

Week 40  
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### **Transforming Daily**

*“ . . . behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints . . . ”*

*Jude 14*

Though the context for this statement by Jude is one of judgment and condemnation on those who do not believe the truth of the gospel, it is nonetheless a statement of the victory and triumph of Christ and for all those who believe the truth of the gospel. Jude lists the characteristics of non-believers of the past, present, and future in verses 4-19, whereas the believers are described as “ten thousands of His saints” (v.14) who return with Him on the day of the Lord. Scholars refer to this as the beginning of the thousand year reign with Christ.

While there will be a great deal of sorrow on that day for those who don't have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ, it will be a phenomenal day of rejoicing and celebration for those who believe (the saints of God)! Mind you these circumstances will be none of our own doing, but brought about because of God's grace and mercy through the work of His Son, Jesus Christ. That is why Jude so strongly urges the believers in the early church to “contend earnestly for the faith” (v.3).

Jude's message for the believers in the early church is just as pertinent for us today as it was for them back then. The question that remains for us is a matter of faith. Do you believe the truth of the gospel? Are you trusting in Christ alone for your salvation? As a believer do you contend earnestly for the faith? If Christ were to return today, are you ready to meet Him? Are you numbered among those referred to in verses 4-19, or will you be numbered among those with Christ when the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints?