**Journey through Jude—14-16**

**Jude 1:14-15, “14** Enoch was the seventh in the family line of Adam. Enoch spoke against these men in his book. He said, ‘Look! The \*Lord is coming with thousands and thousands of his holy ones (\*angels). **15** He will judge everyone. He will punish all wicked people for all the wicked things that they have done. The \*Lord will punish these wicked men for all the hard words that they have ever spoken about him.’

**Jude 14—15--certainty of judgment upon the apostate men.**

1. Read Genesis 5.
   1. Discuss Genesis 5:24. Genesis 5:24 tells us that Enoch ‘walked with God’, that is, he lived a holy life, very close to God. Enoch did not die, because God took him straight to heaven. Although he lived so long ago, Enoch speaks in his book of the return of the \*Lord to judge everyone. In particular, he tells of the awful fate of wicked people who do not obey God. Jude keeps repeating the word ‘wicked’ to emphasise how bad they are in God’s sight. They were not Christians at all. They did not believe that God would judge and punish them. They are making a very great mistake.
2. **Who is Enoch?**
3. **What does “seventh in the family line of Adam” mean? Refer to I Chronicles 1:1-3. Verse** 14 including the first man Adam, Enoch is the seventh name in the first family line (1 Chronicles 1:1-3). The \*Jews considered seven was the perfect number.

**Jude 16**

**Jude 1:16, “**These men are always complaining about something. They are never satisfied. They live for their own selfish desires. They talk about themselves to impress people. But sometimes they want to get something from someone. Then they pretend to respect that person.”

1. Who are “these men?”
   1. What was their complaint?
   2. Compare them with the Israelites in the desert complaining. These men complain to God about their life. They complain about the church leaders. They are like the \*Israelites in the desert who were always complaining to Moses. They forgot what God had done long ago to rescue the people from being slaves in Egypt. These men forget that God in Jesus has rescued men and women from being slaves to evil. All they want to do is to satisfy their own wicked desires. They love to impress other people by the way they talk about themselves in a noisy way.

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(14-16) The certainty of judgment upon these *certain men*.

Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 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."

a. **Now Enoch**: Here Jude quoted from Enoch, who is described in Genesis 5 and mentioned in Hebrews 11. The ancient book of Enoch was not received as Scripture, but it was highly respected among both the Jews and early Christians.

i. "Tertullian tells us that the book of Enoch's prophecies were preserved by Noah in the ark, and that they continued and were read until the times of the apostles. But because they contained many famous testimonies concerning Jesus Christ, the Jews out of malice suppressed and abolished the whole book." (Trapp)

ii. Jude did not quote from Enoch to tell us anything new, but to give a vivid description of what the Bible already teaches. The Apostle Paul also quoted non-Biblical sources on at least three different occasions ([Acts 17:28](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Acts+17:28&t1=en_nas), [1](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Acts+17:1&t1=en_nas) Corinthians 15:33 and [Titus 1:12](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Titus+1:12&t1=en_nas)). This wasn't to proclaim a new truth, but to support an already established Biblical principle.

iii. Jude's quoting of the book of Enoch doesn't mean that the whole book of Enoch inspired Scripture - only the portion Jude quotes. In the same way, when Paul quoted a pagan poet, he didn't mean that the entire work of the poet was inspired by God.

b. **To convict all who are ungodly**: In this quotation from the book of Enoch Jude emphasized the words **all** and **ungodly**. God is coming to judge **all** of the **ungodly**.

c. **To execute judgment on all**: Many people take the **judgment** of God lightly. But the most important question in the world is "Will God judge me? Am I accountable to Him?" If we are truly accountable to God, we are fools if we do not prepare to face that **judgment**.

i. Think of someone arrested for a crime, with a date to appear in court - but made absolutely no preparation for his appearance before the judge. That person would be a fool. We shouldn't be so foolish, and instead take advantage of our court-appointed advocate - Jesus Christ ([1 John 2:1](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=1%20John+2:1&t1=en_nas)).