

The Letter of

# Jude

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**V. 12-13 -Word-  
pictures of these  
false  
teachers/wicked  
men**

- **Jude describes these dangerous men in \*word-pictures.**
- **He takes examples from the four regions of the physical world: clouds in the air; trees on the earth; waves of the sea; stars in the sky.**

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**These selfish and greedy men are like hidden rocks at your love-meals together. They care only about themselves.**


- They are like clouds that the wind blows. But they bring no rain.**
- They are like trees that produce no fruit even in autumn. This is because they have no roots. And they are dead.**

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- **v13 Their wicked \*deeds are like rubbish that the wild sea throws up.**
  - **They are like stars that wander about.**
  - **God has prepared a place for men like that in deep darkness for ever.**

## **(14-15) 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.”**

- The ancient book of Enoch was not received as Scripture, but it was highly respected among both the Jews and early Christians.
- Jude did not quote from Enoch to tell us anything new, but to give a vivid description of what the Bible already teaches.
- **The common truth -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**.

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- **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**.



## Jude 1:16

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**KJV**: 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.

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



**MSG: : These are the complainers, the bellyachers, grabbing for the biggest piece of the pie, talking big, saying anything they think will get them ahead.**

## **a. Grumblers, complainers... they mouth great swelling words, flattering people:**

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Jude noticed that their methods all revolved around **words**.

On top of their questionable lives, they were essentially a people of deception, departing from the foundation of Jesus Christ, and the apostles and prophets.

## b. These are grumblers, complainers

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- Grumbling “is to insult the God who gives us all things;
- nothing ever satisfies them
- **Flattering people:** These *certain men* knew how to use smooth, flattering words to get an advantage over other people. They would say anything – good or bad – to get an advantage.

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- **False teachers seek to cause division and make people question their convictions.**
  - **They grumble about Christian virtues and practices, complaining and accusing those who try to lead others into truth.**
  - **They cloak their fault-finding in Christian discernment, but the fruit of their labor is to cause people to become scornful of God and His Word.**

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- **The false teacher works to cultivate an impression in the minds of the hearers that only the false teacher and his friends have the true answer.**
  - **They follow their own lusts, which is what makes them fault-find in the first place.**
  - **They are not trying to build others up or confront others of sin. They are just making others doubt, question, divide, and think wrong thoughts about others.**

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- **They speak arrogantly so that people will think that they have some knowledge and wisdom above other committed Christians and God's Word.**
  - **They flatter others, making them feel good about themselves by giving them a false sense of security in where they are in their Christian life.**

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- They falsely “edify” by building up egos, which increases reliance upon the flesh.
  - The fruit of their labor is always to gain an advantage for themselves, where they can lead more astray and satisfy their lusts further.
  - Eyes are taken off of Christ and put upon them, which is the intention of their arrogant boasts.