



Jude 5-16

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A call to contend...

V3: Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people.



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A Firm Footing...

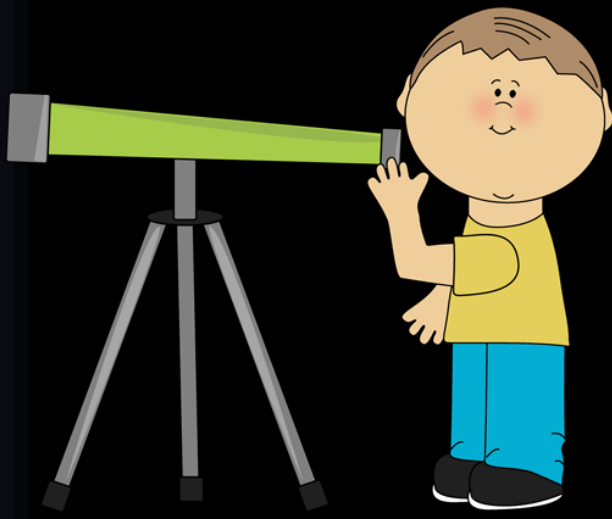
V1: Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James,

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

The need to contend...

V4: For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. 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.

Why does Jude describe these people in such detail?



Spot them at a distance



Keep them at a distance

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V5: 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.

- **Disbelieving Israel**

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V6: 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.

- **The rebellious angels**

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V7: In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion.

- **The immoral city**

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- **False teachers – Led by the gut**
- **Genuine teachers – Led by the word**

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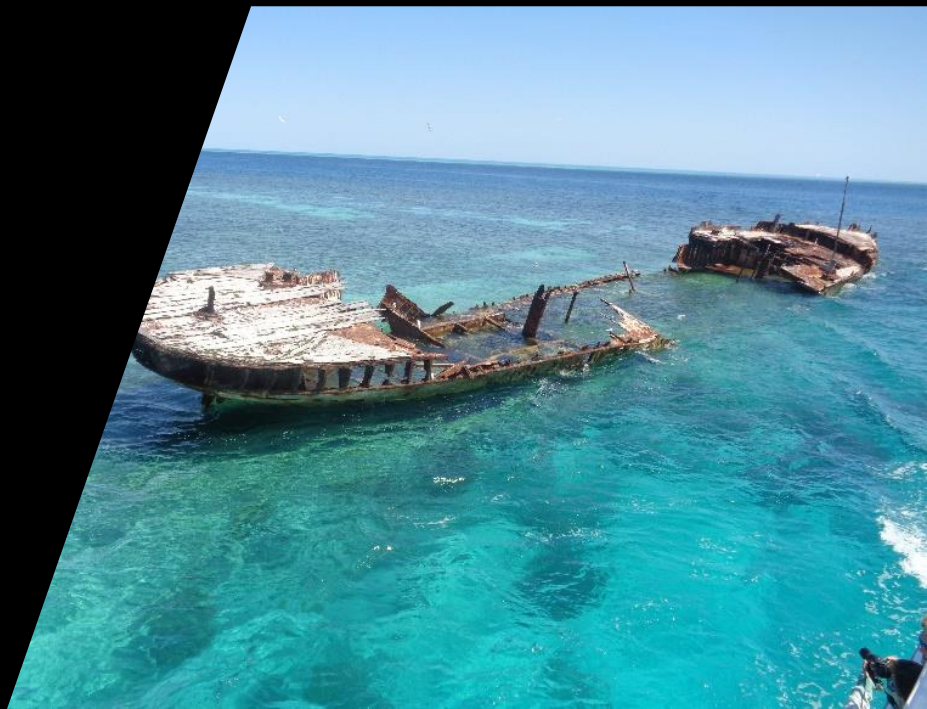
Numbers 31v16: They were the ones who followed Balaam's advice and enticed the Israelites to be unfaithful to the LORD...

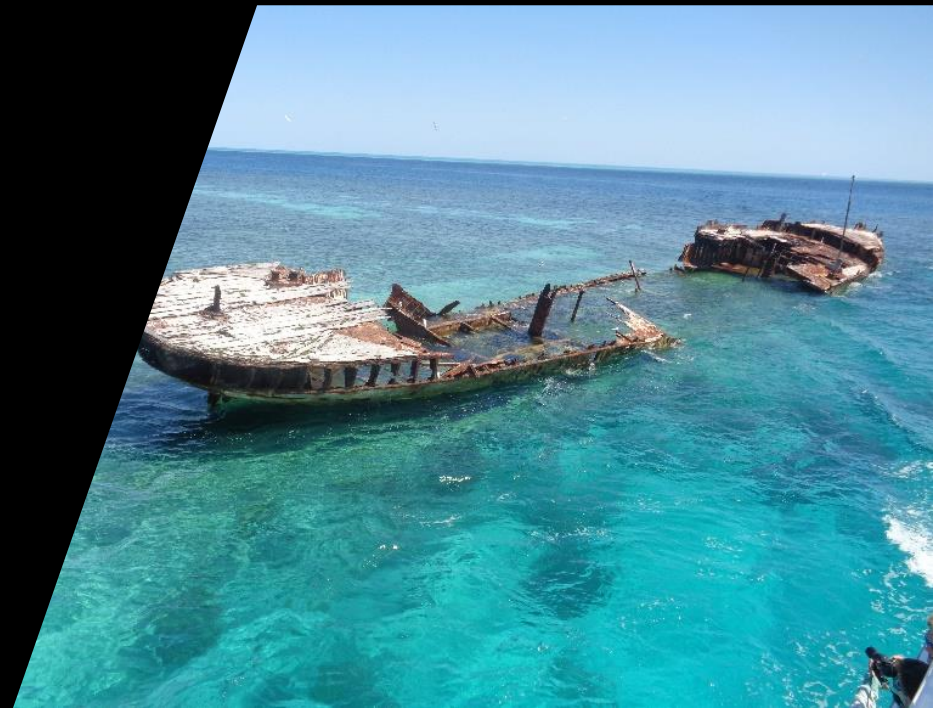
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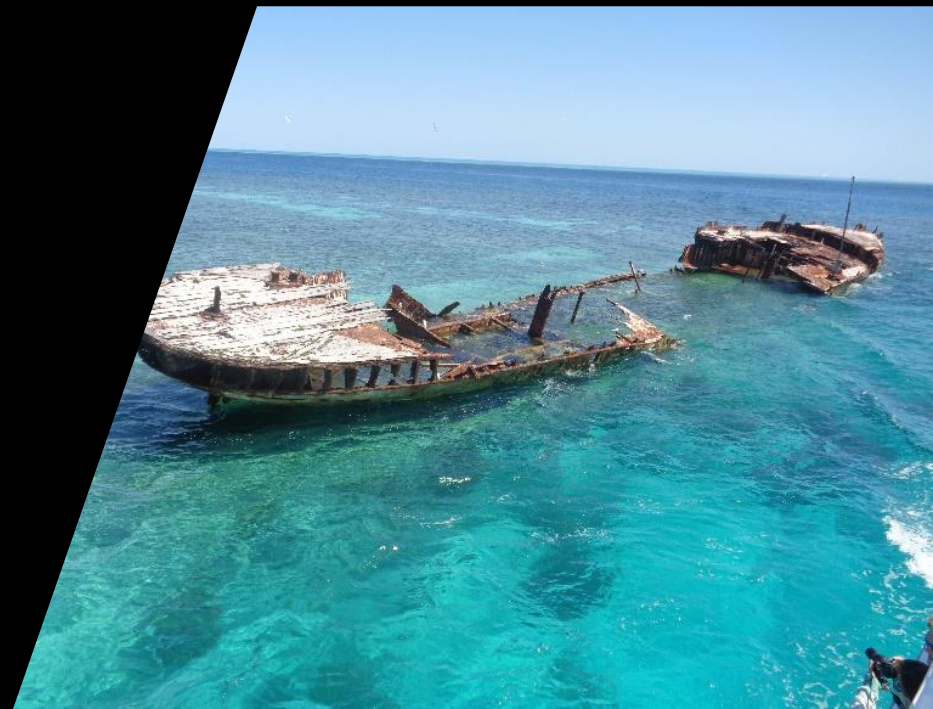
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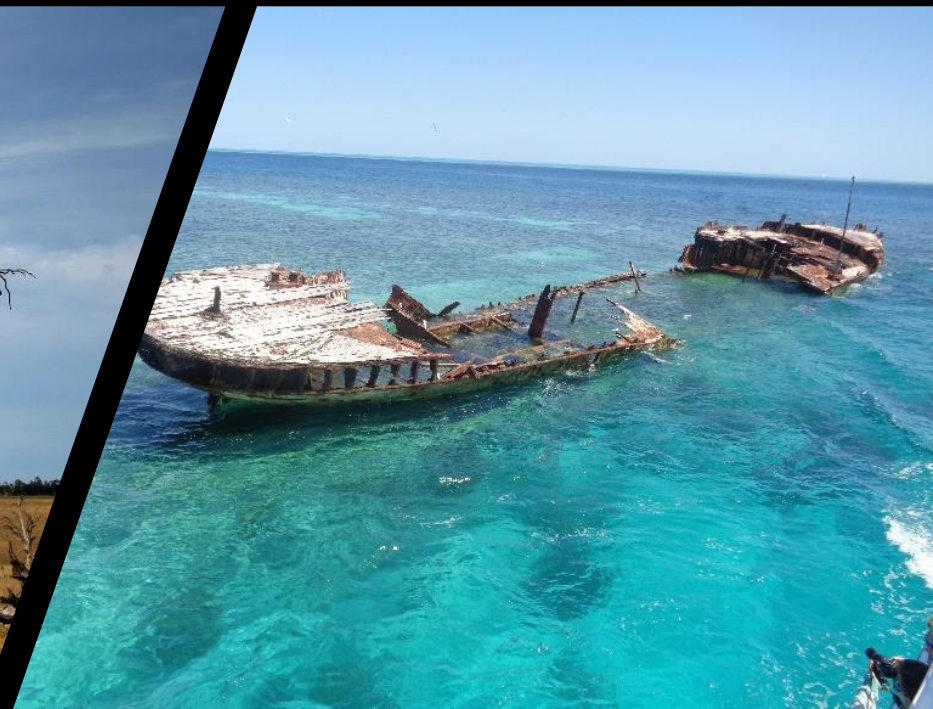
3) They promise life but deliver death

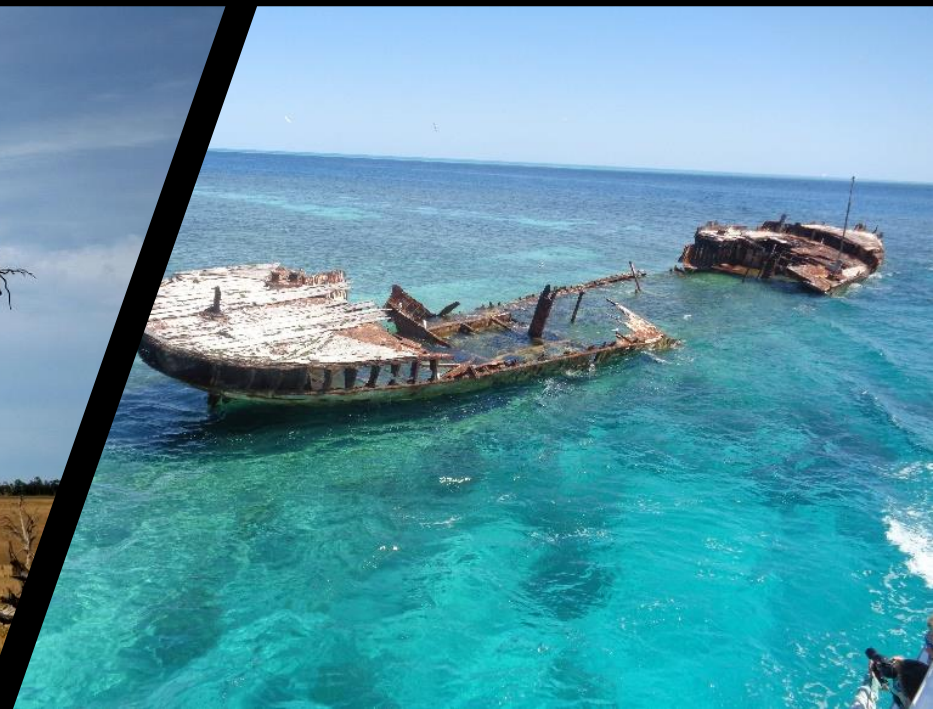
V12-13: These people are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm—shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted—twice dead. ¹³ They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever.

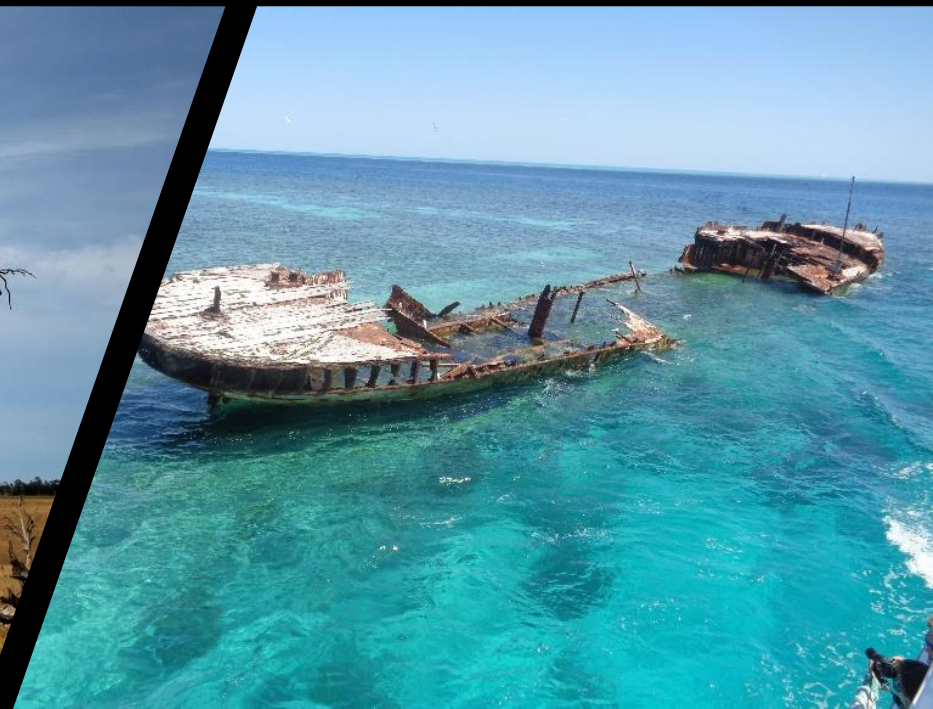












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V14-15: Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: ‘See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones ¹⁵ to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.’

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