

# A Verse-by-Verse Study

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Who wrote the book of  
Jude?

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Christ and a brother of James,*

# Jude 1: 1a (KJV)

*Jude, a bondservant of Jesus  
Christ, and brother of James,*

## Bondservant

Greek: doulos

- Someone who belongs to another.
- A bond-slave, without any ownership or rights of their own.

# Author: Jude (Short for Judas)

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3. Judas an ancestor of Jesus. (Luke 3:30)
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5. Judas with whom Paul lodged in Damascus. (Acts 9:11)
6. Judas, son of James. (Acts 1: 13)
7. Jude, the brother of Jesus. (Matthew 13:55)



Which of the seven wrote  
Jude?

## Jude 1: 1a (NIV)

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a brother of James,*

# James

- ✓ James is listed with Jude as a brother of Jesus.

## Matthew 13: 55 (NIV)

*“Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?”*

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## John 7: 3-5 (NIV)

*Jesus' brothers said to him, "Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do. No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world."*

## John 7: 3-6 (NIV)

*For even his own brothers did not believe in him.*

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- ✓ After the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus we find Jude assembling with the apostles in Jerusalem and participating in prayers.

## Acts 1: 12-14 (NIV)

*Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city.*

## Acts 1: 12-14 (NIV)

*When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying.*

*Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.*

## Acts 1: 12-14 (NIV)

*They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.*

# Jude

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- ✓ The only other bit of information we know about Jude is that he was married.

## 1 Corinthians 9: 5 (NIV)

*Don't we have the right to take a believing wife along with us, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas?*

## Date and Place

- ✓ Many scholars say that it was written between the years of 60-80 AD.
- ✓ Jude does not mention the destruction of Jerusalem that happened in year 70.
- ✓ Because of this many believe the letter was written around 60-69 AD.

## Jude 1: 1 (NIV)

*Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and  
a brother of James,*

**To those who have been  
called**, *who are loved in God the  
Father and kept for Jesus Christ:*

# Recipients

- ✓ The letter is addressed "*to those who have been called*" without any specific designation as to who they were or where they lived.
- ✓ It was likely written to Jewish Christians, however it is difficult to say exactly where these Christians were located.
- ✓ We should view the recipients as us!

# Purpose

- ✓ The Book of Jude is an important book for us today because it is written for the end times, for the end of the church age.
- ✓ Jude writes that evil works are the evidence of end time apostasy.
- ✓ He warns us to contend for the faith, because false prophets are in the church and Christians are in danger.
- ✓ Jude is a small but extremely important book that is written for today.

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# Triplets

You are Called  
You are Loved  
You are Kept

## Jude 1: 2 (NIV)

*Mercy, peace and love be yours in  
abundance.*

Mercy

Greek: eleos

- Mercy
- Pity
- Compassion
- A characteristic of God to seek a relationship with those who have no right to be in a relationship with Him

Peace

Greek: eiréné

- One with God
- Peace
- Quietness
- Rest

Love

Greek: agapé

- The Sacrificial Love of Christ

## Jude 1: 2 (NIV)

**Mercy, peace and love be yours in  
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Abundance

Greek: pléthunó

- To fill to maximum capacity
- To multiply
- to increase

# Triplets

Filled with Mercy

Filled with Peace

Filled with Love



What was Jude wanting to write about?

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## Jude 1: 3 (NIV)

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Who compelled Jude to change his mind on the subject of his letter?



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Turn to:  
2 Timothy 3: 16-17

## 2 Timothy 3: 16-17 (NIV)

**All Scripture is God-breathed** and  
is useful for teaching, rebuking,  
correcting and training in  
righteousness, so that the servant of  
God may be thoroughly equipped for  
every good work.



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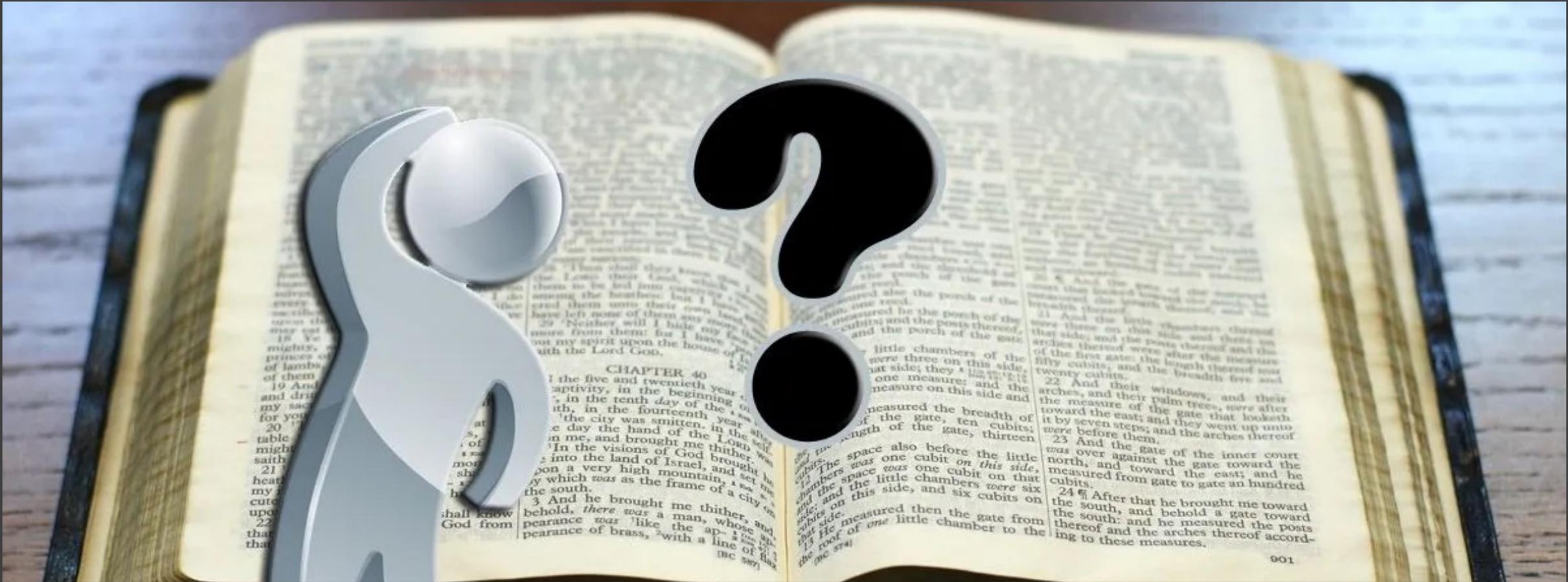
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What does it mean to contend for the faith?



Do we need to contend for the faith today?



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# Why?

Contend for the Faith is a call to stand against all who undermine the Truth found in the Bible.

Today we are living in a day of tolerance; a tolerance of false doctrines creeping their way into our churches.

## Jude 1: 4a (NIV)

*For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you.*



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Turn to:  
Isaiah 5: 15-21

## Isaiah 5: 15-21 (NLT)

*Humanity will be destroyed, and  
people brought down;  
even the arrogant will lower their  
eyes in humiliation.*

## Isaiah 5: 15-21 (NLT)

*But the Lord of Heaven's Armies will  
be exalted by his justice.*

*The holiness of God will be  
displayed by his righteousness.*

## Isaiah 5: 15-21 (NLT)

*In that day lambs will find good  
pastures,  
and fattened sheep and young  
goats will feed among the ruins.*

## Isaiah 5: 15-21 (NLT)

*What sorrow for those who drag  
their sins behind them  
with ropes made of lies,  
who drag wickedness behind  
them like a cart!*

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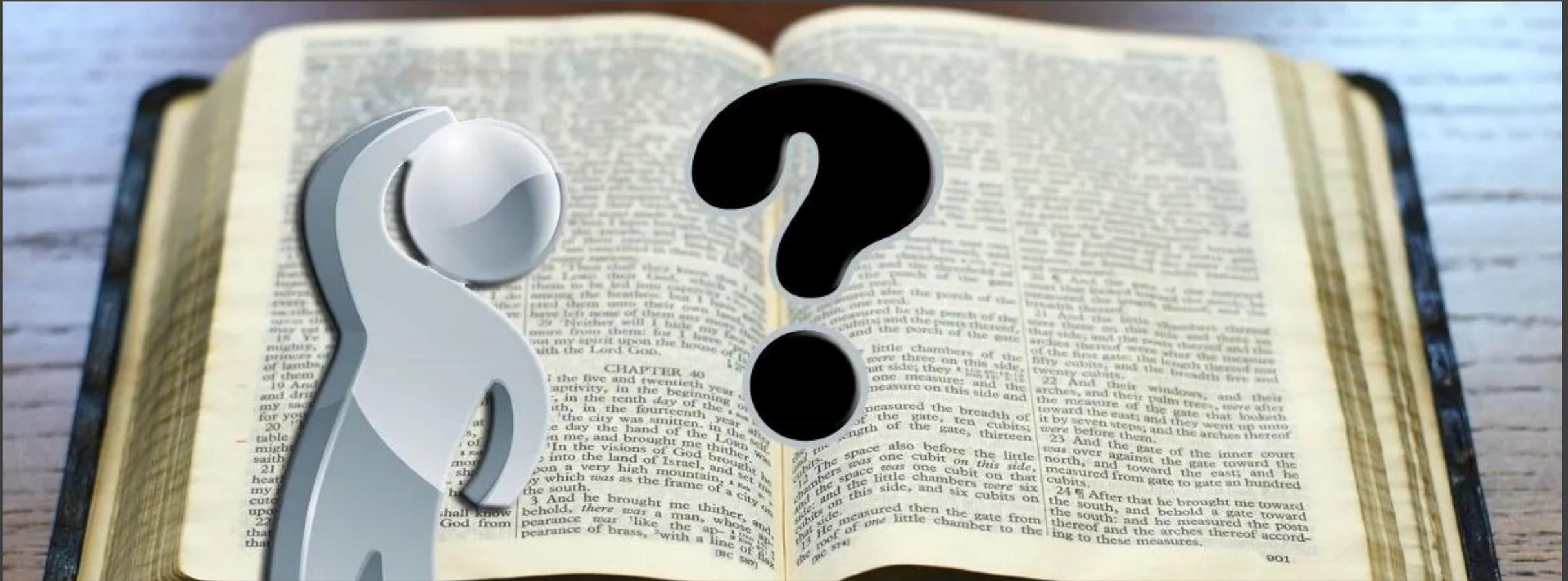
*They even mock God* and say,  
“Hurry up and do something!  
We want to see what you can do.  
Let the Holy One of Israel carry out  
his plan, for we want to know what it  
is.”

## Isaiah 5: 15-21 (NLT)

*What sorrow for those who say  
that evil is good and good is  
evil, that dark is light and light is  
dark, that bitter is sweet and sweet  
is bitter.*

## Isaiah 5: 15-21 (NLT)

*What sorrow for those who are  
wise in their own eyes  
and think themselves so clever.*



Where is this false doctrine coming from?

## Jude 1: 4 (NIV)

*For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you.*



Who are these people?

## Jude 1: 4b (NIV)

*They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.*

# The Things Which Are - The Seven Churches

Ephesus



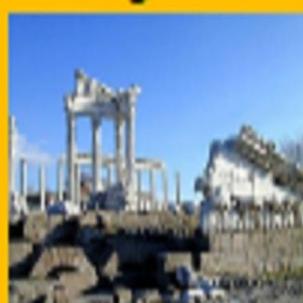
Rev 2.1-7

Smyrna



Rev 2.8-11

Pergamos



Rev 2.12-17

Thyatira



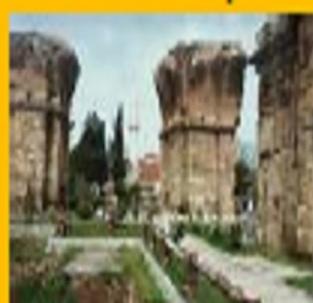
Rev 2.18-29

Sardis



Rev 3.1-6

Philadelphia



Rev 3.7-13

Laodicea



Rev 3.14-22

Alexandrian School Of Thought

First  
Church Age

Second  
Church Age

Third  
Church Age

Fourth  
Church Age

Fifth  
Church Age

Sixth  
Church Age

Seventh  
Church Age

33 - 100 AD  
Death of Christ  
1st & 2nd Persecution

100-312 AD  
The Caesars  
2nd - 10th  
Persecutions

312 - 590 AD  
Constantine  
The Political Church

590 - 1517 AD  
Middle Dark Ages  
The Idolatrous Church  
Catholic Church

1517 - 1750 AD  
Reformation  
Protestantism

1750 - 1925 AD  
Missionary  
Movement

1925 AD - End  
Apostate Church

Antiochian School Of Thought

## Revelation 3: 14 (NASB)

*“To the angel of the church in Laodicea  
write:*

*The Amen, the faithful and true  
Witness, the Origin of the creation of  
God, says this:*

## Revelation 3: 15 (NASB)

*'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.*

## Revelation 3: 16 (NASB)

So because you are lukewarm, and  
neither hot nor cold, I will vomit you  
out of My mouth.

*I know your deeds, that you  
are neither cold nor hot.*

This is an example of a church that has allowed society to influence it rather than the church influencing society. As a result of this influence the church doctrine has become watered down which is useless and sickening to Christ.

## Revelation 3: 17 (NASB)

*Because you say, “I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have no need of anything,” and you do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked,*

## Revelation 3: 18 (NASB)

*I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to apply to your eyes so that you may see.*



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Turn to:  
Psalm 19:9-10

## Psalm 19: 9-10 (NIV)

*The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.*

*buy from Me gold refined by fire  
so that you may become rich*

Christ is saying this Church needs to follow God's words again to find true riches instead of chasing the false riches of the world.

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*white garments so that you may  
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We are seeing a church with members  
who have not been clothed in Christ.

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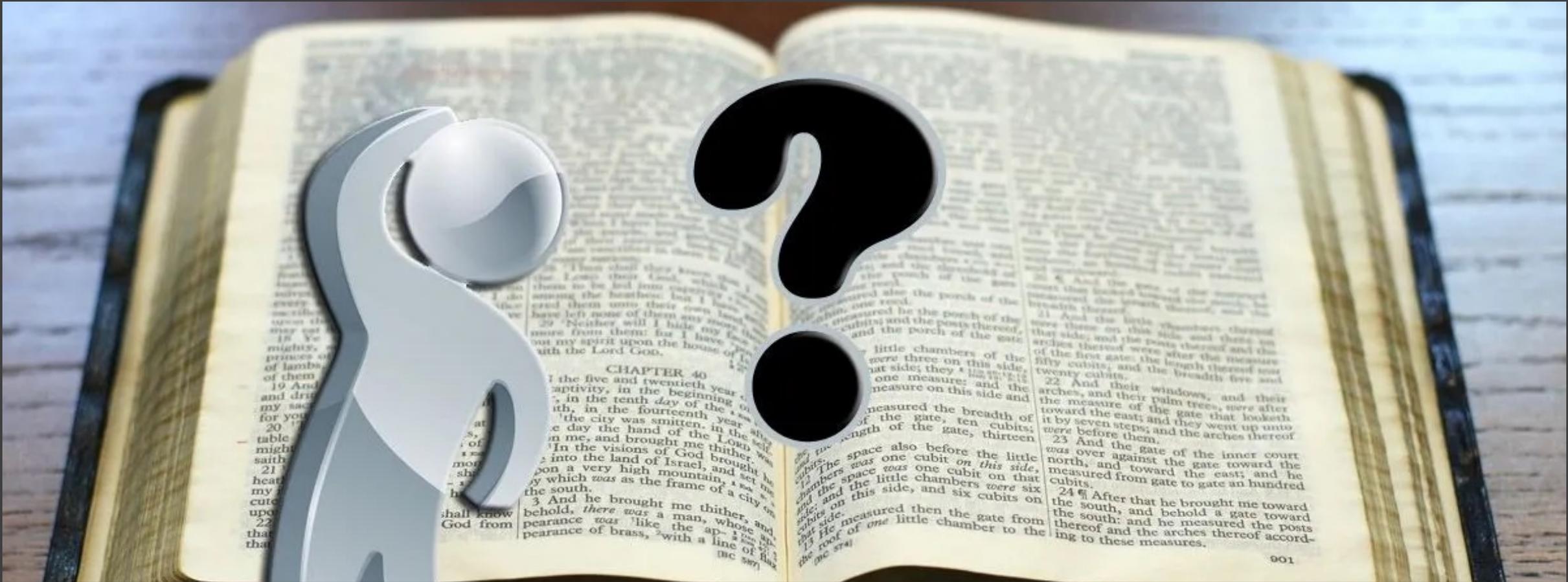
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blinded to the Truth.

## Revelation 3: 19 (NASB)

*Those whom I love, I rebuke and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.*

## Revelation 3: 20 (NASB)

*Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.*



Where is Christ in relationship to this Church, inside the church or on the outside?

## Jude 1: 4a (NASB)

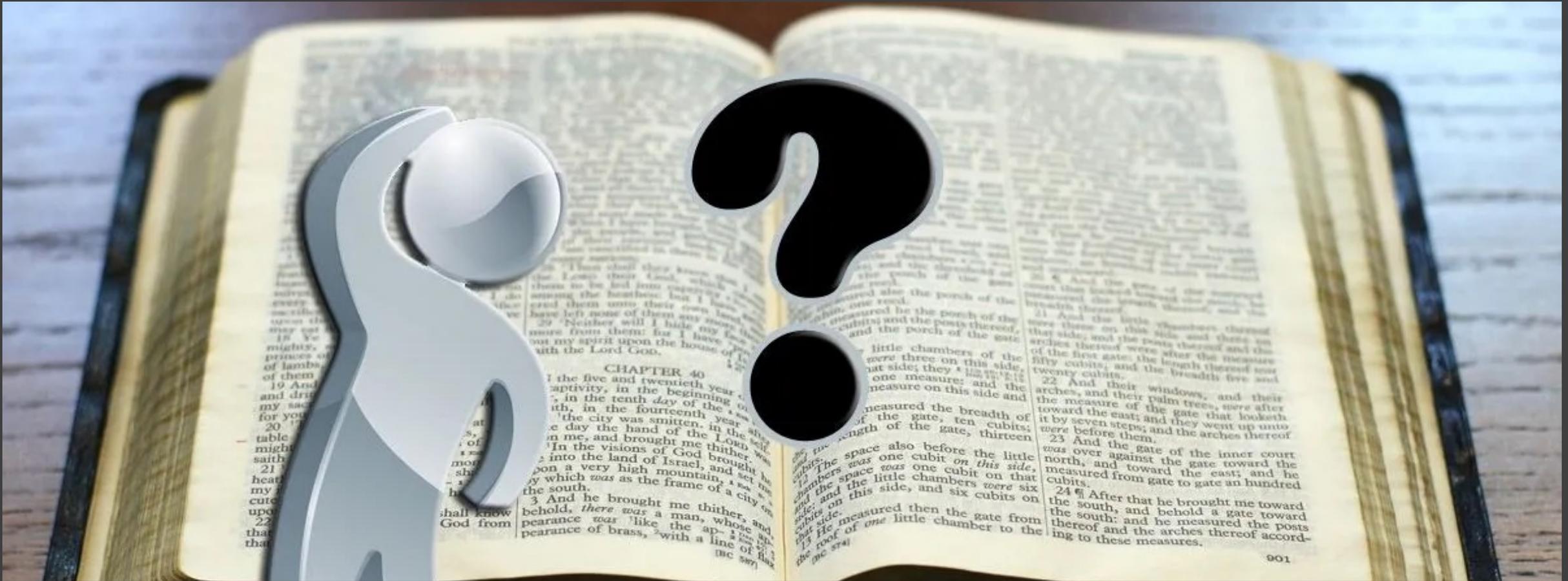
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What are these ungodly people in the Church doing?

## Jude 1: 4b (NASB)

*They are ungodly people, who  
pervert the grace of our God into  
a license for immorality and deny  
Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and  
Lord.*



What are some examples of a Church perverting the grace of God into a license for immorality?

## Jude 1: 4b (NASB)

*They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.*



What are some examples of a Church denying Jesus Christ as our only Sovereign and Lord?

## Jude 1: 5 (NASB)

*Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord at one time delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe.*



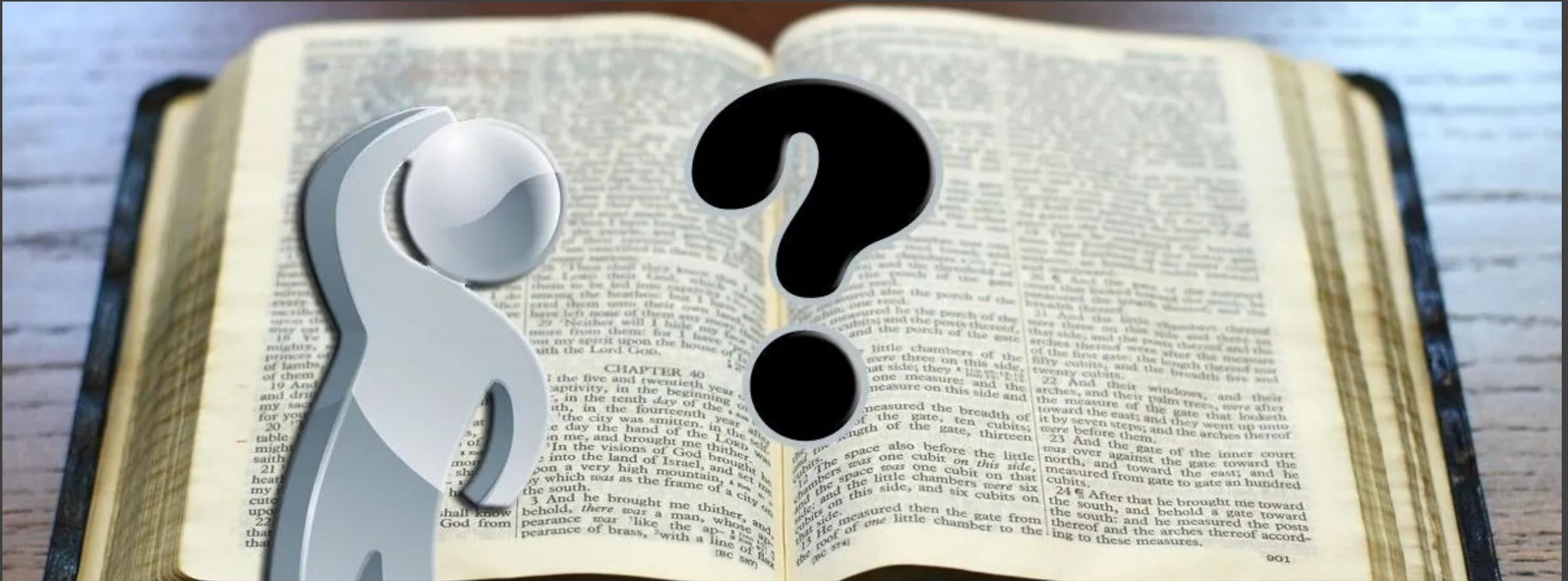
What point is Jude making here?



Who did the Lord deliver from out of sin and bondage?

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What does it mean to not believe?



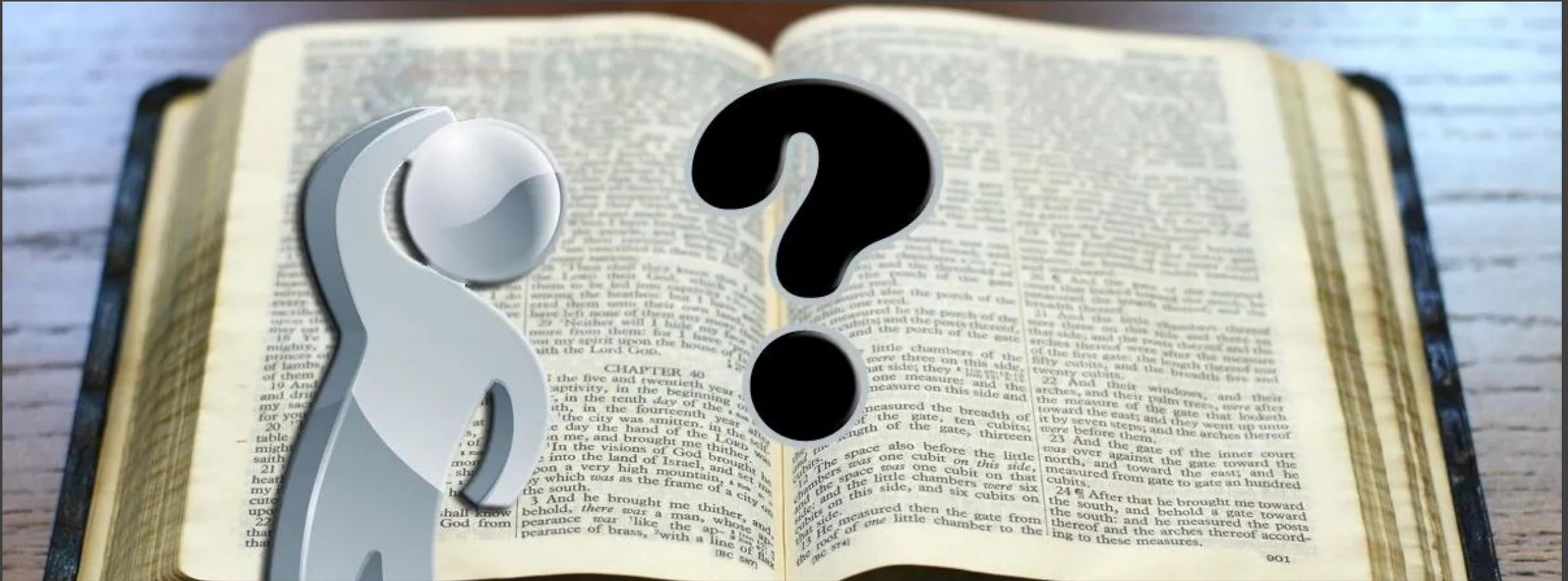
What are some signs of unbelief?

## Jude 1: 6 (NASB)

**And the angels** *who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.*



What point is Jude making here?



Could this also apply to the United States of America?



Can you think of a land that was destroyed because of sin?

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## Put it all together

In the last days ungodly people will secretly slip into the Church and will deny Jesus as the only way and will pervert the grace of God into a license to commit sexual immorality and perversion in a similar way as Sodom and Gomorrah and will bring about God's judgement upon the land.





Could what we see going on today be a fulfillment of the prophecy foretold by Jude?