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Title: "Certain Judgement"

Scripture: Jude 14-16

Was Charlie Kirk martyred?

- The definition of a martyr comes from "martus" in the Greek
- It means "witness"
- His strong biblical convictions informed his faith
- His emphasis on faith, family, and freedom

The time is now to decide what you believe about Jesus, faith, freedom, and family

The need for Christian/Biblical courage like never before

And to think about God's judgement and where you'll spend eternity

Review: the two major themes of Jude:

1. Contend for the faith once and for all delivered to you
2. Beware of false teachers who have crept in unnoticed among you

The certain judgement – especially on false teachers **Jude 14-16**

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Let’s examine it closely, verse by verse:

Jude 14

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,*

- “About these” is about the false teachers that Enoch prophesied about
- Who is Enoch? He is the seventh from Adam, listed in **Genesis 4**
- By Adam, were there about five million people? Lived close to the Garden of Eden?
- Biblical transmission about creation and fall easily passed on
- Seth alive when Abraham was alive?
- Back to Enoch. Who is he?
- **Genesis 5:21-24**

21 *When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. **22** Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. **23** Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. **24** Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.*

- Enoch is described as a righteous man
- He is the first person in the bible raptured: “for God took him”
- He is mentioned in the New Testament:

- **Hebrews 11:5-6**

5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

- Enoch's prophecy is found in the naming of his son: Methuselah
- Methuselah's name means: "When he dies, it will come." What is the "it?" The Flood. God's judgement on the earth
- Seven days after Methuselah died, the Flood came (It took Noah and his family seven days to enter the ark)
- Noah's preaching and the visibility of the Ark were a warning of God's impending judgement
- Jude quotes from 1 Enoch, an extrabiblical text

About 1 Enoch:

1. It is not canonical/authoritative in the Bible
 2. Some scholars think Enoch only wrote the first nine chapters
 3. The next 30 or so chapters seem to be a pseudepigrapha (some scholars believe it's all a pseudepigrapha)
 4. Popular in the 200's BC to 100's AD
 5. Some believe this writing was given to Noah and preserved in the Flood by the Holy Spirit
- For teaching about God's first judgement on the earth with water in **Genesis 6-9**
 - Teaching about the Nephilim in **Genesis 6**
 - And for teaching about God's next great judgement at the end of the age by fire
- From 1 Enoch, Jude says that the final judgement will be Jesus returning with "holy ones"
 - They are the angels and saints mentioned in **Revelation 19:14**
 - Since Jude quotes it, the Holy Spirit must have wanted it in the Bible
 - All truth is God's truth — other places in Scripture that quote from secular sources

- But it's true!
- 1 Jude is not in the Apocrypha!
- The debate over the Apocrypha between Catholics and Protestants and why it's not in the Protestant Bible:
 - The Apocrypha (seven books in the Catholic Bible) is not written in Hebrew (the Tanakh), only Greek, (the Septuagint), thus showing it's not earlier than 3rd century BC
 - There are factual errors in it – how can it be inerrant?
 - There is false teaching in it - ie. the command to do magic, forgiveness of sin by almsgiving, and offering money for the sins of the dead
 - Philo and Josephus rejected the Apocrypha (non-Christian historians)
 - The Dead Sea scrolls do not quote these books as inspired
 - The Jewish Old Testament canon has the same 39 books as Protestants (though compressed, ie, Kings and Chronicles and rearranged in different order) but not the Apocrypha
 - Many early Church Fathers didn't accept the Apocrypha (Jeromoe, Origen, Cyril of Jerusalem, and Athanasius)
 - There's no prophetic authority in it and there is no self-attestation of divine inspiration
 - Jesus didn't ever quote from it in the New Testament
 - Nor did the apostles in the New Testament
 - Even if they did, it would have been the same with Jude: the Holy Spirit decided it should not be in canon
 - Why the Protestant Reformation rejected these books and landed on 66
 - The Apocrypha is where purgatory comes from and the selling of indulgences
 - Salvation by grace through faith, not works for salvation can't exist if there's a purgatory

Jude 15

15 *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.”

- Judgement will be executed
- On whom? All the ungodly (mentioned five times!)
- Especially on false teachers
- Insights into God’s Day of judgement from the Bible (the preacher’s call to warn):

1. A special event at a special time

- Human history has an end

- **Romans 2:5**

5 But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

- Sinners accumulate guilt that deserves God’s wrath

2. Jesus is the final Judge

John 5:22

22 *For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son,*

3. Judgement should always have a warning

Matthew 10:28

28 *And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*

4. The standard of judgment is God’s holy law; it’s his character by perfection (which should cause all of us to ask with angst, “What must I do to be saved?”)

5. The final judgement is eternal hell

Why a final Judgement is important (atheists today believe there is not one):

1. There is justice in the world and all evil is finally judged
2. Its reality should motivate right behavior
3. We will see our loved ones again (love as an apologetic for God’s existence)

Jude 16

16 *These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.*

- This judgement from God is especially for false teachers
- **James 3:1**
3 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.
- The description of false teachers:
 1. Grumblers
 2. Malcontents
 3. Following their own sinful desires
 4. Loud-mouthed / boasters
 5. Showing favoritism (flattery) to gain an advantage
- What is the common denominator for this description? The mouth/tongue
- Who do they remind us of in the end times? The antichrist who is the consummate big mouth/boaster
- When will all this judgement happen? No one knows
- We do know that the Rapture will trigger this final judgement
- Which includes:
 1. The Great Tribulation for seven years
 2. The seven seal, trumpet, and bowl judgements
 3. A far worse judgement than anything man could think of
 4. God's judgement on Israel and the world
 5. A massive revival
 6. The Antichrist's final attempt to eradicate Israel
 7. God's intervention with his angels and saints

Are you ready?

- Imagine this courtroom scene
- Where will you spend eternity?

Look at the signs and birth pangs around you:

- Noah's ark: discovered in 1948!
- Israel is the super sign — May 14, 1948

- Jesus said in **Matthew 24** that there will first be the great deception
- Wars and rumors of wars
- Earthquakes
- Increase in violence (the days of Noah and Lot)
- Increase in gross sexual immorality
- Love has grown cold
- No one seems to care about Jesus's return – moving on with their lives – marrying, burying, partying – life as usual

Luke 21:28

28 *Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."*

The doctrine of Imminence: BE READY! BE COMMITTED! BE COURAGEOUS!