

6. **More (V1)** “*But there were false _____ also among the _____, even as there shall be false _____ among you...*” There are numerous NT references predicting and warning of apostasy. Such are caused by the toleration and acceptance of false doctrine. False teachers “*privily shall bring in damnable _____, even _____ the _____ that bought them, and bring upon themselves _____ destruction.*” Clarke mentions some of these purveyors of false teaching as the Ebionites, Cerinthians, Nicolaitans, Menandrians, Gnostics, and Nicolaitans. False teachers don’t get a toe-hold overnight. They are cunning and duplicitous—never Christ-like!
7. **The Warning (V2)** “*And many shall _____ their _____ ways; by reason _____ the way of truth shall be _____ spoken _____.*” An early designation for Christianity was “the way of truth” (See: Acts 9:2; 24:22). Clarke comments, “Lasciviousness points to the nature of the heresies, a sort of Antinomianism.” This heretical doctrine purports that Christians are exempt from the obligations of moral law. Paul’s teaching on salvation “by faith” was willfully perverted to mean “by faith alone” which would mean, by that very definition, saved absent any kind of morality.
8. **Evil Devices (V3)** “*And through _____...*” This is a major character flaw based on selfish conceit. “*... shall they with _____ words make _____ of you...*” They pretend to have your interests at heart while using you for their gain. “*...whose _____ now of a long time lingereth _____, and their _____ slumbereth _____.*” Solomon wisely said: (Eccl 1:9) “*There is no _____ thing _____ the _____.*” The sins of (V3) are longstanding.
9. **God’s Tolerance (V4)** “*For if God _____ the _____ that _____...*” It is difficult for us to sort through all of the various commentators’ justifications and denials of notions gleaned from the apocryphal Book of Enoch. Just when, who, and where were these “*angels that sinned*”? Angels are messengers. God and the Devil both have angels. Peter and Jude wrote by inspiration and reveal little other than that they sinned and (like Judas-Acts 1:25) “*by transgression _____.*”
10. **More (V4)** “*... but _____ them _____ to hell...*” The GK word (here) for “*hell*” is *tartaroo* which is said by pagan literature to be the deepest *abyss* of Hades. Strong: to incarcerate in eternal torment—cast down to hell. The word is not found elsewhere in the Bible. “*...and _____ them into _____ of darkness, to be reserved unto _____...*” This is clearly figurative.
11. **Even More (V4)** We recommend careful study of TPBS [#193](#), Disposition of the Physical Body After Death, and [#202 & 203](#), Where Are the Dead? A word of caution: Preconceived notions based on bits and pieces of Scripture and random commentary over a span of years cause us to take “words” and “ideas” and create mental “pictures.” This process is a normal function. But we must be very careful to certify for ourselves that our “word pictures” are based on literal Bible fact. It is difficult to rationalize “figurative” language producing “literal” word pictures.
12. **What Must I Know? (V4)** I must know what I am *capable* of knowing. God judges accountability. I can’t fool God. (Gal 6:7) “*Be not _____; God is _____ mocked: for whatsoever a man _____, that shall he also _____.*” Will I know more tomorrow than I know today? Yes, God expects growth under normal circumstances. On what should I focus my study? Concentrate on the plan of salvation and the duties of Christian living. What should I avoid? (Titus 3:9) “*But avoid _____ questions, and genealogies, and _____, and _____ about the law; for they are _____ and _____.*” Advice: Take larger bites after you cut your permanent teeth.
13. **(V5)** “*And spared not the _____ world, but _____ Noah the eighth person, a _____ of _____, bringing in the _____ upon the world of the _____.*” Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, with their respective wives comprised those saved. Again, the spurious Book of Enoch spins a fascinating yarn about spiritual angels leaving God’s heaven to cohabit with voluptuous flesh-and-blood women on earth, ad nauseam. Peter didn’t plagiarize; he was Holy Spirit inspired.