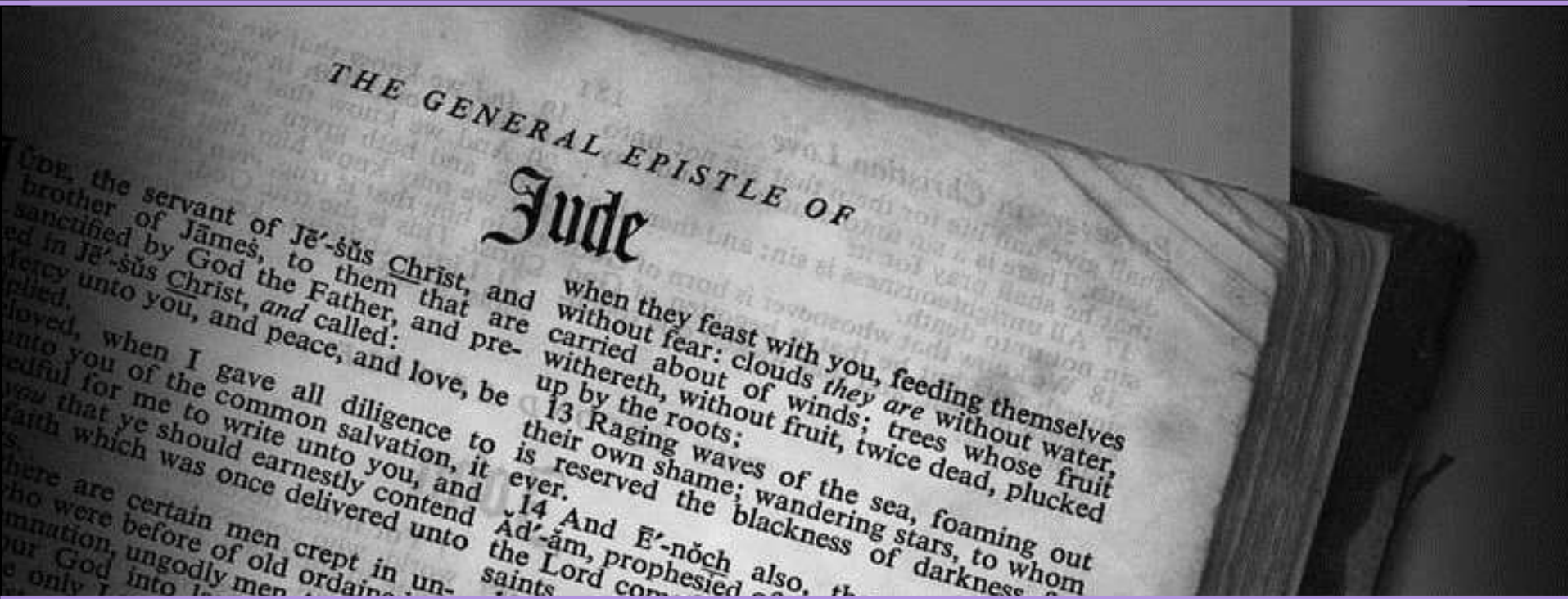




Jude



...a verse by verse study

By Their Fruit...

- Jude now begins to list that characteristics of these apostates...

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Matthew 7:15-18

Character of Apostates

- 1) Filthy dreamers
- 2) Defile the flesh
- 3) Despise dominion
- 4) Speak evil of dignities
- 5) Speak evil of what they don't know
- 6) They act on carnal instincts

Character of Apostates

- 7) Gone in the way of Cain
- 8) Ran greedily after the error of Balaam
- 9) Destroyed themselves in the gainsaying of Korah

Jude's Analysis of Apostates

- Apostates:
 - 1) Reject God's Word
 - 2) Do not understand His Grace
 - 3) Do not appreciate Spiritual things
- They:
 - 1) Want to come to God on their terms
 - 2) Want to enjoy worldly pleasures
 - 3) Want position and recognition

12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, 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 whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

Jude v12-13

Character of Apostates

10) Spots (hidden rocks) in your love feasts

11) Feed themselves without fear

12) They are as clouds without water

13) Carried about of winds

14) Trees whose fruit withers

15) Without fruit

16) Twice dead

17) Plucked up by the roots

18) Raging waves of the sea

19) Foaming out shame

20) Wandering stars

Character of Apostates

10) Spots in your love feasts

- Gr. σπιλάς (Spilas) “a rock in the sea, ledge, reef”
- Used as a metaphor of men who by their conduct damage others morally, wreck them as it were
- They are hidden under the surface and not easily detected
- They appear when your guard is down
- They ensnare you as would a reef to a boat

Character of Apostates

10) Spots in your love feasts

This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;

Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy 1:18-20

Character of Apostates

11) Feed themselves without fear

- Gr. ποιμαίνω (poimaínō) “to feed, tend or care for sheep”
- The same root word as ‘poiman’ (shepherd)
- But these are not caring for others... they just seek to cherish and serve themselves
- The Greek world also has the idea of ‘to rule, to govern’
- The fleshly appetites govern their actions

Character of Apostates

11) Feed themselves without fear

- ¹ When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee:
- ² And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite.

Proverbs 23:1-2

Character of Apostates

12) They are as clouds without water

- People are drawn to them in expectation...
- They promise but cannot satisfy
- They leave people parched

13) Carried about of winds

- A cloud cannot go where it pleases but is carried where the wind takes it.
- They are blown to and fro with every wind of doctrine – Eph 4:14

Character of Apostates

14) Trees whose fruit withers

- Gr. Φθινοπωρινός *phthinopōrinós* ‘autumn trees’
- No living fruit remains
- There is the indication that something once grew, but is now dead and withered

15) Without fruit

- Gr. ἄκαρπος *akarpós* ‘unfruitful’
- Without fruit, barren, not yielding what it ought to yield

By late autumn, trees should have fruit. But these *certain men* did not bear fruit even when they should. They were like trees that only take instead of give. (David Guzik)

Character of Apostates

16) Twice dead

“The text speaks of such as were twice dead. One would think to be once dead were enough; we none of us, till grace renew us to a higher degree than ordinary, love to think of dying once, though this is appointed for us all. What then is the meaning of this being twice dead? They had been once dead in their natural, fallen, lapsed state; but they seemed to recover, and, as a man in a swoon, to be brought to life again, when they took upon them the profession of the Christian religion. But now they are dead again by the evident proofs they have given of their hypocrisy: whatever they seemed, they had nothing truly vital in them”. (Matthew Henry)

Character of Apostates

16) Twice dead

⁸ But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Revelation 21:8

Character of Apostates

16) Twice dead

- Their second death is spoken of as confirmed
- They had the witness of the Holy Spirit, but rejected it in favour of their worldly pleasures

²⁸ Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation

Mark 3:28

Character of Apostates

17) Plucked up by the roots

- Rather than their roots going down into the soil of God's Word and producing fruit...
- ...They have been plucked up
- “As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world”. Matt 13:40

Character of Apostates

18) Raging waves of the sea

- Loud, crashing, but nothing of lasting value
- The sea is used in scripture as an idiom of the world (Dan 7:2-3 / Rev 13:1)
- They are waves of this world
- In the New Jerusalem there will be no more sea!

Character of Apostates

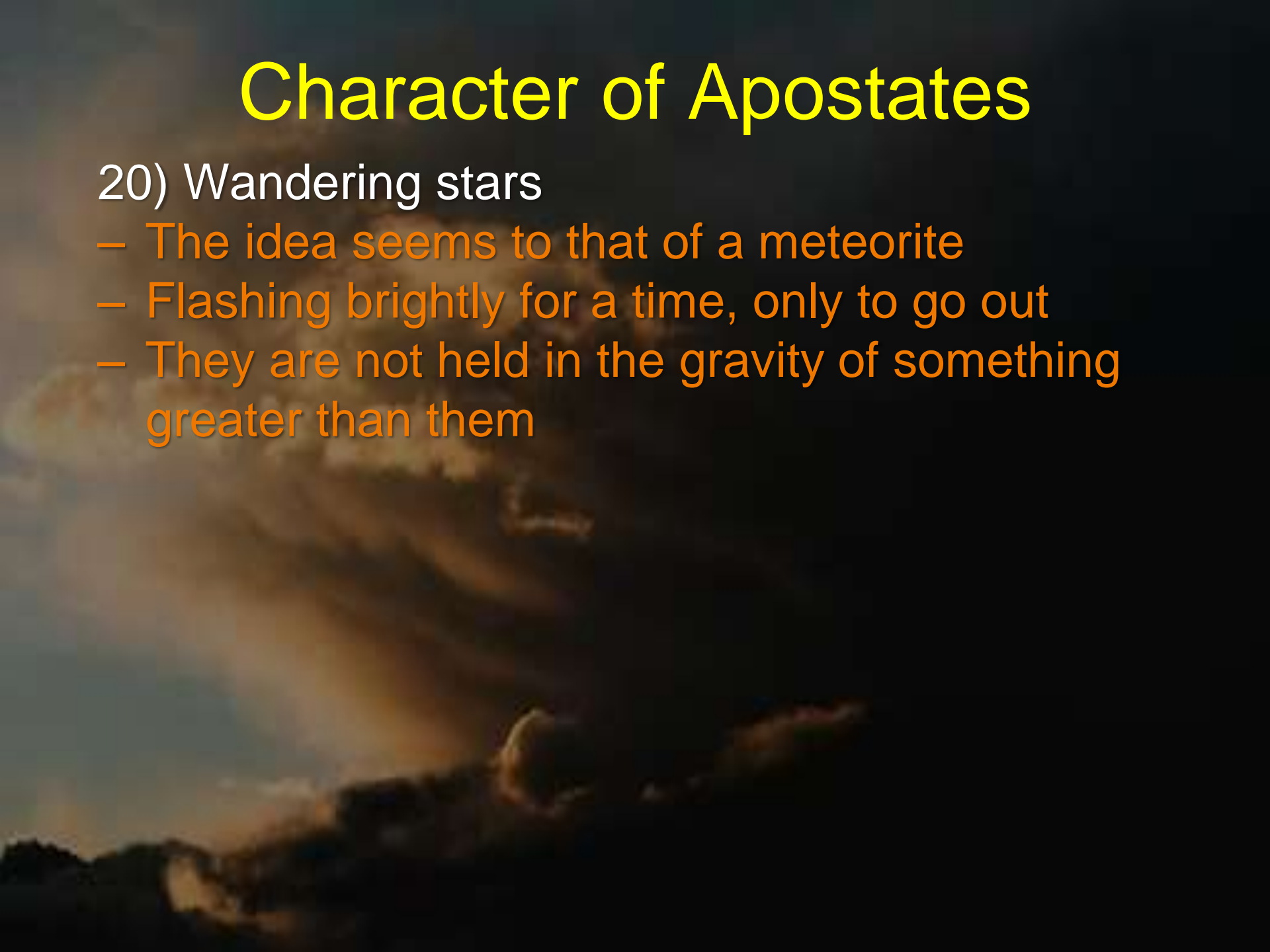
19) Foaming out shame

They are waterless clouds carried along by the winds; trees without fruit even in autumn, and doubly dead because they have been uprooted; savage sea-waves heaving fourth their shameful deeds like foam; wandering stars for whom the blackest darkness has been reserved forever.

Character of Apostates

20) Wandering stars

- The idea seems to that of a meteorite
- Flashing brightly for a time, only to go out
- They are not held in the gravity of something greater than them



Jude's Analysis of Apostates

- Hidden Rocks > Unseen Danger
- Waterless Clouds > False Promise
- Autumnal Trees > Barren Profession
- Raging Waves > Wasted Effort
- Wandering Stars > Aimless Course

14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Jude v14-15

The Prophet Enoch

- Enoch lived in a time of great apostacy
- People were turning away from worshipping the One true God
- At the time of the birth of his son, Methuselah, Enoch had a revelation...
- It profoundly affected him and changed the course of his life
- The revelation was of an impending Divine judgement upon the whole earth
- From that point Enoch enjoyed a peculiar and intimate relationship with God
- His intimate walk with God culminated in his being raptured (taken alive from earth to heaven)

The Prophet Enoch

21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:

22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

The Prophet Enoch

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Hebrews 11:5

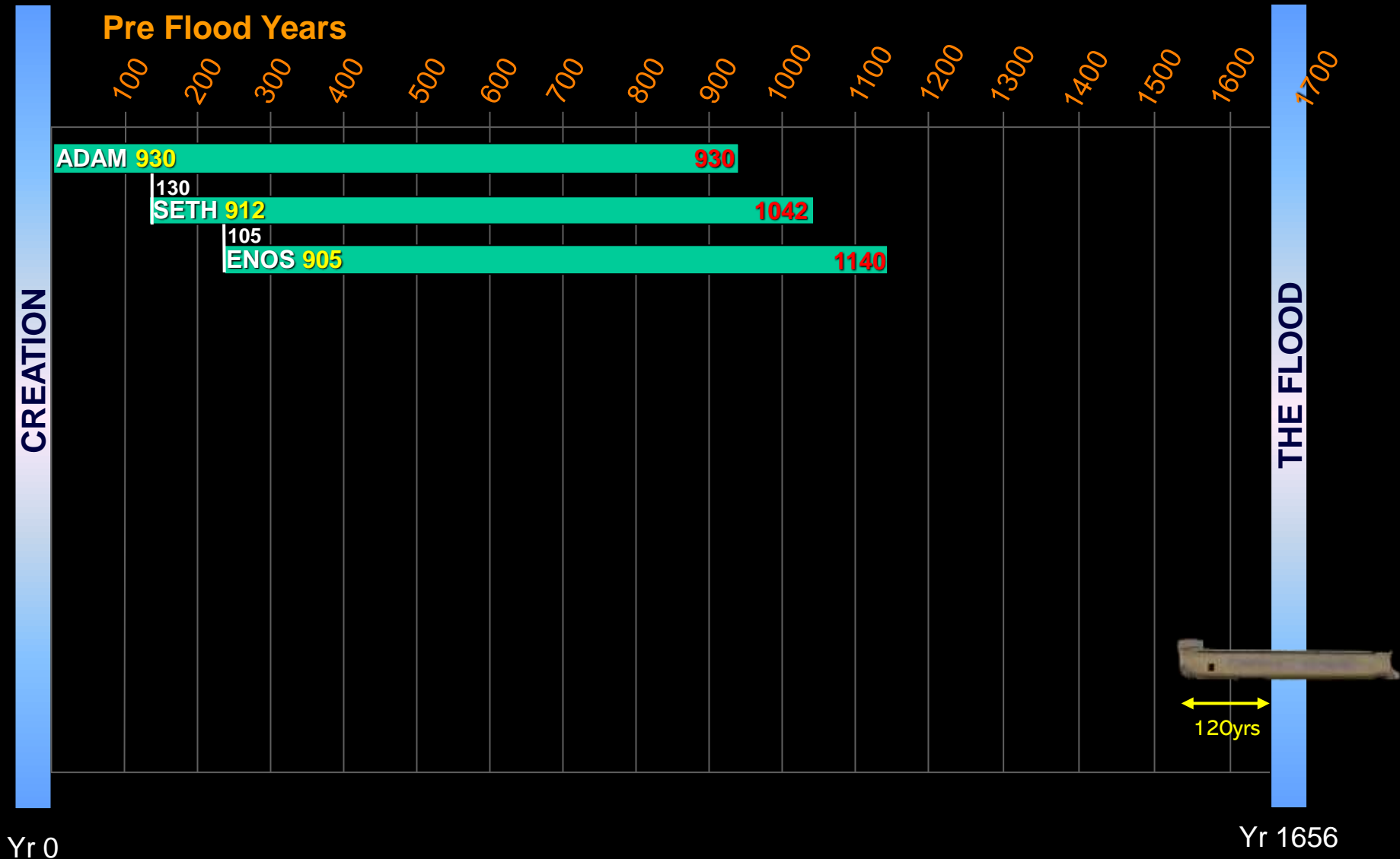
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which means “commencement,”

or

“Teaching.”

The Pre Flood Generations



Apostasy Begins

²⁵ And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

²⁶ And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: **then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.**

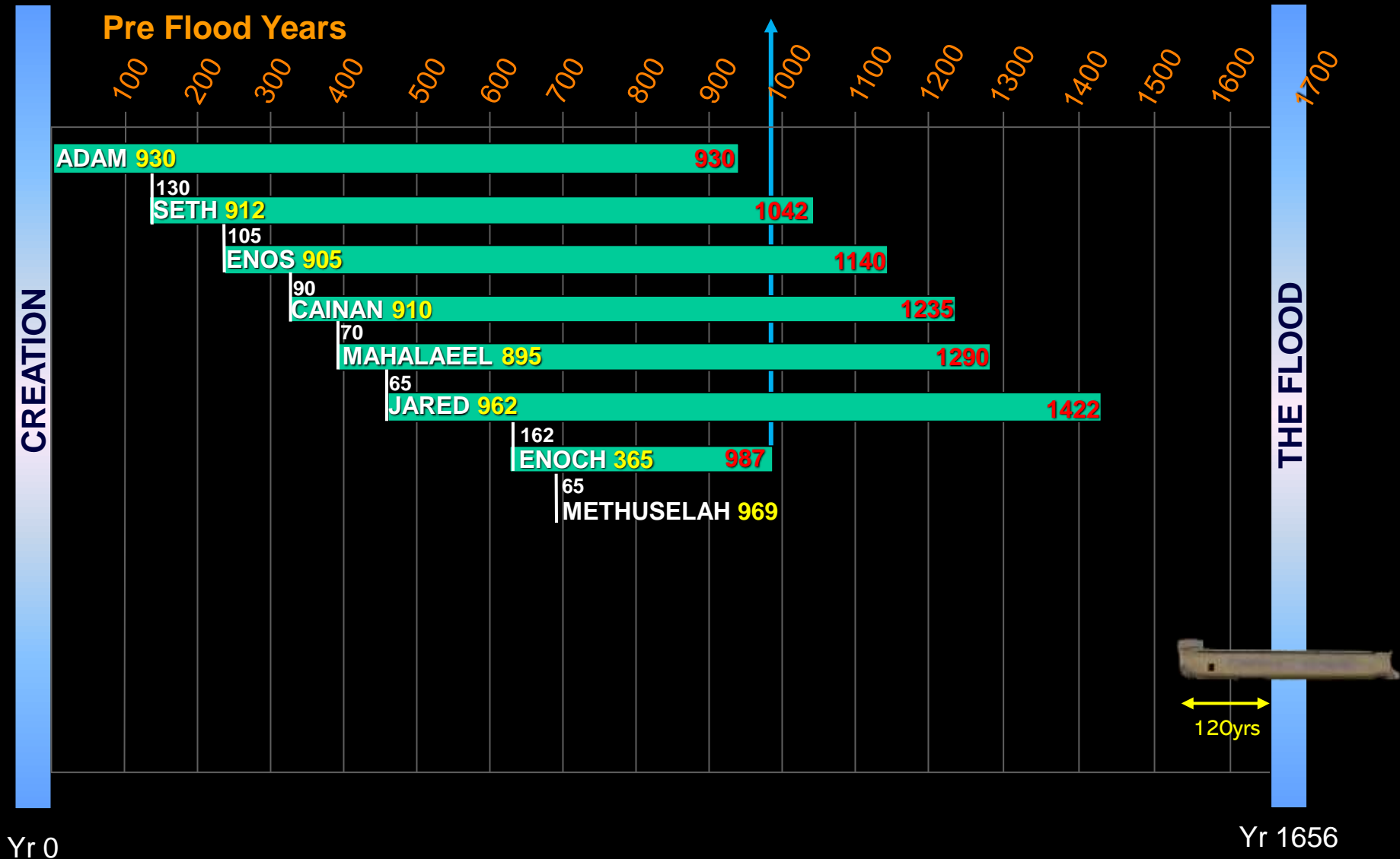
Gen 4:25-26

- 4 Hebrew words for Man:
 - Adam (man) / Ish (male) / Geber (strength) / Enosh (mortal/incurable)

Apostasy Begins

- “Then men began to *profane* the name of the Lord”
Gen 4:26
- “...desisted from praying in the name of the LORD”
Targum of Onkelos
- “...surnamed their idols in the name of the LORD”
Targum of Jonathan
- Kimchi, Rashi, Jerome and even Maimonides in his ‘*Commentary on the Mishna*’ (c.1168) ascribes the origin of idolatry to the days of Enosh!

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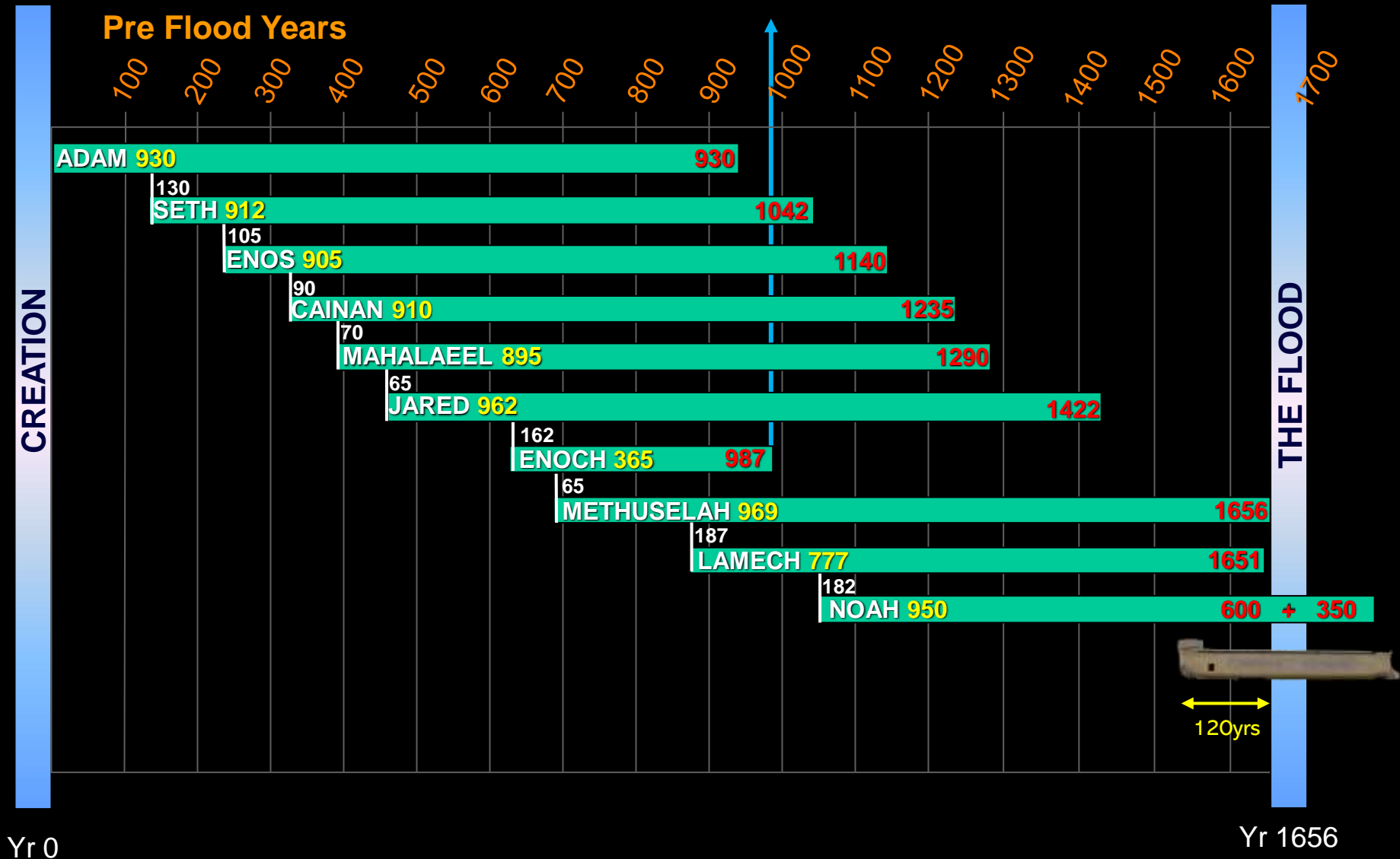
Methuselah

תּוּמ *muth*, a root that means “death”

הִלַּח *shalach*, which means “to bring,” or
“to send forth.”

- “His death shall bring...”
- Enoch names his son as a prophetic warning of God’s coming judgment

The Pre Flood Generations



Genealogy of Genesis 5

<i>: Adam</i>	- <i>'Man'</i>
<i>: Seth</i>	- <i>'Appointed'</i>
<i>: Enosh</i>	- <i>'Mortal'</i>
<i>: Cainan</i>	- <i>'Sorrow'</i>
<i>: Mahalaleel</i>	- <i>'Blessed God'</i>
<i>: Jared</i>	- <i>'Come down'</i>
<i>: Enoch</i>	- <i>'Teaching'</i>
<i>: Methuselah</i>	- <i>'His death shall bring'</i>
<i>: Lamech</i>	- <i>'Despairing'</i>
<i>: Noah</i>	- <i>'Comfort'</i>

Genealogy of Genesis 5

*Man (is) Appointed Mortal Sorrow; (but)
(the) Blessed God (shall) Come down
Teaching (that) His death shall bring (the)
Despairing Comfort, Rest*

This is the Christian gospel concealed in a genealogy
in the Jewish TORAH in Genesis chapter 5
This was penned c.2000 years before Jesus came!

One Integrated Design

The New Testament

is in the Old Testament concealed;

The Old Testament

is in the New Testament revealed.

14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his **saints**,

15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Jude v14-15

Accompanying Christ at His Return

- When Christ returns He will come with His 'myriads' (ten thousands)
- The Greek word 'myriads' includes Angels:
 - *“When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory”* – Matt 25:31
- But it will also include His saints (the Church):
 - *“When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory”*. Col 3:4
 - *“To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints”*. 1 Thes 3:13

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Jude v14-15

The Purpose of Christ's Return

- Christ will return to deliver Israel
 - Isaiah 27:13 / Hosea 5:15 / Isaiah 63:1
- He will return to establish the throne of David
 - Luke 1:32 / Matt 25:31 / Acts 15:16 / Daniel 2:44
- He will return in judgement:
 - *Psalm 96:13 – “He cometh to judge the earth”*
 - *Joel 3:12 / Mt 25:32*
 - *Mt 11:22, 12:41*
 - *2 Tim 4:1, Thes 1:7-9*
 - *Isaiah 24:21*
 - *Mt 8:29*
 - *“All nations”*
 - *and their cities...*
 - *all mankind...*
 - *fallen angels...*
 - *and demons*

Enoch's Prophecy

- We know the Lord's coming is **sure**
- We know **who will accompany** the Lord
- We know the **purpose** of His coming
- We know the **result** of the Lord's coming
- Just as knowing this changed Enoch's life forever, so it should change ours!

16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage

Jude v16

Character of Apostates

21) Murmurers

22) Complainers

– We are to do all things without murmuring & complaining - Phil 2:14

23) Walking after their own lusts

24) Their mouth speaks great swelling words

– No corrupt word should proceed from our mouths – Eph 4:19

25) Having men's persons in admiration because of advantage

– We are to be impartial – James 2:1-4

17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

Jude v17-18

- Jude quotes from 2 Peter 3:3
 - Quoting it as scripture!

19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual,
having not the Spirit.

Jude v19

- The natural carnal mind wants to be a ‘free spirit’ so it can be removed from the burden of accountability!
- The world’s motto is
 - ‘If it feels good do it’
 - “If it makes you happy, it can’t be that bad”
 - “live for the moment”

Character of Apostates

26) Mockers

- as Peter had foretold

27) Walking after ungodly lusts

- as opposed to walking in the Spirit/ in the Way

28) Separate themselves

- To avoid accountability

29) Sensual

- Their 'freedom' is actually bondage

30) Without the Spirit

- Therefore they cannot discern



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