

Understanding the Book of Jude
Jude 3,4 (p.1308)

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these people... relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones... But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions." It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. (v.8, 17-19)

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