



Our hope is that you were challenged by Sunday's message and would desire to take the study a little deeper. Whether for personal study, family study, or for a Home Group gathering, use this study to go deeper.

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The average lifespan of someone living in the U.S. is 79 years. We view these seven or eight decades as the crown of our existence. Generations since Adam and Eve have come and gone, but with each new one, our experience is seen as the pinnacle. The Bible tells a much bigger story. We read most of the middle 1,183 chapters of the Bible (Genesis 4-Revelation 19) as the "normal" human experience. They represent thousands of years of history tainted by sin. But in the first three chapters of the Bible, the last three chapters, and many in between, a story is told of the beauty of what once was and the expectation of what will be again, no matter the odds. We are regularly given a glimpse of something so majestic—creatures, colors, scenes, battles—we can barely comprehend it. The Bible delights in the grandeur of a God who began something in perfection and is progressively overcoming unimaginable resistance to bring it back again.

Main Point

The book of Jude this week is used to set the tone of a cosmic, parallel story to our own. It contains things that are strange and fanciful to us. Enjoy the discussion!

Read

Jude; Genesis 6:1-4; Daniel 10:10-14; 2 Peter 3:3-9

Discuss

- Three times in Jude, celestial beings and other-worldly scenes are described. The ungodly conduct of angelic beings serves as a parallel to the unbelief of humans. What is Jude's first example? Read Genesis 6:1-4 as the story to which Jude "may be" referring.
- If immoral behavior is the first comparison, what is the subject of the second angelic reference? What creature is named? Read Daniel 10 to gain another picture of his role and what took place.
- What was Enoch's prophecy (as a third example of celestial reality) according to Jude?
- What is the purpose Jude is trying to accomplish with these comparisons (Jude 1:17-23)?
- How do these incredible references affect thoughts of life today? Give one or two applications that can be applied in my life right now.