Jude’s ‘three threes’ –

1) v5-7: example of Israel, angels and Gentiles rebelling…led to destruction

2) v8-10: the apostate’s characteristics are immoral, irreverent and they take lightly the word of God…led to destruction

3) v11-13: their motivation is that of Cain, Balaam and Korah…woe to them…they are dead and even doubly dead!

v14 –

**It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones.**

Prophesied moreover also as to these, [the] seventh from Adam, Enoch, saying behold, has come [the] Lord amidst holy [ones] myriads of his,

Remembers Enoch…Ge 5:24 says, ‘Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.’ Perhaps this example of God ‘taking’ Enoch away is a peak into what God’s original plan for man was…before the fall…perhaps man was to walk and talk with God throughout a lifetime and then the man would be taken to be with God in heaven…no death…no sin…just man and God in perfect peace and relational harmony.

So Jude refers to Enoch as the seventh from Adam…let’s do the math on this real quick…Ge 5 says –

v3 – Adam -> Seth

v6 – Seth -> Enosh

v9 – Enosh -> Kenan

v12 – Kenan -> Mahalalel

v15 – Mahalalel -> Jared

v18 – Jared -> Enoch

So man’s order on earth, according to Ge 5, is Adam #1 and Enoch #7. 1 Ch 1:1 sums this genealogy up in one verse.

And Jude here is quoting the book of Enoch, the longest of the surviving Jewish pseudepigraphical writings and a work highly respected by many Jews and Christians.

And just in case you’re wondering about the fact that Jude is quoting a non-canonical book…I wouldn’t make too big deal of it. Jude did not call this prophetic quote scripture…he didn’t use the Greek words *grapho* or *prographo*…he didn’t say, ‘as it is written’…Jude is simply using this quote from Enoch as a general example that the Lord will be coming back…specifically, with a myriad of holy ones. This idea is not new…the idea that the Lord will come back and will judge is nothing new. As a matter of fact Dt 33:2, Da 7:10, Zec 14:3 and Mt 25:31 all talk about the Lord returning in judgment with a myriad of holy ones.

Another perspective regarding Jude quoting a non-biblical source…well, it may sound a bit simplistic, but if the HS inspired Jude to put this prophetic example into his holy scripture…and all scripture is God-breathed…then I guess this specific quote is now inspired and holy scripture.

A final perspective regarding non-biblical sources in scripture can be arrived at by reading Paul’s letters. Paul quoted ‘other sources’ without hesitation in the following verses –

Acts 17:28 – ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

1 Co 15:33 – Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.” (from the Greek poet Menander)

Titus 1:12 – One of Crete’s own prophets has said it: “Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons.”

All that said, the point Jude is making here is the Lord is coming with his holy ones to judge…and we ought to know that this judgment holds certain destruction for these apostates…these false teachers.

*Prophesied moreover also as to these, [the] seventh from Adam, Enoch –*

*Write down you findings regarding ‘prophesied’ using biblehub.com tools –*

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The Greek origin is *prophet-euó*, which means ‘to foretell’ or ‘to speak forth divine inspiration’. From Enoch to John the beloved…from Genesis to Revelation…from the beginning of time to the end times God has been revealing to man that Jesus will come in judgment…and that judgment will result in destruction. The first world-wide judgment was by water…the next (and last) world-wide judgment will be by…fire.

2 Pe 3:5-18 –

They deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 7By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

8But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

10But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

11Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

14So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. 15Bear in mind that our Lord’s patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. 16He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

17Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. 18But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

I sure do like Peter…he wrote these details so we might be warned…but he also wrote them so we might be stimulated to wholesome thinking (as stated in v1). With that in mind, I want to encourage all Christians to keep the gospel message strong…a message that has an element of grave consequence and is true to the word of God. It has to be that way because it’s the truth…it has to be that way because fear of judgment by fire is a motivator to those who have yet to accept the grace of God through Christ. Sometimes it’s the reality of the severity of the consequence that will awaken the spirit of those who are lost in a darkened world.

*saying behold, has come [the] Lord amidst holy [ones] myriads of his –*

*Write down you findings regarding ‘myriads’ using biblehub.com tools –*

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The Greek is *murias*. It means ‘ten thousand’ or ‘a group of ten thousand’. So not only is there a group of ten thousand (myriad)…there are multiple groups of ten thousand (myriads). WOW! Jesus is coming back to judge with multiple groups of ten thousand holy ones…now these holy ones as described by Jude may be angels…they may be saints…or they may be angels and saints. Either way, John describes in Rev 19:11 the following –

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. 12His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. 13He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

14The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. 15Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. 16On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

king of kings and lord of lords.

Last verse Jude begins to elaborate on the judgment that is to come. Specifically, he draws on a well-known example in Enoch’s prophesy concerning the Lord’s return with myriads of holy ones…and that return of the Lord is meant for judgment as described in v15.

v14-15 –

**Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: “See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones 15to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”**

To execute judgment against all, and to convict all those [having] ungodly [life], concerning all [their] works of ungodliness they, which have done in an ungodly way, and concerning all the harsh [things], that have spoken against him sinners ungodly.

Here Jude continues with his discussion on why Enoch prophesied the Lord’s judgment over the ungodly. First off, Jude includes that everyone will be judged…second, all ungodly will be convicted of all their ungodly acts…and third, all ungodly will be convicted of their defiant words against God.

*To execute judgment against all –*

*Write down your findings regarding ‘all’ using biblehub.com tools –*

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The Greek origin is *pas*, which means ‘all’ or ‘the whole’ or ‘every kind of’. Christ will return to judge all. Yes, even Christians will appear at the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad (2 Co 5:10).

Regardless, it is important that we acknowledge that even our works will be weighed in the courtly scales of Christ…perhaps that’s why James (2) said that faith without works is dead…perhaps that’s why Paul said we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works…which God prepared beforehand so that we can walk in them (Eph 2). We should definitely get this concept…once we are saved, we have a job to do…we have works to accomplish in the name of Jesus. Take advantage of the blessings that will be associated with doing good works for Christ.

*and to convict all those [having] ungodly [life], concerning all [their] works of ungodliness they, which have done in an ungodly way –*

*Write down you findings regarding ‘convict’ using biblehub.com tools –*

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The Greek origin is *eleg-chó*, which means ‘to reprove’ or ‘discipline’. In this context it means ‘to convince with solid compelling evidence…especially to expose wrong’. Now, at this point in their life…the ungodly may have never felt the conviction of the HS. It is entirely possible that the ungodly have hardly even acknowledged the law of God in their hearts because their conscience is so seared.

That being said, can you imagine the incredible torment and horror that the ungodly will experience when…in a moments time…Christ will expose their entire life’s error and they will be fully convinced in a blink of the eye…that their entire life was a lie. They probably thought they were good people. Maybe they gave to the poor and helped old ladies across the street…but, in a split-second, they will realize that all those good deeds were for nothing because they didn’t have the power of God in them.

*Write down your findings regarding ‘ungodly way’ using biblehub.com tools –*

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The Greek origin is *a-seb-eó*, which means ‘impious’ or ‘irreverent’ or ‘boldly defying what God deems sacred’. So, these ungodly people will be convinced that their ungodly lives were acted out in ungodly ways…or irreverent ways.

*and concerning all the harsh [things], that have spoken against him sinners ungodly –*

*Write down your findings regarding ‘harsh’ using biblehub.com tools –*

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The Greek origin is *skle-ros*, which means ‘stiff/stubborn’ or ‘unyielding’. So, these ungodly sinners won’t budge in their heresy. They convey with their speech and their actions that life is to be lived a certain way…their ways are irreverent to God’s way and they don’t budge from their ungodly way.

v16 –

**These people are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.**

These are grumblers, complainers, after [their] lusts own following; and the mouth of them speaks great swelling [words], flattering people, profit for the sake of.

*These are grumblers, complainers, after [their] lusts own following –*

*Write down your findings regarding ‘all’ using biblehub.com tools –*

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The Greek origin is *gog-gus-tés*, which means ‘murmurer’…we remember the time Israel had issues with murmuring. They complained that their lot in life was unfair. This was effectively a complaint from the created telling the creator that He made a mistake. Not good.

*Write down your findings regarding ‘complainers’ using biblehub.com tools –*

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The Greek origin is *mem-psim-oi-ros*, which means ‘blaming one’s lot or destiny’ or ‘discontented’. Basically, blaming God for not knowing what he’s doing. So, Enoch’s observation of these ungodly people that the Lord will judge is…they murmur, complain, tell God he messed up…they’re stubborn and continue to speak heresy…all they can do is follow their own lust like a wild animal.

*and the mouth of them speaks great swelling [words], flattering people, profit for the sake of –*

*Write down your findings regarding ‘flattering’ using biblehub.com tools –*

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The Greek origin is *thau-maz-ó*, which means ‘marveled at’ or ‘held in admirations’ or ‘amazed by others’. So, these ungodly people are not only irreverent to that which God says is sacred, but now Jude is telling us that they shower others with swelled up words and dote over them and tell them they’re amazing.

Effectively, their actions point towards lifting the created up vice lifting God up. Of course, this is not an unmotivated admiration of others we’re talking about…they do this for the sake of their own profit. Greed…flattery…selfishness…indulging in their own lusts. These are the examples of what Enoch observed would be a point of judgment by the Lord. Does this list sound familiar today?