

Jude

1:14. “came.” The Greek is in the past tense, which is the “prophetic perfect” (see note on “seated,” in Ephesians 2:6). The Lord’s coming is so certain it is spoken of in the past tense.

1:20. “building yourselves up on.” The Greek is *epoikodomeo* (#2026 ἐποικοδομέω), a present middle participle, “to build up upon a foundation.” The foundation is our faith. Now we build upon our faith in Jesus Christ, in this case by “praying in holy spirit.”

“praying in holy spirit.” There is no definite article “the” in the Greek text. Praying “in,” or “by” (the instrumental dative) holy spirit is speaking in tongues (1 Cor. 14:14-16). This verse is clear and factual. We build up ourselves on our faith by speaking in tongues. This agrees with 1 Cor. 14:4, which says that the person who speaks in tongues “edifies himself.”

1:24. “without blemish.” See note on Ephesians 1:4.