



Jude

Acts of the Apostates

Lesson 01

Old and New Apostates

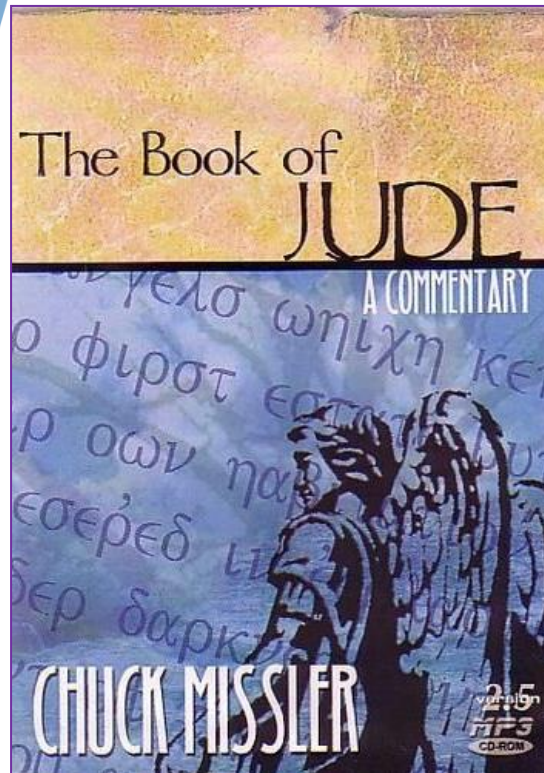
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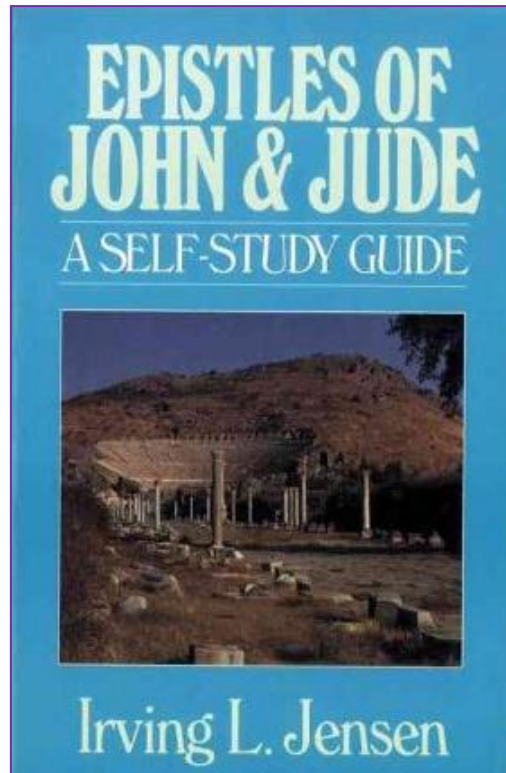


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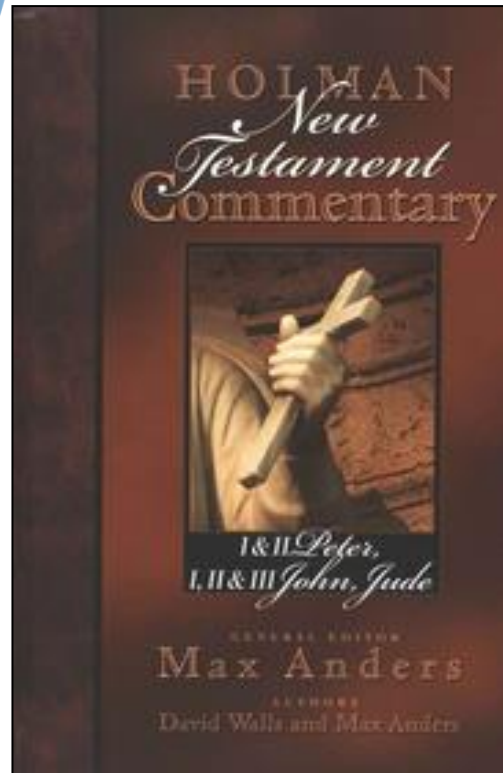


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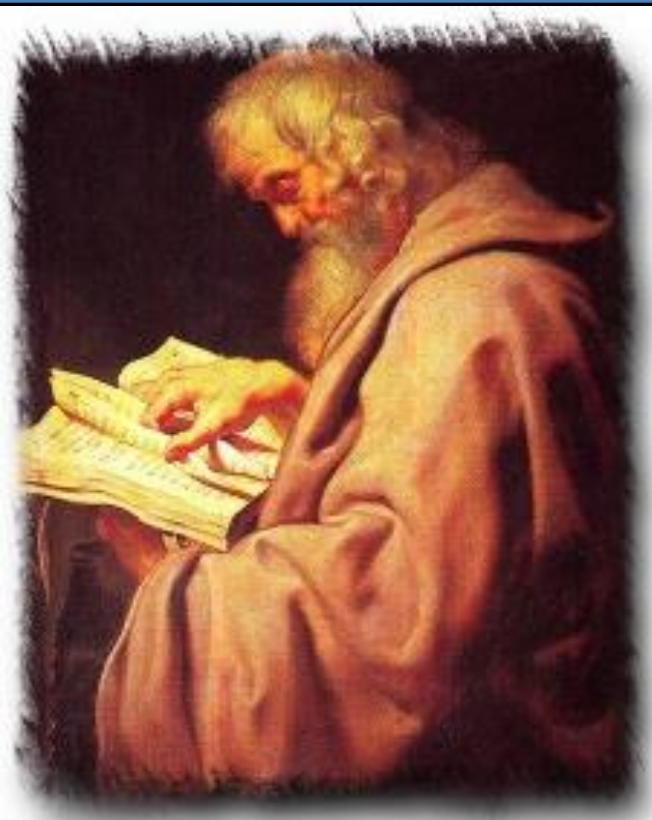
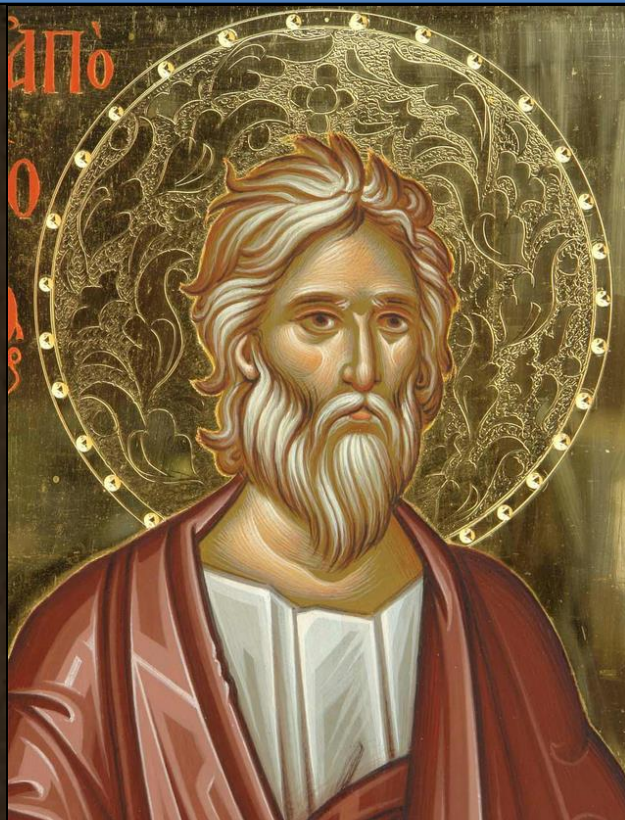




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 when I gave all diligence to
 you of the common salvation, it
 for me to write unto you, and
 that ye should earnestly contend
 which was once delivered unto
 when they feast with you, feeding themselves
 without fear: clouds *they are* without water,
 carried about of winds; trees whose fruit
 withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked
 up by the roots;
 13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out
 their own shame; wandering stars, to
 is reserved the blackness of
 ever.
 14 And E-nōch
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... Jude 1:7 ...NKJV

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⁸ Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. ⁹ 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 1:8-9 ...NKJV



Scriptural Text: Jude 1:1-10

OLD AND NEW APOSTATES

JUDE 1:5–11

10 But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.

... Jude 1:10 ...NKJV



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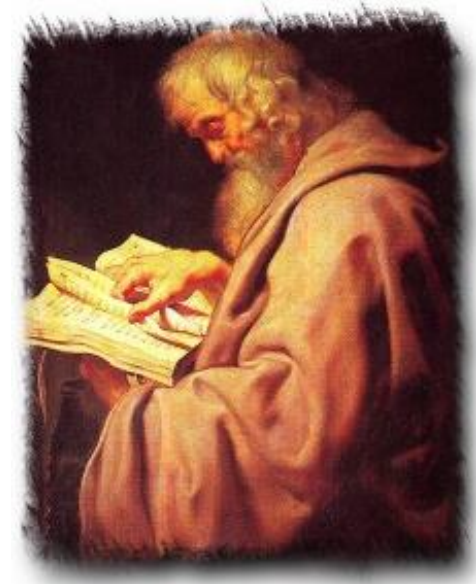
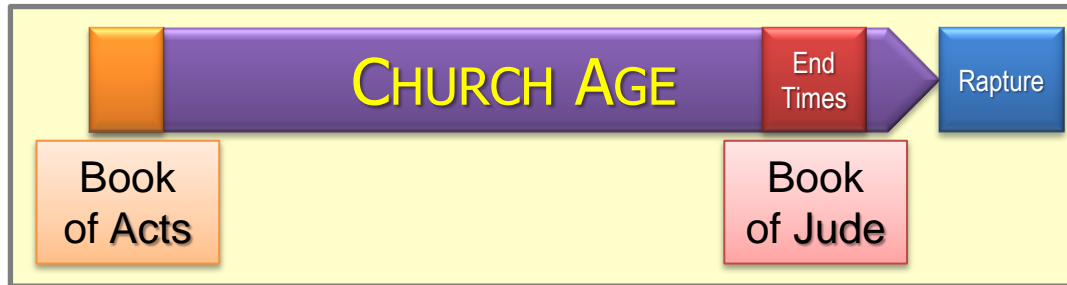
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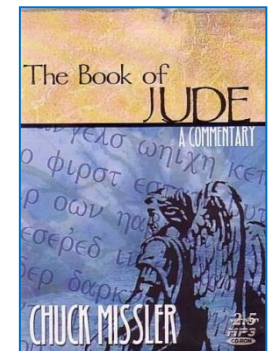


Jude - OVERVIEW

- Book of Jude
 - Written for us today - we are in the end-times
 - Beginning of the Church Age - Acts of the Apostles
 - End of the Church Age - Acts of the Apostates



- Jude is the only book devoted entirely to the great apostasy.
- What is “apostasy”?



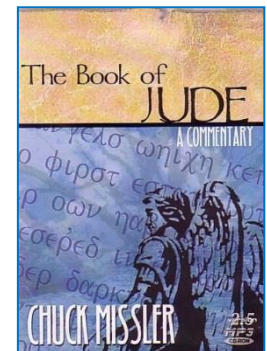
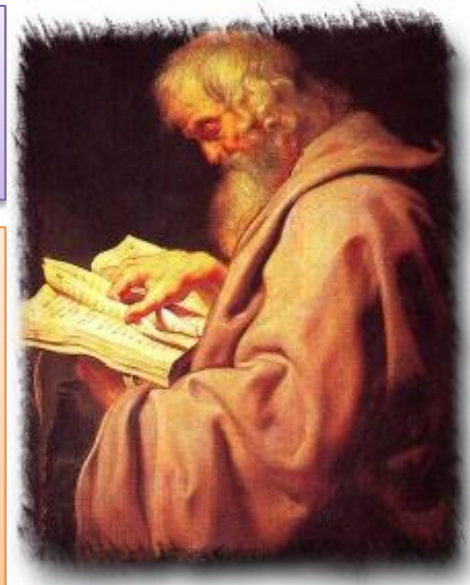
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 - **Apostasy** (*Greek - apostasia*):

Apostasy is the formal disaffiliation from, or abandonment or renunciation of, a religion by a person. One who commits apostasy (or who **apostatizes**) is known as an **apostate**.

³ Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,
 --- 2 Thessalonians 2:3 ... NKJV

4 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,
 --- 1 Timothy 4:1 ... NKJV



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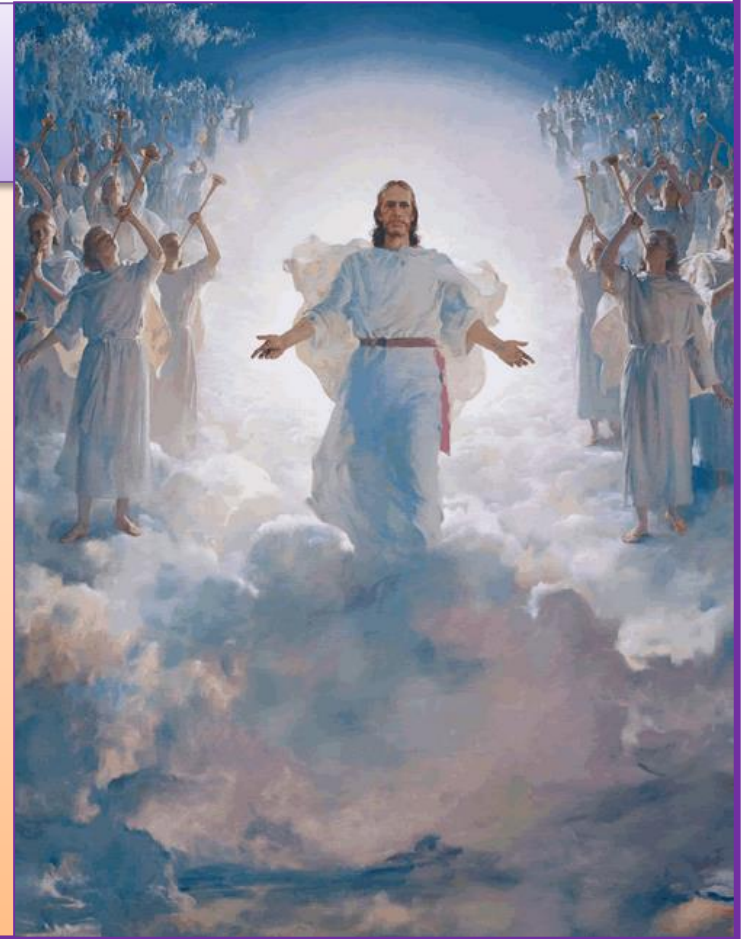
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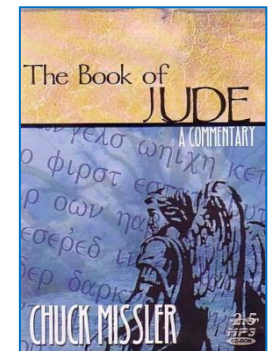
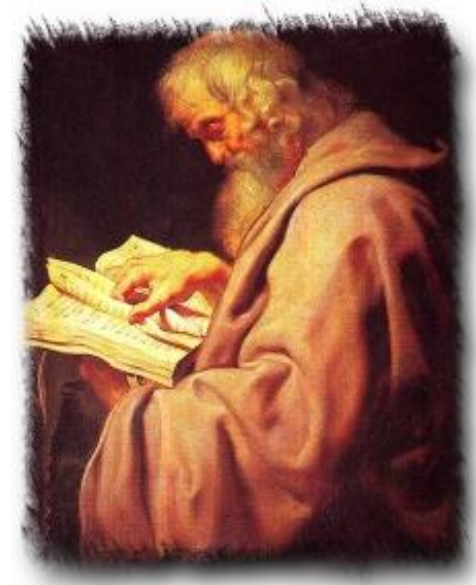


Jude 1:1 - OBSERVATIONS

¹ Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,
To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:

- FROM: Jude
 - Jude is *Greek* for *Hebrew* name Judas
 - Popular name in the time of Jesus
- Bondservant of Jesus Christ
 - Same word in [Rev 1:1](#) “to show His servants...”
- Brother of James
 - James was head of the church in Jerusalem
 - Author of the Epistle of James
 - Both James and Jude were Jesus’ step-brothers
 - Neither were among the 12 disciples
 - They did not believe at first ... [John 7:5](#)

⁵ For even His brothers did not believe in Him.
--- [John 7:5](#) ... NKJV



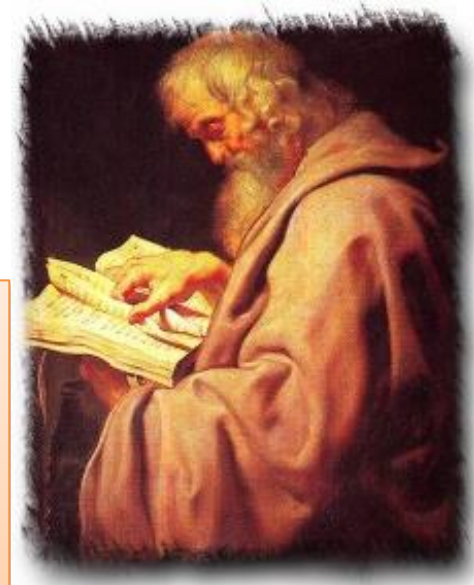
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• To: True Believers

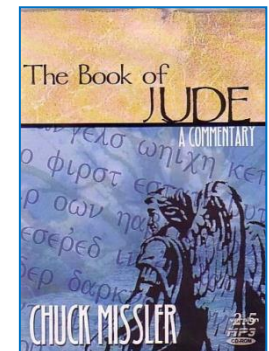
- Called Son of God
- Sanctified ... God the Father
- Preserved Holy Spirit

TRINITY



²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

--- Romans 8:28-30 ... NKJV



Jude 1:2 - OBSERVATIONS

² Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

- **Mercy** ... *Directed upward*

- Not getting the punishment we deserve

¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

--- Hebrews 4:16 ... NKJV

- **Peace** ... *Directed inward*

- Peace with God comes through Jesus

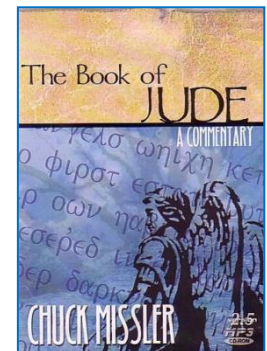
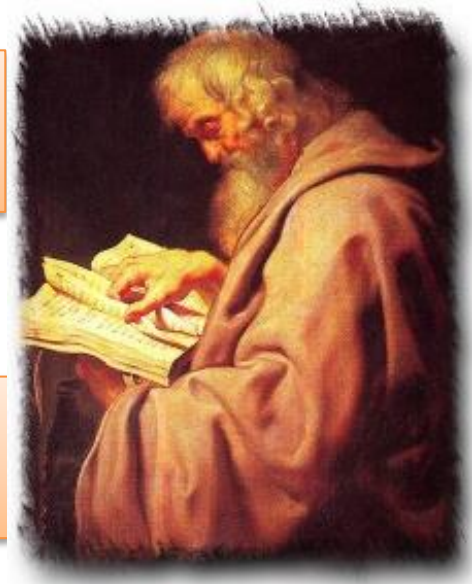
⁵ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

--- Romans 5:1 ... NKJV

- **Love** ... *Directed outward*

- Believers badge of identity

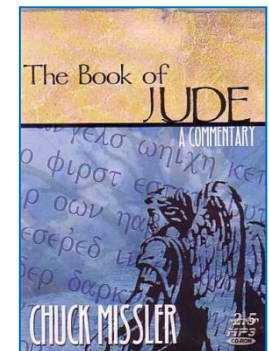
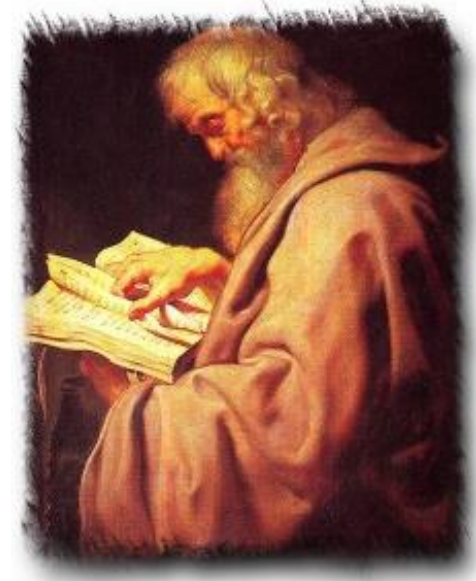
³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." --- John 13:34-35 ... NKJV



Jude 1:3 - OBSERVATIONS

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- Jude's Objective for the Epistle
 - To exhort believers to contend earnestly for the faith!
 - Exhort (verb) = *Paraclete* (noun): comforter
 - Faith: more inclusive, in this context, than just “salvation” or “gospel”
 - Fight to keep the true faith that was once delivered to you



Jude 1:4 - OBSERVATIONS

⁴ For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

- The Threat

- Why must we contend for the faith?

- There are Tares among the Wheat

Matthew 1:24-30

- False Brethren have Stolen into the Church

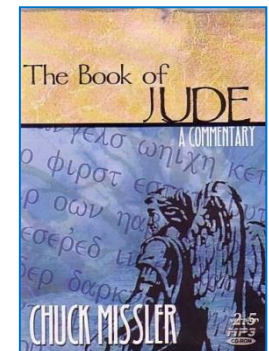
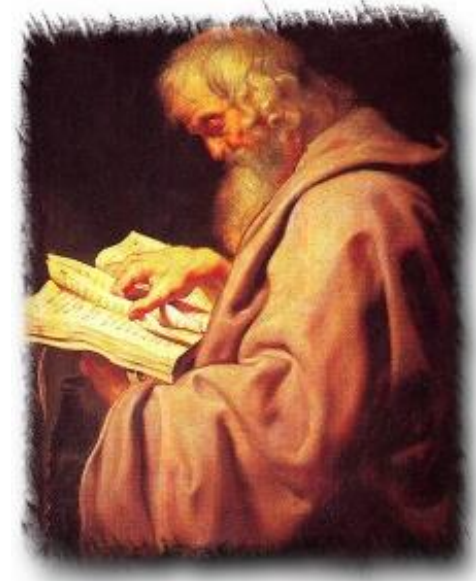
Galatians 2:4-5

- Saints are in Peril

2 Corinthians 11:26

- Latter Times: Doctrines of Demons

1 Timothy 4:1,6

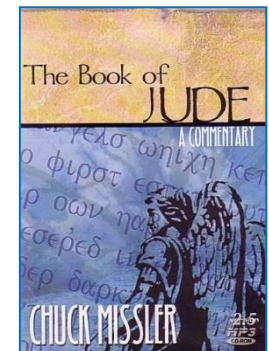
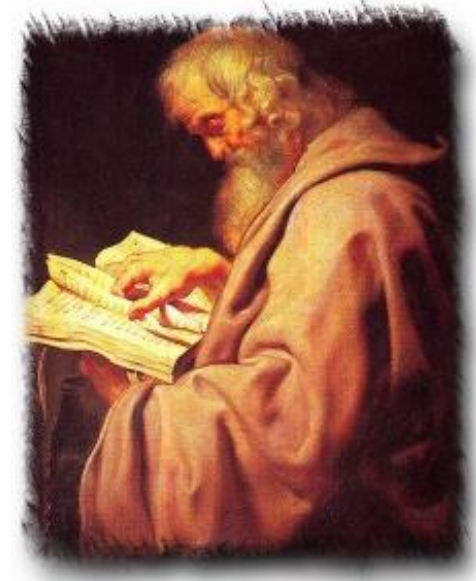


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- Three Characteristics of Apostates
 1. Ungodly Cain
 2. Perverters of Grace ... Balaam
 3. Denier of God's Appointed Leader ... Korah

**WE WILL SPEAK MORE ABOUT THESE APOSTATES
WHEN WE GET TO VERSE 11.**



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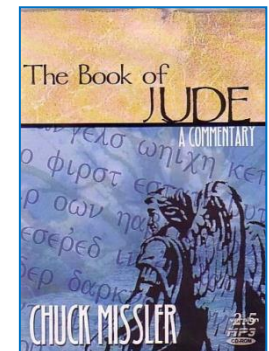
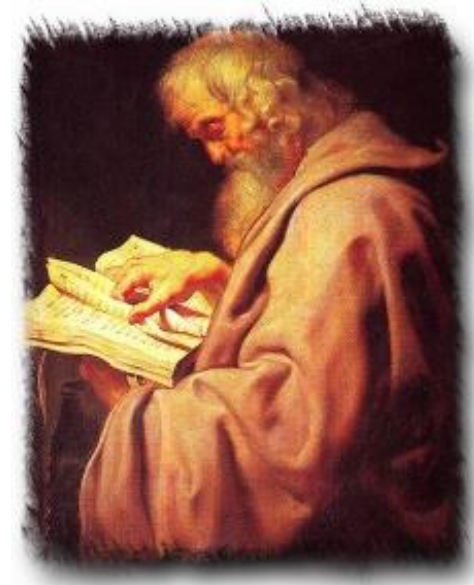
• Jude's Reminders - Three Examples

- Israel *verse 5 - Saved Men*
- Angels that Sinned *verse 6 - Angels*
- Sodom & Gomorrah ... *verse 7 - Unserved Men*

THE CENTRAL THEME FOR ALL THREE EXAMPLES IS APOSTASY!

ISRAEL: THE LESSON

God reserves the right to destroy those that become guilty of certain forms of unbelief, or other sins to which unbelief leads.

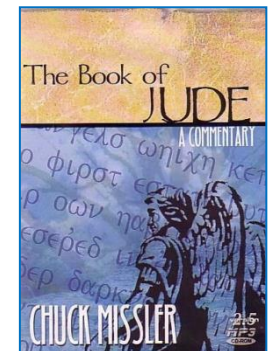
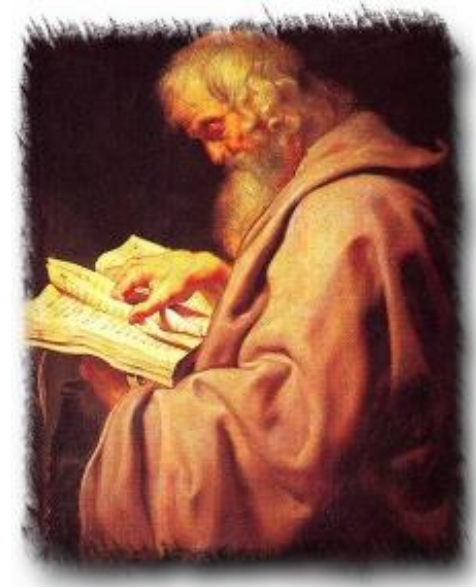


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• Angels that Sinned - Three Views

#	VIEW	DESCRIPTION
1	Unknowable	We are not intended to know any more than what is in this brief statement. The problem with this view is that it stands between verses 5 and 7 : all three verses draw upon the familiar Old Testament truths.
2	Lucifer's Fall	Angels having to do with the fall of Lucifer Isaiah 14:12-17 ; Ezekiel 28:12-19
3	Nephilim	Genesis 6:1-4 : LXX: <i>B'nai Elohim</i> = "Angels of God." Mentioned four times in the OT (Job 1:6 ; 2:1 ; 38:7).



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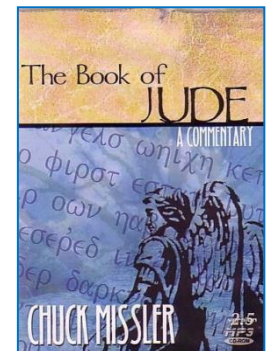
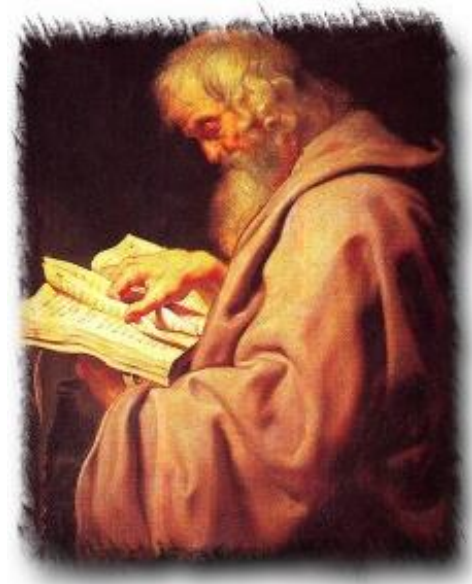
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- **Nephilim**

- **Genesis 6** indicates that the “sons of God” (*B’nai Elohim*) took wives of the “daughters of men,” which gave birth to the “*Nephilim*.”

- **What on earth was going on?**

- The *B’nai Elohim* is a term that refers to angels. It occurs four times in the Old Testament and is rendered “Angels of God” in the ancient Septuagint translation.

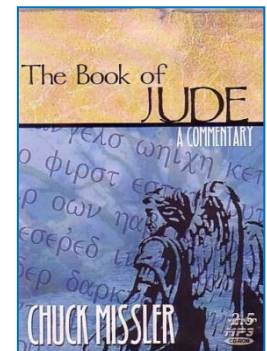
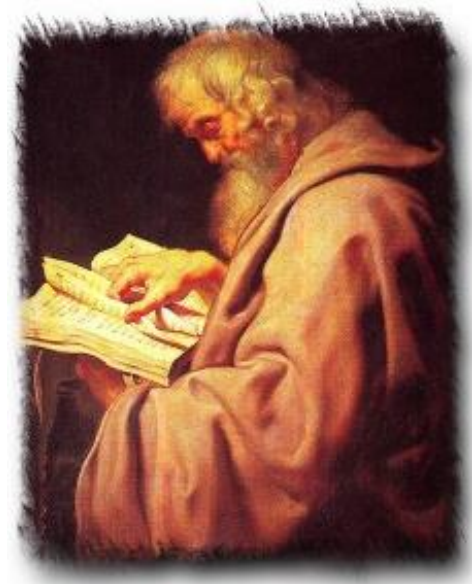


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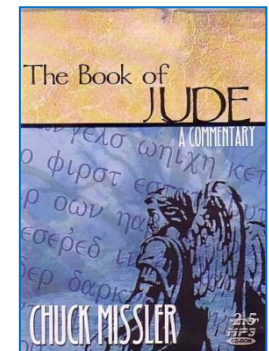
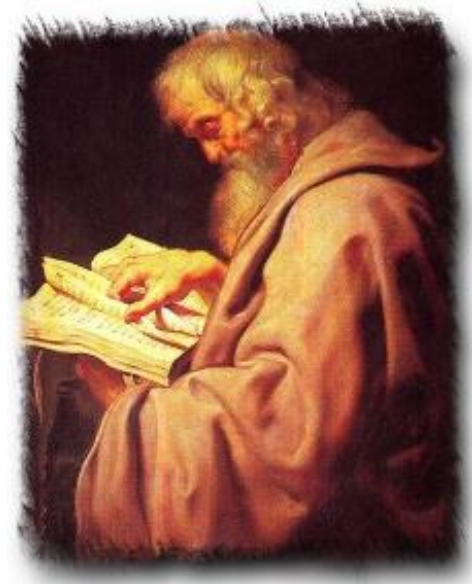
- The intrusion of certain angels into the human family resulted in unnatural offspring termed *Nephilim*, which derives from the Hebrew *naphal* (to fall), or the Fallen Ones.
- The Greek Septuagint renders this term *gigantes*, which actually means “earthborn.”
- This is often misunderstood to mean “giants”—which they also happen to have been.



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- **Angels that Sinned - The Apostate Lesson**
 - Scripture warns against meddling with the spirit world. [Mediums, séances, fortune tellers, etc.]
 - The punishment which overtook the angels that sinned emphasizes the serious nature of apostasy: beings of a higher order than ours have been hurled down into a dark place of confinement where they have remained for thousands of years.
 - God has not changed His attitude toward them; time has not mitigated the seriousness of their sin.
 - False teachers are pre-written into condemnation .

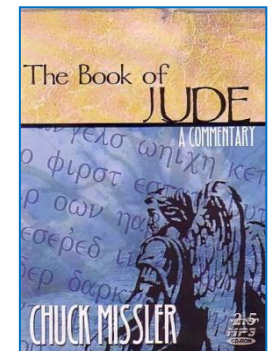
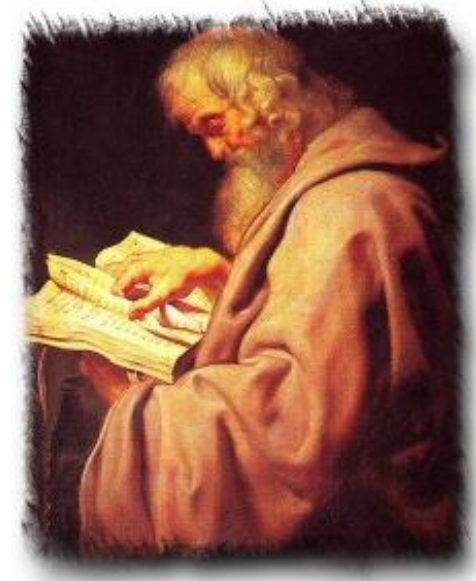


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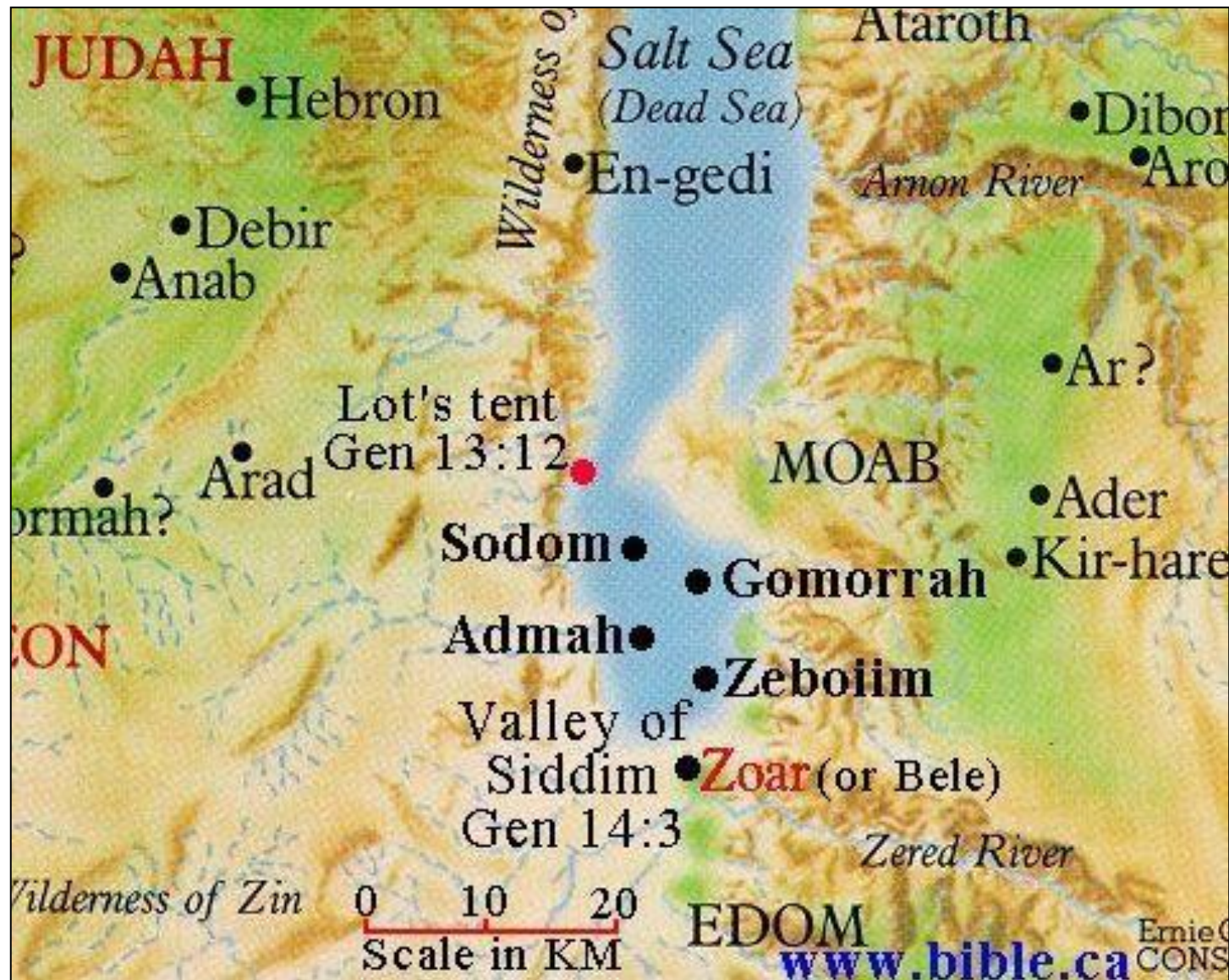
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- **Sodom & Gomorrah - Third Example**
 - The Dead Sea is **1286** ft below sea level.
 - It is the terminus of the Jordan River and is **40** miles long, **10** miles wide.
 - Its northern segment is very deep—**1400** ft in places; the southern segment (**10** miles long) is only **10-20** ft deep.
 - It now covers the “**Valley of Siddim**” (**Genesis 14:3,8,10**) in which five cities existed: Sodom, Gomorrah, Zoar, Admah, and Zeboim.
 - They were very prosperous; over **one million** tombs discovered.



Sodom & Gomorrah - Location



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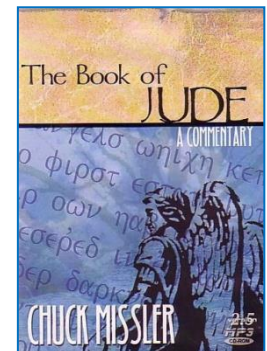
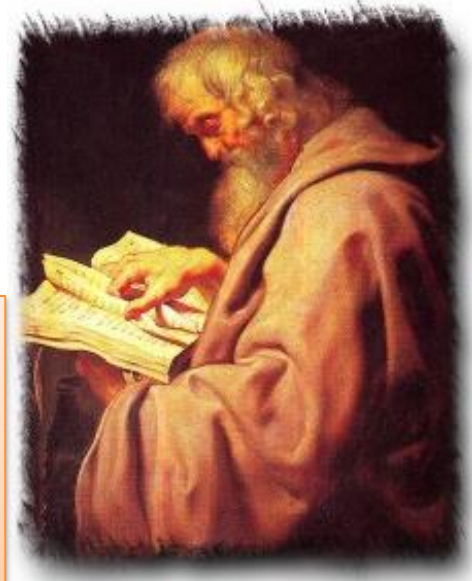
- **Sodom & Gomorrah - Unserved Men**

- **What was going on spiritually in Sodom and Gomorrah?**

Romans 1:18-32

²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. ²⁷ Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. --- Romans 1:26-27 ... NKJV

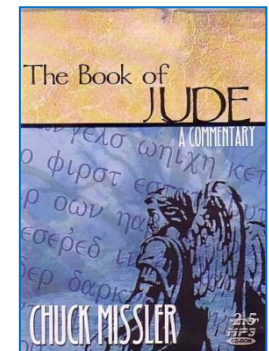
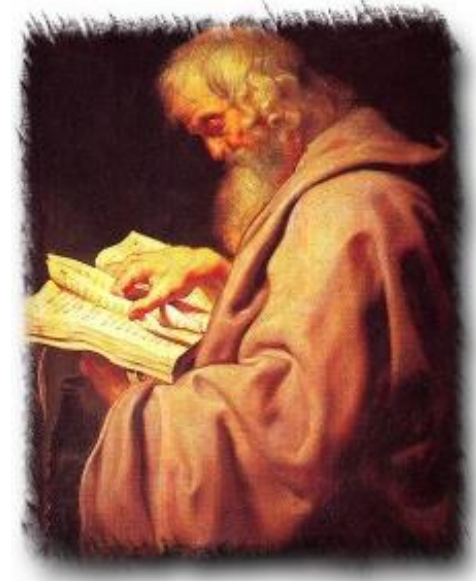
The heathen are accountable; "without excuse."



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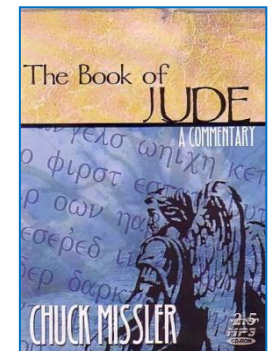
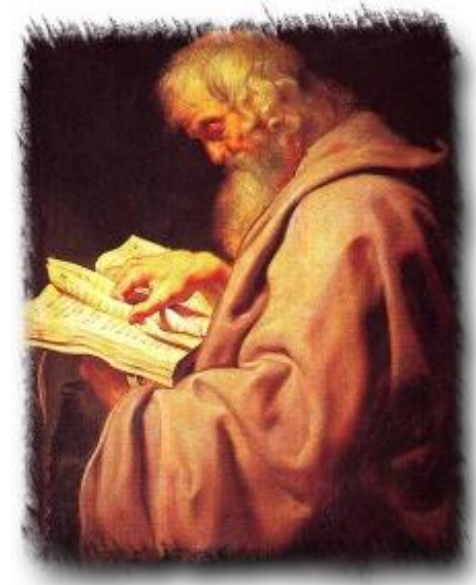
- **Sodom & Gomorrah - Apostasy Lesson**
 - Apostasy begins with intellectual doubts; it's certain to end with physical degradation.
 - Sodom and Gomorrah are mentioned in connection with apostasy, therefore they once had knowledge of the truth!
 - It was only **450** years since the Flood; Shem (Noah's son) still walked the earth, having **50** years left before him.



Jude 1:8 - OBSERVATIONS

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- Likewise also these dreamers
 - The three marks of these apostate dreamers
 1. Defile the Flesh
 - Walking after their own lusts - [2 Peter 3:3](#)
 - Renewed outbreak of ancient sins - [Romans 1:18-32](#)
 - » They once knew God—failed to glorify Him—vain in their reasoning—hearts darkened.
 - » God gives them up to uncleanness, vile affections, a reprobate mind
 2. Reject Authority
 3. Speak Evil of Dignitaries



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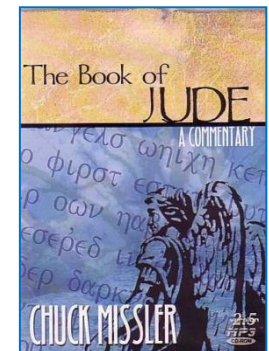
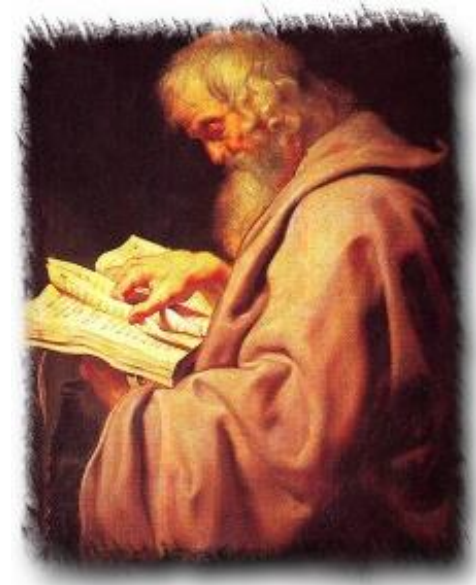
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- Likewise also these dreamers
 - The three marks of these apostate dreamers
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 2. Reject Authority
 - Denying the only Lord God - [verse 4](#)
 - Every knee shall bend - [Philippians 2:9-11](#)

⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

--- [Philippians 2:9-11](#) ... NKJV

3. Speak Evil of Dignitaries



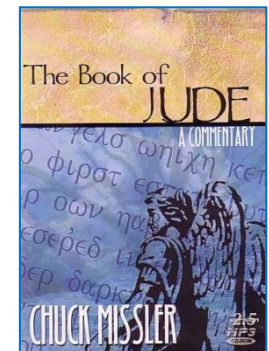
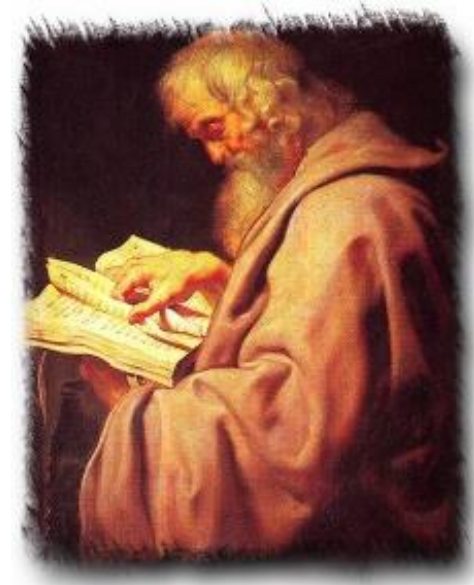
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 - Speaking in judgment of authority - [verses 9-10](#)
 - Satan = “Accuser of the Brethren” - [Revelation 12:10](#)
 - Food for thought...

EACH TIME WE OPEN OUR MOUTHS AGAINST A BROTHER
- WE ARE DOING SATAN'S WORK.

- The ultimate dignity is Our Lord Jesus Christ



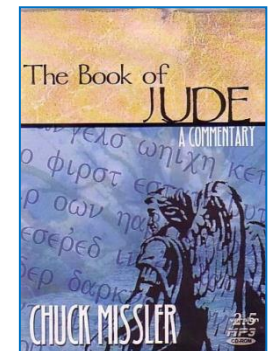
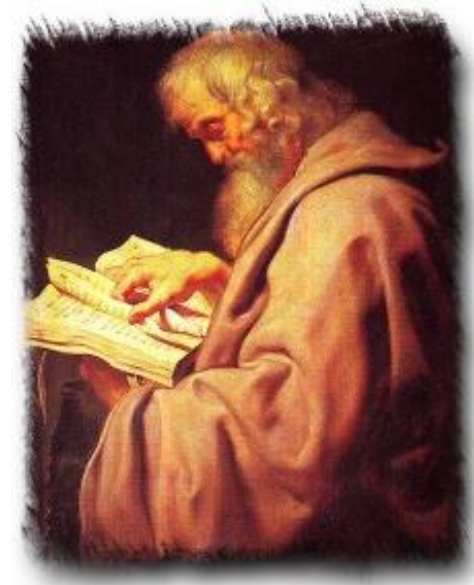
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• Michael vs Satan Over the Body of Moses

- A curious fact: It is almost impossible to find a sermon or article on this strange dispute between the chief of the holy angels and the chief of the wicked spirits.
- Railing judgment is important enough to merit further illustration!

- Two mighty angels once disputed over the body of a creature of a lower order than they:
 - the angel who was faithful to his Creator said nothing against his evil opponent...
 - even though he himself was doing the work of God in obedience to a divine command, and...
 - even though the Devil who opposed him was seeking to thwart God's purposes!



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• Michael vs Satan Over the Body of Moses

- There are over 500 Old Testament references to Moses - *only one refers to his body.*

⁵ So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. ⁶ And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day. --- Deuteronomy 34:5-6 ... NKJV

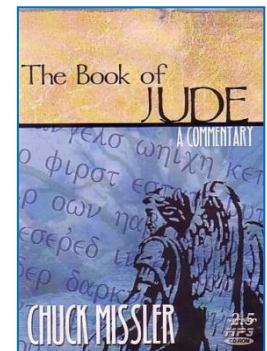
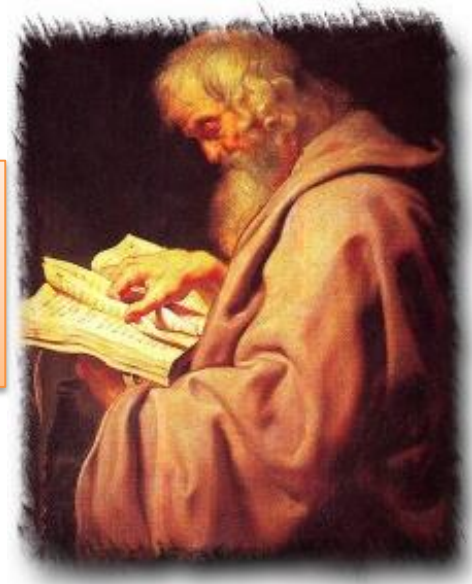
• Why did God Himself bury Moses?

Why is the place of the sepulcher kept secret?

Why is Satan interested in the body of man...this man?

Why is Michael dispatched to oppose?

- **One possible reason:** God did not want the body of Moses to be worshipped.
- **Can you think of any other reasons?**

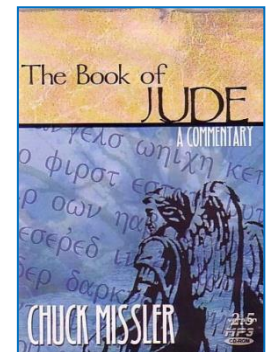
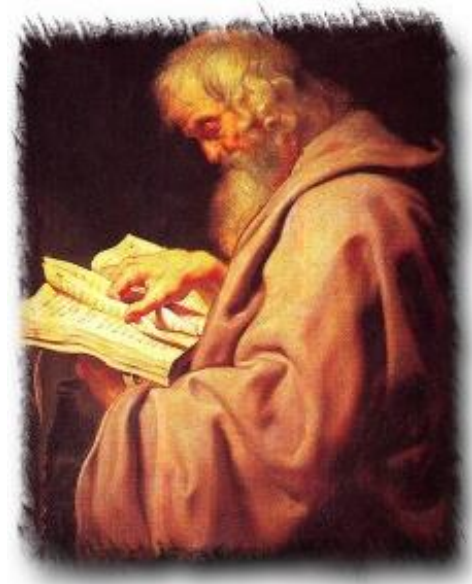


Jude 1:10 - OBSERVATIONS

10 But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.

• Like Creatures Without Reason

- One thought linking **verses 8-10** is Railing against Dignitaries
- The archangel, although dealing with Satan himself, and possessing a more perfect knowledge than ours, dared not to speak in judgment.
- An apostate does not hesitate to speak out in condemnation concerning matters about which he does not know enough to make him a judge over others.
- The apostate limits himself to mere natural knowledge, rails at the truth, and finally perished eternally in his own corruption



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