

(14) It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.” These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.

(17) But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.

(20) But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garments stained by the flesh.

(24) Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

NOTE: The “Book of Enoch,” also known as 1 Enoch, was an apocalyptic Jewish book attributed to Enoch in Genesis. It was likely written much later in 5 major sections. There are no Hebrew manuscripts, but Aramaic copies were found in the Dead Sea Scrolls, plus Greek & Latin fragments elsewhere, to support the earliest Ethiopian versions in the Ge’ez language.

It is quoted by many early New Testament Fathers, but was never accepted as scripture either by the Jews or the Christians, though it was by an Ethiopian Jewish sect. It focuses on NT themes such as the Son of Man, a Messianic Kingdom, resurrection, fallen angels and Nephilim, and eschatology (the end times), very similar to Revelation.

Think on These Things

- 1) Enoch’s story in the Bible is rather brief. Read Genesis 5:18-24. What was the one unusual bit of information shared about him?

- 2) There are two main charges cited in Enoch’s prophesy as to why God was coming to judge the godless sinners. What are the two charges? From verse 16, how does God see these people? What is the purpose of their boastfulness?

Two Charges: _____

God’s View of these People? _____

Purpose of Boastfulness? _____

3) Let's gather some information on these men who infiltrate our churches as false teachers from verses 16-19:

- a. They are devoted to their _____.
- b. They speak _____.
- c. They flatter people in order to _____.
- d. They are _____ following their own impure desires.
- e. They cause [church] _____.
- f. Because they don't have the Holy Spirit within, they are _____.

4) What are Christians to do as a way of life until we die or God returns (see v.20)

We are to build up our faith by:

- 1) _____.
- 2) _____.
- 3) _____.

5) Because of God's great mercy, our sins are forgiven and we are saved. To whom are we to show mercy? Can you think of someone in your life who, if God's intervention reached them, would be like snatching them from the very fires of hell? Perhaps God intends to use you to help save them!

6) Why are we to "show mercy with fear" to some folks, the last group cited in v.23?

7) Who is able to keep you from stumbling in your faith walk?

People and situations I want to pray for this week: