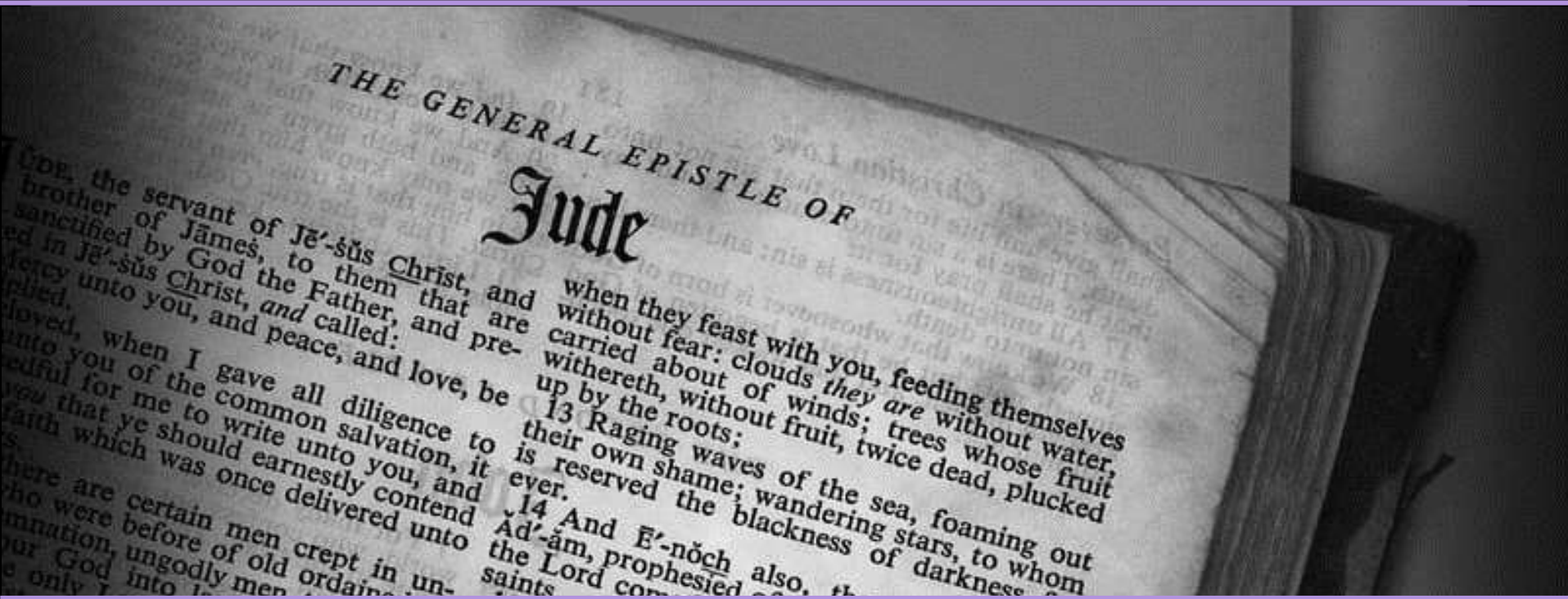




Jude



...a verse by verse study

From: Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ,
and a brother of James.

To: Christians everywhere-beloved of
God and chosen by him. May you be
given more and more of God's kindness,
peace, and love.

Dearly loved friends, I had been planning
to write you some thoughts about the
salvation God has given us, but now I
find I must write of something else
instead, urging you to stoutly defend the
truth that God gave once for all to his
people to keep without change through
the years.

I say this because some godless
teachers have wormed their way in
among you, saying that after we
become Christians we can do just as we
like without fear of God's punishment.

The fate of such people was written long ago, for they have turned against our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

My answer to them is: Remember this fact-which you know already-that the Lord saved a whole nation of people out of the land of Egypt and then killed every one of them who did not trust and obey him.

And I remind you of those angels who were once pure and holy but turned to a life of sin. Now God has them chained up in prisons of darkness, waiting for the judgment day.

And don't forget the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring towns, all full of lust of every kind, including lust of men for other men.

Those cities were destroyed by fire and continue to be a warning to us that there is a hell in which sinners are punished.

Yet these false teachers carelessly go right on living their evil, immoral lives, degrading their bodies and laughing at those in authority over them, even scoffing at the Glorious Ones.

Yet Michael, one of the mightiest of the angels, when he was arguing with Satan about Moses' body, did not dare to accuse even Satan, or jeer at him, but simply said, "The Lord rebuke you."

But these men mock and curse at anything they do not understand, and like animals, they do whatever they feel like, thereby ruining their souls.

Woe upon them! For they follow the example of Cain who killed his brother; and like Balaam, they will do anything for money; and like Korah, they have disobeyed God and will die under his curse.

When these men join you at the love feasts of the church, they are evil smears among you, laughing and carrying on, gorging and stuffing themselves without a thought for others.

They are like clouds blowing over dry land without giving rain, promising much, but producing nothing.

They are like fruit trees without any fruit at picking time. They are not only dead, but doubly dead, for they have been pulled out, roots and all, to be burned.

All they leave behind them is shame and disgrace like the dirty foam left along the beach by the wild waves. They wander around looking as bright as stars, but ahead of them is the everlasting gloom and darkness that God has prepared for them.

Enoch, who lived seven generations after Adam, knew about these men and said this about them: "See, the Lord is coming with millions of his holy ones. He will bring the people of the world before him in judgment, to receive just punishment and to prove the terrible things they have done in rebellion against God, revealing all they have said against him." These men are constant gripers, never satisfied, doing whatever evil they feel like; they are loudmouthed "show-offs," and when they show respect for others, it is only to get something from them in return.

Dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ told you, that in the last times there would come these scoffers whose whole purpose in life is to enjoy themselves in every evil way imaginable. They stir up arguments; they love the evil things of the world; they do not have the Holy Spirit living in them.

But you, dear friends, must build up your lives ever more strongly upon the foundation of our holy faith, learning to pray in the power and strength of the Holy Spirit.

Stay always within the boundaries where God's love can reach and bless you. Wait patiently for the eternal life that our Lord Jesus Christ in his mercy is going to give you. Try to help those who argue against you. Be merciful to those who doubt

Save some by snatching them as from the very flames of hell itself. And as for others, help them to find the Lord by being kind to them, but be careful that you yourselves aren't pulled along into their sins. Hate every trace of their sin while being merciful to them as sinners.

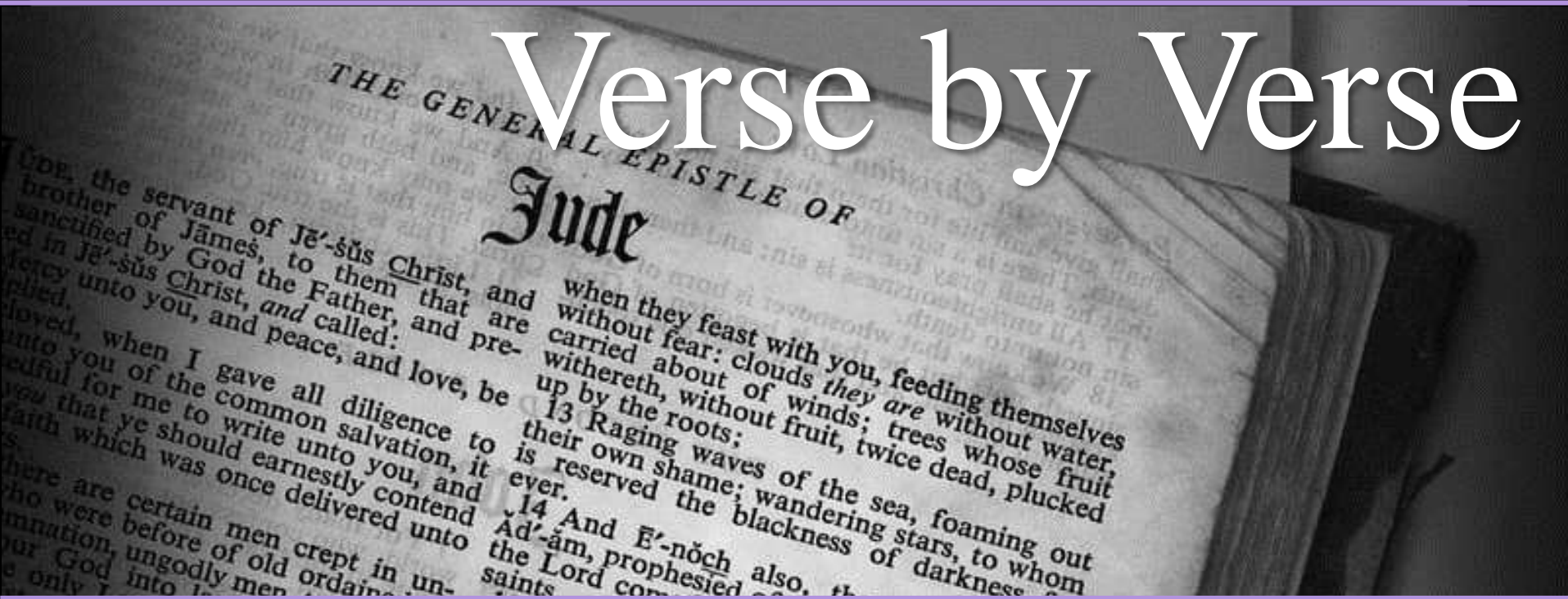
And now—all glory to him who alone is God, who saves us through Jesus Christ our Lord; yes, splendor and majesty, all power and authority are his from the beginning; his they are and his they evermore shall be.

And he is able to keep you from slipping and falling away, and to bring you, sinless and perfect, into his glorious presence with mighty shouts of everlasting joy. Amen.



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Verse by Verse



...a verse by verse study

Jude's Warning

- Evil people have crept into the church unnoticed
- They teach that you can live as you like without fear of consequence because you are saved.
- Jude is now making the argument that it really does matter how you live!
- He gives us 3 object lessons from the Old Testament to warn us of:
 - 1) The danger of being led astray or deceived by these apostates
 - 2) The danger of actually becoming apostate
 - 'turning away from the Grace of God' – Gal 1:6

Paul's Genuine Concern

27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a **castaway**.

1 Corinthians 9:27

- Gr. **ἀδόκιμοί** *adokimos*
- Rejected, not standing the test, not approved

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

1 Cor 10:12

Peter's Heartfelt Plea

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall **2 Peter 1:10**

- If effect, Peter is saying:
 - *'You have been given a 2nd chance, you have been called by Jesus Himself – don't blow your inheritance like the prodigal son or like Easu, by chasing after things to satisfy you merely on earth and not striving to take hold of all that you can have in Christ!'*

How We Live our Lives Here Will Have Eternal Consequences

- What we do ‘after we have been born again’ affects our role, position, place & authority in the coming Millennial Kingdom.
- This kingdom is not heaven, but a literal, physical kingdom on earth where Jesus will reign for 1000 years. We acknowledge this kingdom, but don’t know the criteria required to inherit it
- The truth “that not only our “rewards,” but our place of responsibility in that kingdom is being determined now; thus, there is an urgent need for a renewed recognition of our personal accountability.
- We must learn to be “partakers of Christ’s Life”— these are called “overcomers” or “faithful ones”

Overcomers

- Overcoming means “victory over hostile powers.” Jesus is the real Overcomer. The only way we become an overcomer is by yielding ourselves to Him
- Overcomers are not ‘perfect;’ they are just ones who make the right choices to go God’s way.
 - David is an example
- All believers will enter the kingdom; but only overcomers will inherit that kingdom (Heb.3:14; Rom.8:17; Matt.24:43, 47)
- Overcomers” (the faithful ones) will rule and reign there; the “overtaken” will simply dwell there (Rev.21:7; Matt.7:21)
- The deciding factor is how we live our lives here

John's Concern

8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

2 John 1:8

Jude's Warning

- 1st Example: God destroyed the Israelites who failed to trust Him and enter the Promised Land.
 - Instead, the nation waited 38 years until that entire generation died out!
 - God is not mocked!

⁵ I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

Jude v5

⁶ And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Jude v6

- After giving the example of Israel...
 - Of whom, the 'Egypt generation' did not enter the Promised Land because of unbelief...
 - But instead God 'destroyed' in the wilderness
- And before giving the example of Sodom & Gomorrah
 - whom God judged...
- Jude gives this example of '*the Angels which kept not their first estate*' as further evidence that God will judge (and disinherit) those that turn from His statutes!
 - Jude writes as if this situation was well known!

Fallen Angels

- The Bible makes it clear that some angels have rebelled against God

41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand,
Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire,
prepared for the devil and his angels:

Matt 25:41

- Three Questions:
 - 1) Why did some angels rebel against God?
 - 2) When did they rebel?
 - 3) What is different about 'Jude's angels that they are singled out for specific divine punishment?

4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

7 When the morning stars sang together, and **all** the sons of God shouted for joy?

Job 38:4-7

- When the foundations of the earth were laid (Gen 1:1) ALL the angels shouted for joy! (Including Lucifer!)
 - He and his angels must have therefore rebelled some time after Creation (Gen 1)

The Origin of Satan

12a Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

Ezekiel 28:12-15

- Note: God's perfect creation is full of gemstones! - cf. Rev 21

The Origin of Satan

¹⁴ Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

¹⁵ Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, **till iniquity** was found in thee.

Ezekiel 28:12-15

- Satan was perfect in Eden to begin with!
- Yet by the time we get to Gen 3 he had fallen.
- What caused him to fall?

The Fall of Satan

6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

1 Timothy 3:6

The Fall of Satan

¹² How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

¹³ For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

'I will be like' = *damah* ('daw-maw');
a primitive root; to compare; by implication,
to resemble, liken, consider:
KJV - compare, devise, (be) like (-n), mean,
think, use similitudes.

The Pinnacle of Creation

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 1:27

- Adam was made 'like God'
- Satan was not!
- Adam 'out ranked' Satan in Eden - Heb 1:12
- The book of Esther is a dramatization of the events of Genesis 1-3

The History & Career of Satan

- Lucifer (meaning 'light bearer') was 'the anointed cherub' (Isaiah 14:12)
 - Possibly the most powerful angel
- He was responsible for the worship in Heaven,
- In all probability he orchestrated the worship to God when the earth was being created!
 - Job 38:7
- So how did he end up becoming the embodiment of evil?

The History & Career of Satan

- As the angelic host watched on as God created, the questions must have been whispered...
 - This is amazing! I wonder who it is for?
 - Who will be given dominion over all of this wonderful creation?”
- As the ‘top angel’ Lucifer must have thought
 - *“To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself?”* (Esther 6:6).

The History & Career of Satan

- But then God unveiled the biggest bombshell in all of eternity!
- MANKIND!
 - Created in HIS image!
- Lucifer was no longer the pinnacle of God's creation
- It quickly became clear that this stunning new world God had just spent the last 5 days creating, was to be given to Man!!

The History & Career of Satan

- At that moment, something happened that seemed utterly impossible;
- It was something so catastrophic that it would later require an unimaginable price to be paid to remedy the situation,
 - and even then would leave a tragic scar on the whole of eternity.
- Lucifer – the light bearer – rebelled against God!

The History & Career of Satan

- Isaiah 14:12-15 records that Lucifer, already overflowing with envy and hatred for the Man who had been created in God's image, said in his heart
- *“I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the [angels] of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High” (Isaiah 14:13-14).*

The History & Career of Satan

- Lucifer had not been created '*like the Most High*', but Adam had.
- So if he had not been given it, he would take it by force!
- He would take the wonderful earth he thought he rightfully deserved, destroying this Man in the process!
 - He would not allow man to become the Light bearer
- Then he would be exulted and the other angels would worship him!

The History & Career of Satan

- Lucifer's nature now changed in an instant,
- His name effectively changing to 'Satan'
 - which means 'opponent',
- For now he had become – not God's opponent – but Man's.
- *"Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate."*

(Esther 5:13).

The History & Career of Satan

- Satan took 1/3rd of the angels with him when he rebelled against God – Rev 12
- For the last 6000 years of human history he has been hell-bent on one thing:
- The destruction of man by whatever means possible.
 - Just as Haman was with Mordecai
- But the man he was most intent on destroying was not the first Adam, but the Second Adam – Jesus Christ. The Seed.

The Need for Israel

- God pronounced judgment on Satan in Gen 3:15 – which he is desperate to avoid!
- In essence, the whole account of the Old Testament is the story of how God engineered and ensured the safe arrival of the Second Adam...
 - the Seed of the Woman,
- ...and how Satan
 - the Dragon (Rev 12)
- ...desperately tried to prevent it!

The Present Distress

19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

1 John 5:19

- For now, the earth has been handed over to Satan
- Satan 'stole' the earth from Adam

The Present Distress

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

The Present Distress

- 5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.
- 6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: **for that is delivered unto me;** and to whomsoever I will I give it.

Luke 4:5-8

- Jesus doesn't contest Satan's claim
- Satan has this world — for now!

¹⁵ And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 11:15

- Jesus is the only One worthy to open the scroll in Rev 5
 - He was worthy (without sin) and a kinsman of Adam so legally entitled to claim back the 'land' Adam lost
 - This the 'right of redemption' given in Leviticus 25:25, 48
- Now Jesus takes back the title of the Earth!

2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth,
and pained to be delivered.

Revelation 12:2

- The Old Testament is the story of this Woman 'travailing in birth' waiting for the Child to come.
- Right from the start, Satan was 'hell bent' on stopping this Child coming and tried everything possible to prevent it.

The Travail Begins

- **Cain killing Able:**
- This was Satan's 1st attempt after the fall to destroy the Seed of the Woman.
 - In all probability, Satan at that time may well have thought Abel was the Seed.

'The Angels that sinned'?

4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to *Tartarus*, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment

2 Peter 2:4

6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Jude v6

'Habitation'

- Gr. Οἰκητήριον - 'Oiketerion'
- Refers to the body as a dwelling place for the spirit
- Jude tells the angels who sinned left their natural 'body' and went after 'strange flesh'
 - The only other place this Greek word is used is in 2 Cor 5:2

For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

2 Corinthians 5:2



The Book of Genesis

Chapter 6

¹ And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,² That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

Genesis 6:1-2

אִשָּׁה *'ishshâh* = Women

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Genesis 6:1-2

- בְּנֵי־הָאֱלֹהִים *Bene HaElohim*
- Always used to identify a direct creation of God
- Angels Job 1:6, 2:1 / Believers 1 John 3

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Genesis 6:1-2

- בְּנוֹת הָאָדָם *Benoth Adam* “Daughters of Adam”

4 There were Nephilim in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

Genesis 6:3-4

- הַנְּפִלִים *Nephilim* “the fallen ones”
 - *Nephal*: “to fall, be cast down, to fall away, desert”
- הַגִּבּוֹרִים *HaGibborim* “the mighty ones”
- *Septuagint (Greek) LXX translates it as:*
 - *Gigantes* (where we get the word ‘Giant’)
 - But the word comes from “Gigas” = ‘earth-born’

The Reason for the Flood

- Angelic beings had 'left their first estate'
- They had desired and taken women
- Their offspring were hybrid beings
 - part human - part celestial
- They were of abnormal size
- They neither fully angel or fully human
- Did they have eternal spirits?

The Reason for the Flood

- They become the source of much myth and legend
- BUT...
- The real purpose was the annihilation of the human race
- ONLY Noah (and family) had kept themselves 'genetically pure'
 - uncontaminated
- Satan almost succeeded in destroying mankind.

The Reason for the Flood

- Was God unjust & unloving to send the flood?
- NO!...
- It was an incredible act of love and mercy to preserve His 'special creation'
- Psalm 119:68 – God is good

The Reason for the Flood

- *Geneges* is the same word used in Greek mythology for “Titans,”
- creatures emerging from interbreeding of the Greek gods with human beings. *Genea*, means “breed,” or “kind.”
- The English words “genes” and “genetics” come from the same root.

'The Angels that sinned'?

4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to *Tartarus*, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment

2 Peter 2:4

Greek Titans

- Partly terrestrial; partly celestial
- Rebelled against their father Uranus
- After prolonged contest they were defeated by Zeus and condemned to Tartarus
 - Titan (Greek)
 - Sheitan (Chaldean)
 - Satan (Hebrew)



Josephus

“Many angels of God accompanied with women, and begat sons that proved unjust, and despisers of all that was good, on account of their own strength ... these men did what resembled the acts of those whom the Grecians called giants”

Antiquities of the Jews, Book I, Ch. 3

“There was till then left the race of giants, who had bodies so large, and countenances so entirely different from other men, that they were surprising to the sight, and terrible to the hearing. The bones of these men are still shown to this day”

Antiquities of the Jews, Book V, Ch. 3

⁶ And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness **unto** the judgment of the great day.

Jude v6

- Lit: until Gr. Eis
 - ‘A point in time’
- They have been reserved for a particular point in time – during the judgment...
- “The Day of the LORD”

¹ And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

Revelation 9:1

- Star = angel
- Note that he was given the key to bottomless pit.
 - An asteroid or meteor would not have a lot of use for a key!
 - “There is no indication that this is a fallen angel. He will descend from heaven to open the abyss, liberating the creatures who will fulfil this vision.....He must be a holy and trusted angel to have the key to the pit. If a fallen one he could liberate all the fallen creatures that are now there. He is not the angel of the bottomless pit, for no king of demons could be trusted with such a key” Dake

The Bottomless Pit

- Literally translated as the 'long shaft of the abyss'.
- The abyss was understood by the Jewish Rabbis and Greek philosophers to be a hollow place in the centre of the earth being the abode of the dead.
- There's much Biblical support:
 - Num 16:33 *'...went down alive into the pit',*
 - Ezek 26:20 *'When I shall bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth'*
 - Ezek 31:16 *'I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit'*
 - (See also: Romans 10:7 / Isaiah 5:14 / Isaiah 38:17-18 / Psalm 28:1 / Psalm 30:3)

The Bottomless Pit

- Note what Peter says regarding the angels who sinned prior to the flood (by taking the daughters of men):
 - “....*God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;*” (2 Peter 2:4).
- The Greek word translated ‘Hell’ is ‘Tartaras’ which was believed to be the deepest part of Hades.
- Some scholars believe that God has held these angels in chains until this point.
- Literally: they have been *‘reserved for a time of judgment’* when they will be loosed to fulfill God’s purposes, prior to their own destruction.

² And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

³ And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

Revelation 9:2-3

- Ref Exodus 10:12-15
- But God stated that there would never be such Locusts again... so these are clearly different!

4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

Revelation 9:4

- The 144,000 were the ones sealed
- Notice that the Church is not mentioned, confirming her residence as now out of this world in Heaven!

- 5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.
- 6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them..

Revelation 9:5-6

- 5 Months? Grace?
- Only God holds our lives in His hand

7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.

8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

Revelation 9:7-8

- Make no mistake, the reason we are given so much detail is so that we don't assume that this can't be real!

Demonic Locusts



- 9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.
- 10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

Revelation 9:9-10

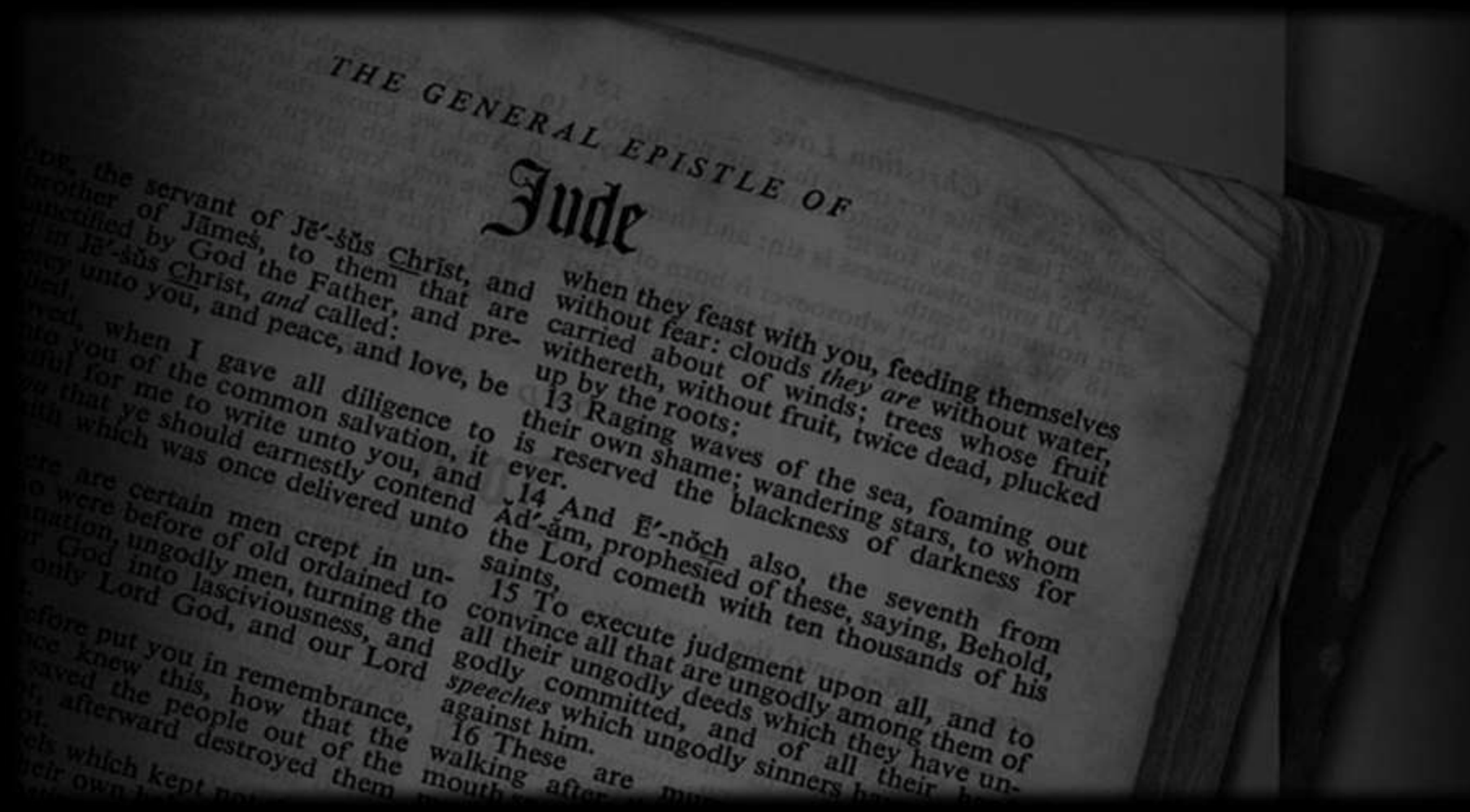
¹¹ And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

Revelation 9:11

- *“These locusts are further differentiated from ordinary locusts in that they have a king over them. Proverbs 30:27 says of natural locusts that they have no king. The king or leader of these locusts is probably one of the fallen angels, the chief henchman of Satan, and he is permitted to lead an invasion of earth for the first time. This is something that is going to be rather frightening. His name in Hebrew means “destruction,” and in Greek it means “the destroyer.””*

J.Vernon McGee

- Jude now gives his final example of how God brings judgement on the disobedient...



7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Jude v7

- Just as the angels left their natural state so too in Sodom & Gomorrah
- God is not mocked!
- Judgment will come to those who disregard God's statutes

But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be

Matt 24:37-39

- The wilful act of those getting married...
- The approval of that act by those 'giving'



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...a verse by verse study



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