

## **Enoch's Warning**

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*“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, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”*  
Jude 1:14-15

If you take the time to read *The Book of Enoch*, you will read about his warning of the judgment that is coming at the end of the age, which I believe to be this current age in which we are living. Remember, there are two ages, as far as the Jewish sages were concerned: this age and the one to come. The age to come is considered to be the age of the Messiah.

Enoch lived during a time of unprecedented evil, yet he himself was *not* evil and walked with God (cf. Genesis 5:22). God considered Enoch to be righteous and in fact took him to heaven while he was still alive.

Because of the tremendous amount of evil that existed during his time, Enoch also knew that things would become far *worse*, due to the visions God gave him. Yet it was the same *type* of evil, just on a much grander scale than in his age.

Ultimately, evil is caused by ungodly people who give into their evil desires, and we know this. These people are perfectly described by Paul in the first chapter of Romans.

*“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them”* (Romans 1:18-19).

This is almost exactly what Enoch says (quoted by Jude), but of course, using different terminology. In both Paul's and Enoch's words, we understand that evil is caused by ungodly or unrighteous people who *suppress the truth* with their unrighteous lives. They want so much to be free of any concept of a holy God that they not only live the way they want to live, deliberately doing what they *know* is wrong, but they also encourage others to do the same because it validates their own lives. The more who follow their example, the greater the chance of society forgetting about God altogether.

As I write this, riots are raging in the United Kingdom. Burning, looting, and destruction are ongoing, and the police seem helpless to stop it. More than one person has justified the

rioting by saying that this shows the rich that they (the rioters and poor) can do what they want to do. Great reasoning, isn't it? "*Professing themselves wise...*"

That type of "reasoning" is insane. It was the same thing when Los Angeles broke out into riots a number of years ago over the verdict related to the Rodney King situation. The people who rioted and burned buildings wound up rioting, burning, and looting in their own neighborhoods, destroying businesses of people who often lived among them. It was absolutely ridiculous, and once a mob mentality takes over, all logic goes out the window.

It is this type of godlessness that will ultimately bring our Lord back in judgment to this earth. It will come at the end of the Tribulation period of seven years, and it will arrive just as the Antichrist has mustered all his troops in his attempt to keep Jesus from stepping foot on this planet.

Revelation 5 shows us that the Lamb who was worthy to take the seven-sealed scroll was Jesus, and the seven-sealed scroll is the earth's title deed. The judgments that pour forth from that document once it is opened do so because Jesus was found worthy to open it.

It is interesting that Jesus was found worthy to open a book or scroll that contained terrible judgments that are to be poured out over the earth and all who live here. This is proof that at the cross, Jesus defeated the powers of darkness and regained the title deed to the earth, which Satan stole by successfully tempting Adam and Eve to sin through rebellion.

Note when Jesus was being tempted by Satan in Matthew 4, Satan offered Him all the kingdoms of the world because Satan controlled them and they were in his power to do what he wanted with them. Jesus did not argue the point because He knew it was true. Jesus simply rejected the offer outright because He knew that He would eventually regain the title deed to earth by taking the hard road, the way of the cross, whereas Satan was tempting Jesus to *circumvent* the hard way.

It was the cross work of Jesus that regained for Him the title deed to the earth. In Revelation 5, Jesus is found worthy to open that deed and *give* it to the Father. The ability of Jesus here to *give* the title deed to earth back to the Father is proof that this earth (at that future point) no longer belongs to Satan.

We will continue our discussion next time as we move through the book of Jude. I hope you'll join us then. In the meantime, may the Lord open your eyes to show you are blessed you are in Him!