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- *In the cross of Christ I glory*
- *171, When I survey the Wondrous cross*
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You may notice we don't pass an offering plate

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- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Galatians 6:6 -

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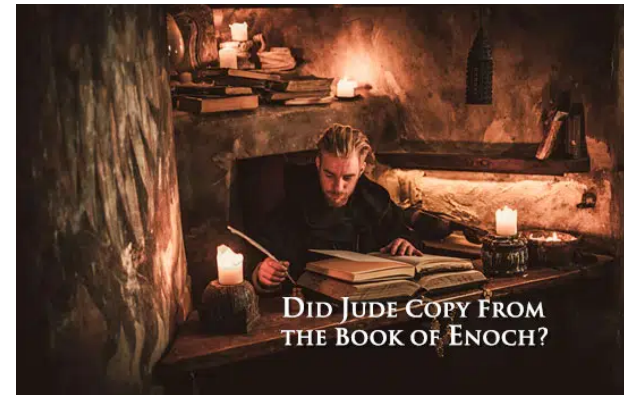
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- Teaching -

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- June 11th, 2023 -

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This is going to get a little technical, and I hope a real blessing in your understanding of the Bible and Jude.

Jude 14-16, Our text this morning has Jude referring to and quoting Enoch.

Some key observations from the text:

1. Enoch foresaw the behavior of the false teachers in the age of the church some 3,000+ years (at the time of Jude, and now 5,000+ years)!
2. Jude refers to him as a prophet of the true God. (Enoch prophesied).
3. Jude places him squarely in the pre-flood period, 7th generation from Adam.
4. Jude quotes him precisely and carefully.
5. Question for the reader? From where did Jude get his quote of Enoch?

Some key facts about Enoch, from Genesis 5:

1. Enoch was born in 622 AM (*anno mundus* – *world year* since creation), or 3384 BC. (AM would count up from Adam's creation as year 1).
2. Enoch was the 7th generation from Adam, and *his life overlapped that of Adam by a couple hundred years!*
3. He lived on the earth for 365 years, until 987 AM (or 3019 BC).
4. Enoch did not die, he was raptured to heaven as was Elijah the later prophet.
5. Enoch was the father of Methusaleh (the longest lived man on record, 969 years!), the father of Lamech, the father of Noah, the father of us all. So Enoch was the great-grandfather of Noah, but because of Enoch's rapture, Noah (b, 1056 AM) never met him. (The flood began 1656 AM or 2348 BC, when Noah was 600 yrs old).
6. So somewhere in the period of around 650 – 987, Enoch prophesied, and Jude recites and records it for us in Jude roughly 3000 years later.

Now the problem/challenge:

There is a Book of Enoch, written in the 2nd century BC, some 3000 years after Enoch lived. It is obviously pseudepigraphal. It even mentions books of the Pentateuch (written by Moses mid 1400's BC). Jude quotes what seems to be this book.

So what is the story with Jude quoting Enoch? Is Jude relying on a book obviously not written by Enoch? If so, what does that say about the reliability and canonicity of the book of Jude? This is a serious question/issue!

V14-16, Look at what Jude records from the prophet Enoch, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit! Jude says, “these men” - the false teachers he has in mind, are specifically prophesied as existing, and being under the impending judgment of God in His coming.

The judgment is included in a broader judgment of all the ungodly. There are 4 references here to **the ungodly**:

- **The ungodly by nature.**
- **Their deeds.**
- **Their ways**
- **Their words.** (v16 expands on these words)

In v17-18, Jude then turns to the Apostles of his age, and they ratify and build on Enoch's ancient foresight to add:

- **-Their ungodly lusts.**

V19, What they do, their way of thinking, their spiritual source and identity.

Something to ponder

v20-23 is God's instruction to believers in the face of these false teachers, their actions and words.

Notice where the *focus* is for the believer.

Notice the *upward hope*, and at the same time the *horizontal (interpersonal and social) mercy* mixed with *great caution!*

Bottom line, Handle with Care!
