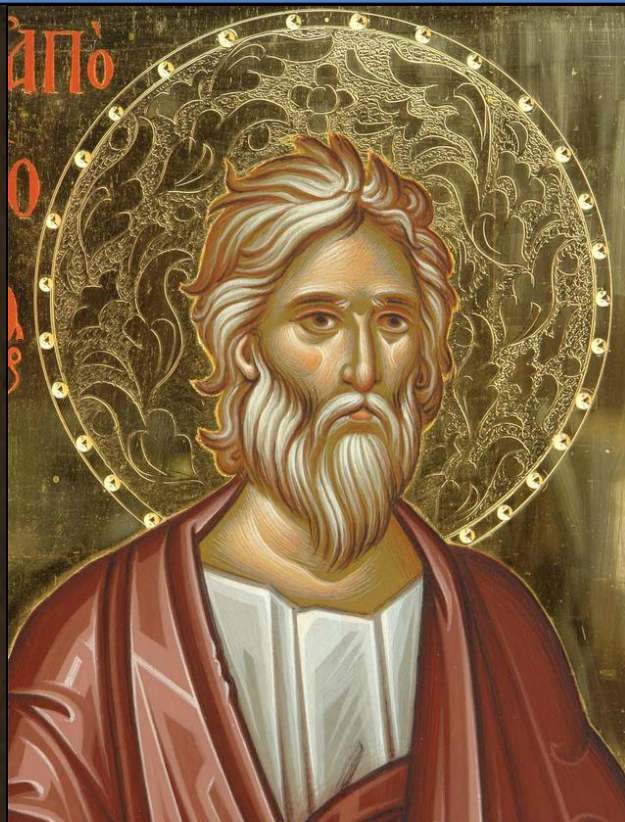




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and kept for
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FOR THE FAITH 
 which was once for all
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THE GENERAL EPISTLE OF
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 the servant of Jē-sūs Christ, and
 brother of James, to them that are
 justified by God the Father, and pre-
 sented unto you, and peace, and love, be
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 for me to write unto you, and
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... Jude 1:18-19 ...NKJV

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JUDE 1:20-23

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Scriptural Text: Jude 1:11-25

GLORY TO GOD

JUDE 1:24–25

24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

25 To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

... Jude 1:24-25 ...NKJV



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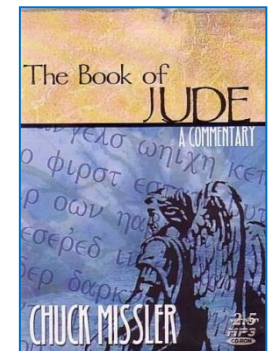
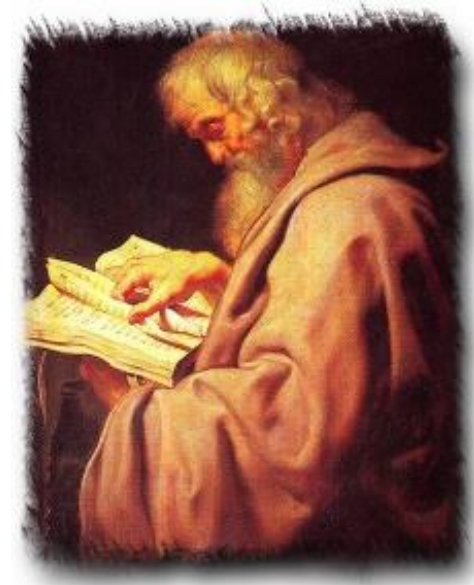


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• Woe to them

- For they (*false teachers/apostates*) have...
 - Gone the way of Cain
 - Run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit
 - Perished in the rebellion of Korah
- Individually, each example speaks of a particular aspect of what it means to fall away from the truth; collectively, they present a complete process.
 1. Enter on the wrong path
 2. Run down that path
 3. Perish at its end

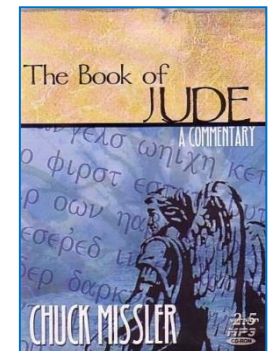
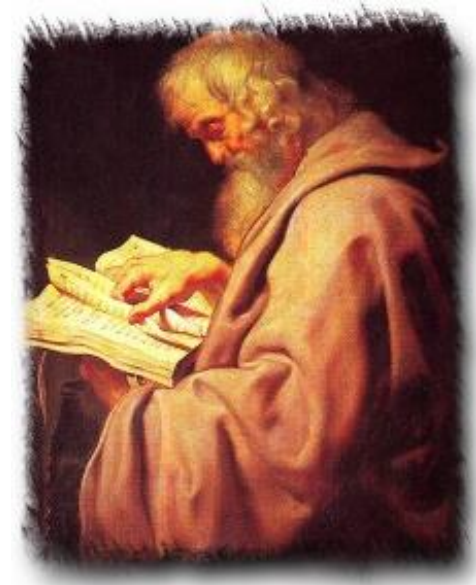


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• Gone the way of Cain ... Genesis 4

- They worshiped God according to their own understanding, not according to God's revelation
- He did not deny the existence of God;
- He did not refuse to worship Him;
- He did fail to satisfy God by not approaching Him on the revealed basis of atonement - shedding of blood.
- Sacrifice of works = a setting aside of God's Word.
- This is the indictment against the apostates.



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• Error of Balaam ... Numbers 22

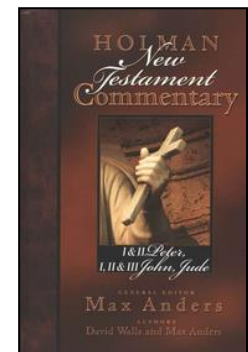
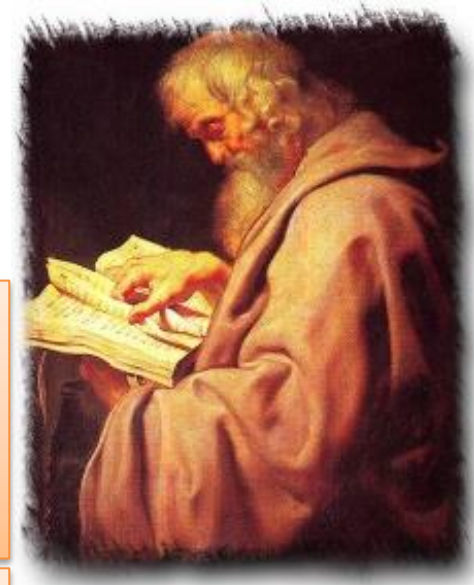
- Balaam was hired by Balak to put a curse on the Israelites - who were wandering in the wilderness after their exodus from Egypt
- Balaam did it for money ... [2 Peter 2:15-16](#); [Revelation 2:14](#)

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. --- [2 Peter 2:15-16](#) ... NKJV

¹⁴ But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.

--- [Revelation 2:14](#) ... NKJV [Compromising Church - **Pergamos**]

- Jude warned about opposing God for money



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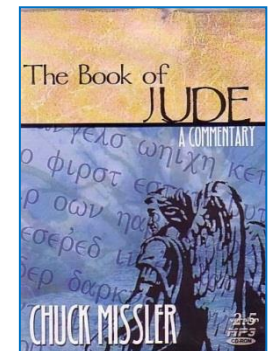
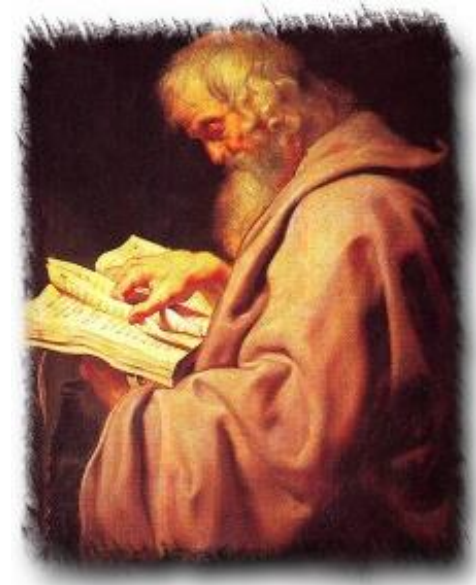
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• Rebellion of Korah ... Numbers 16

- Korah was a Levite and a cousin to Moses
[Exodus 6:18-21](#).
- Korah rebelled against the leadership of Moses and Aaron
- Refusing to acknowledge that God had placed them in authority over the Israelites.
- By rejecting God's appointed mediator ... and went down alive into the pit ... [Numbers 16:31-3](#).
- He rebelled against the type of Christ ... [Hebrews 3](#)
- He dared to think "all are holy" ... [Numbers 16:3](#)

• Have gone - have run - perished - *notice the tense*

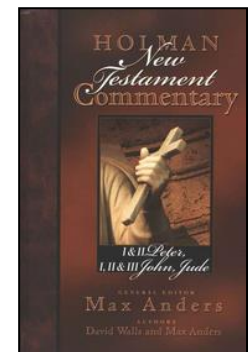
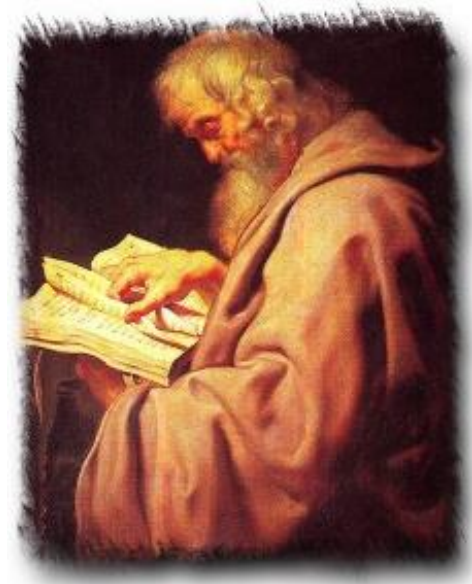
- All three statements are in the past tense
- The indictment against the apostates is certain
- Past tense for emphasis



Jude 1:12 - OBSERVATIONS

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;

- **Serving only themselves**
 - These godless men were deceptive leaders.
 - They had gained positions in the church - but were serving for selfish reasons



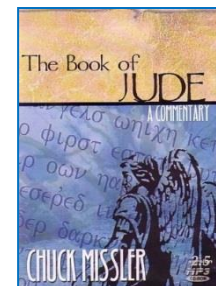
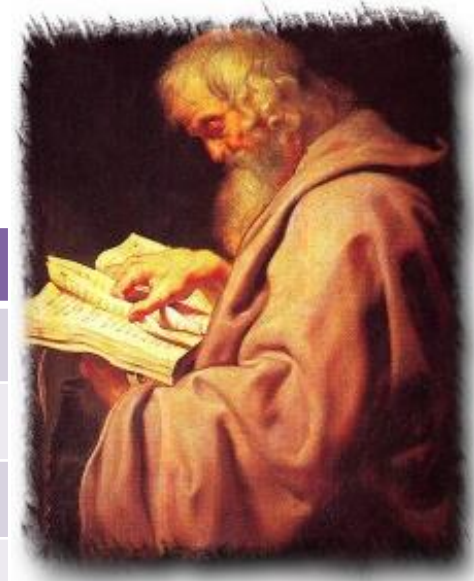
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• Five Word Pictures

- In vivid and colorful language, Jude expresses the emptiness of their spiritual lives

#	Picture	Significance
1	Spots in your love feasts	Unseen Danger
2	Clouds without water	False Promises
3	Late autumn trees without fruit	Barren Profession
4	Raging waves of the sea	Wasted Effort
5	Wandering stars	Aimless Course

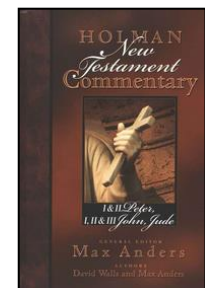
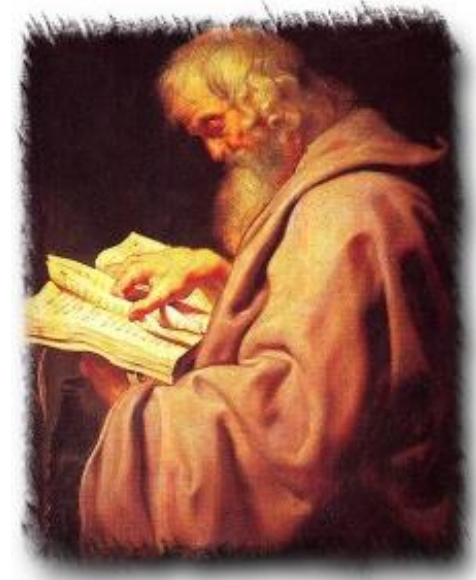


Jude 1:14-15 - OBSERVATIONS

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• Enoch

- If it were not for Jude, we would know practically nothing about prophecy before the flood.
- Words similar to Jude's appear in the apocryphal Book of Enoch, a patchwork of fanciful and unscriptural material.
- Jude declares that the ungodly people of his day were among the ones being referred to when Enoch prophesied.

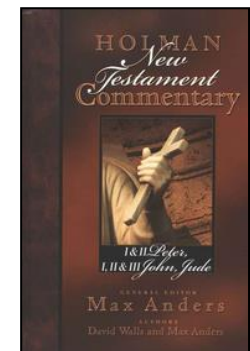
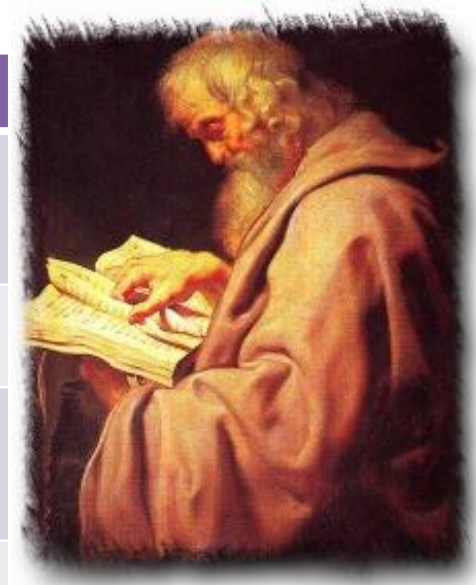


Jude 1:16 - OBSERVATIONS

¹⁶ These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage.

- The Four facets of self-serving godlessness

#	Characteristic	Description
1	Grumblers and complainers	They saw flaws in other, but never in themselves. This is the root of pride
2	Walking according to their own lusts	Scoffers of the last days ... 2 Peter 3:3-5
3	Mouth great swelling words	Habit of godless people to offer lofty, self-glorifying speeches.
4	Flattering people to gain advantage	Insincere puffing-up of others for the express purpose of gaining an advantage.



DO WE EVER EXPRESS THESE CHARACTERISTICS?

Jude 1:17 - OBSERVATIONS

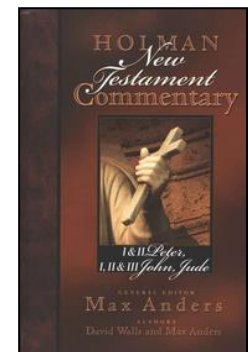
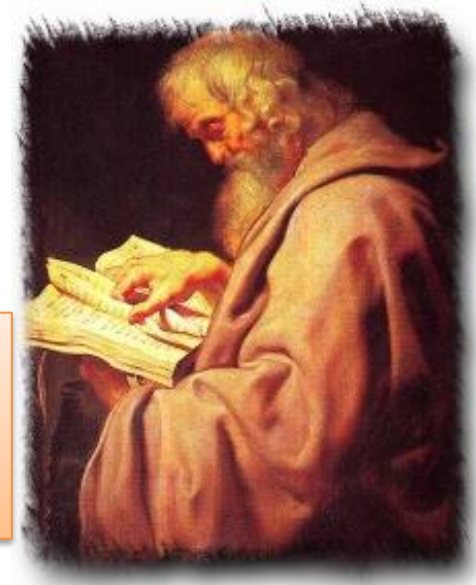
¹⁷ But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ:

- Remember the words

- Warnings against false teachers and apostates are common in the New Testament
- They are “savage wolves” who come to destroy the flock and the truth ... [Acts 20:29-30](#)

²⁹ For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰ Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. --- [Acts 20:29-30](#) ... NKJV

- Against them we must uphold the truth of God and godly living ... [2 Timothy 3:1-17](#)



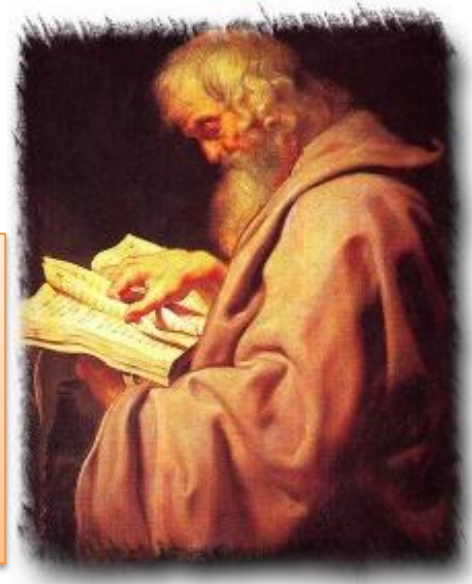
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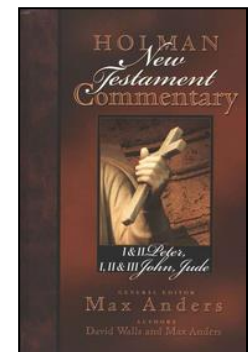
- Mockers in the last time

- Peter's second epistle sounds much like Jude in several places - he also warned of false prophets and God's judgment on these people ... [2 Peter 2 & 3](#)

3 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, --- [2 Peter 3:1-3 ... NKJV](#)



- We should be on guard against these divisive people and not follow after their false teachings



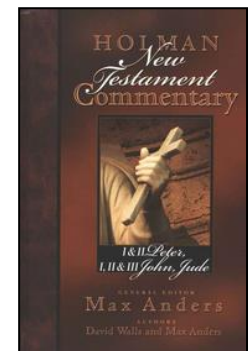
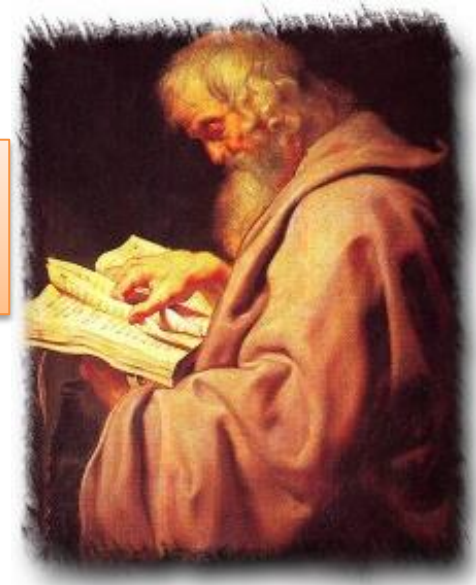
Jude 1:19 - OBSERVATIONS

¹⁹ These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

- **Having not the Spirit**

- These godless people did not have the Spirit
- An apostate is not a child of God ... [Romans 8:9](#)

⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. --- [Romans 8:9](#) ... NKJV



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Jude 1:20 - OBSERVATIONS

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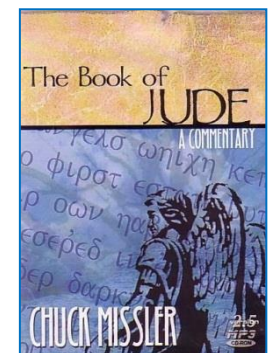
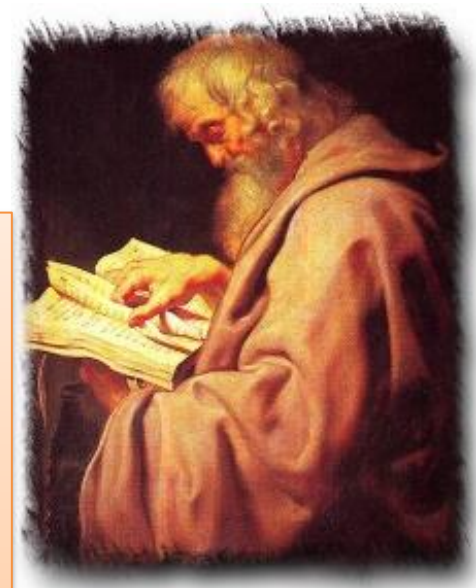
- **Building yourselves up**

- We bear the responsibility for self-development.
- This building up is a lifelong task.
- Peter describes the progression ... **2 Peter 1:5-7**

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.

--- 2 Peter 1:5-11 ... NKJV --- **[Fruitful Growth in the Faith]**



Jude 1:20 - OBSERVATIONS

²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

- Building yourselves up

- How do you build yourself up in the most holy faith?

- By the word of His grace... [Acts 20:32](#)

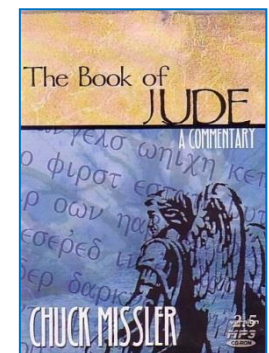
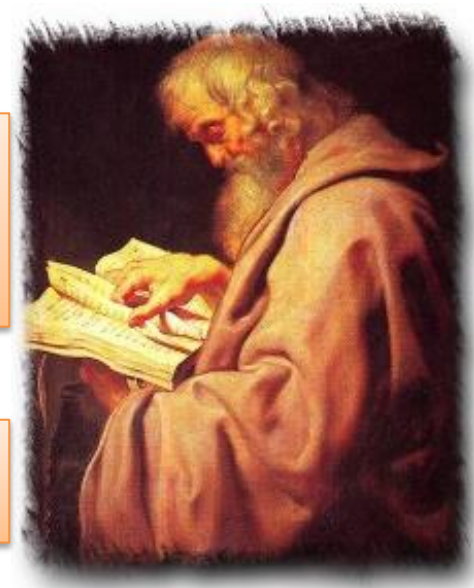
³² "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

--- [Acts 20:32](#) ...NKJV

- Faith comes by Hearing the Word of God ... [Romans 10:17](#)

¹⁷ So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. --- [Romans 10:17](#) ... NKJV

- Pray in the Holy Spirit - Led by and controlled by the Holy Spirit



Jude 1:21 - OBSERVATIONS

²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

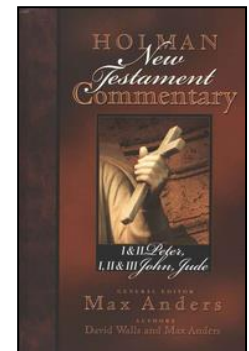
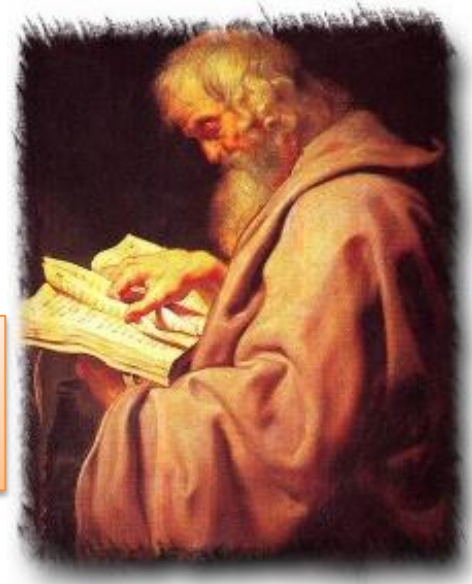
- **Keep yourselves in the love of God**

- This does not mean we work for our salvation
- We live in faith and obedience to God.
- John reminds us that **IF** we love God **THEN** we keep His commandments ... [John 15:10](#); [1 John 3:24](#)

²⁴ Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us. --- [1 John 3:24](#) ... NKJV

- So keeping ourselves in God's love includes keeping God's commandments from the heart.

¹⁷ But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. --- [Romans 6:17](#) ... NKJV



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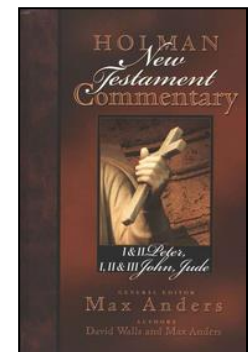
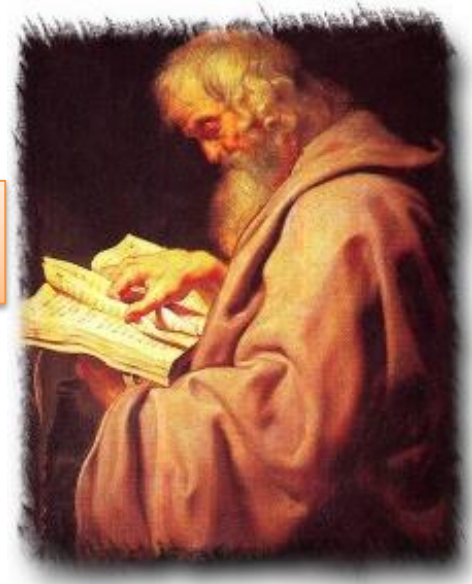
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• Looking for the Mercy

- Refers to the hope of Christ's return
- Jesus might come at any moment ... Titus 2:13

¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, --- Titus 2:13 ... NKJV

- Waiting in hope infuses all of life with expectance and desire to do all that Jesus expects of us
- Even if Jesus does not come in our lifetime, when we die and go into the presence of the Lord, we will receive His mercy and eternal life.
- **Imminence of Christ versus Eminence of Christ**
 - **Imminence:** Something about to occur
 - **Eminence:** Position of prominence or superiority



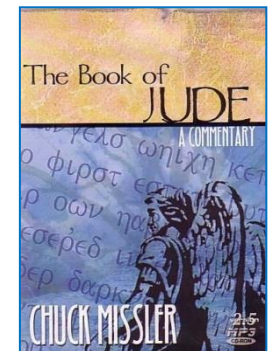
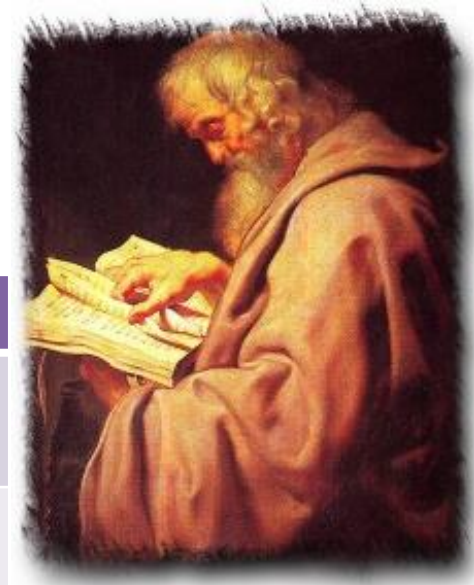
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• Three Groups of People

- After we have safeguarded ourselves by building ourselves up in the faith
- We are to look out for three groups of people

#	Group	Description
1	Have Compassion	Less mature Christians with sincere doubts that trouble them
2	Save with Fear	Unbelievers that are snatched from an eternity of fiery judgment - <i>Gospel presentation</i>
3	Caution Compassion	The soul-winner himself must be caution to not be endangered with the unbeliever's sins Proverbs 4:14-15



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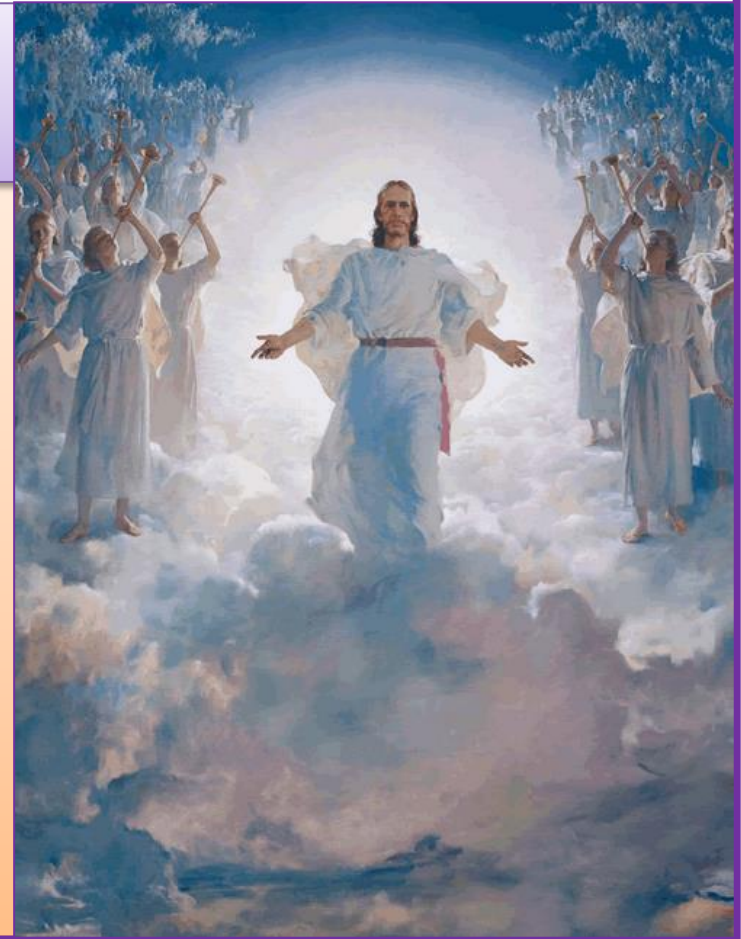
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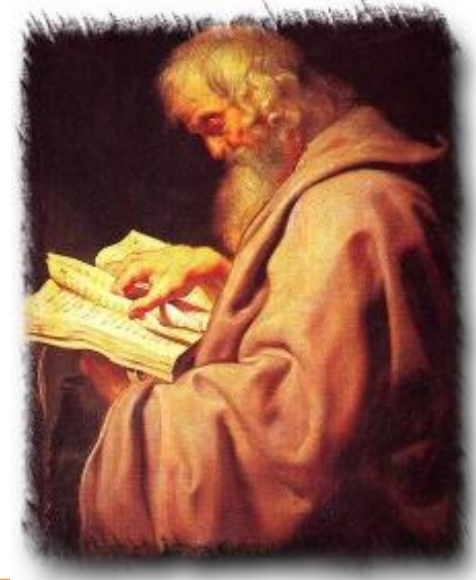
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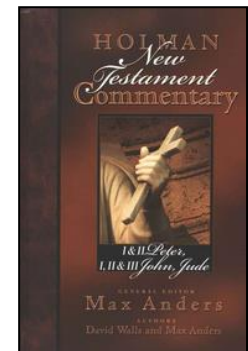
Jude 1:24-25 - OBSERVATIONS

²⁴ Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, ²⁵ To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

- **Doxology** - *an expression of praise to God*
 - The letter concludes with perhaps the loftiest doxology found in scripture.
 - Who is able to **keep** you from stumbling and **present** you faultless?
 - Aren't you glad it is not up to you!
 - Glory, Majesty, Dominion and Power
 - The only other NT verse with all four - [Hebrews 1:3](#)



³ who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, --- [Hebrews 1:3](#) ... NKJV



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