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The comparison of Jude 4-19 and 2 Peter 2:1-3:3 reveals various parallels, which could be traced back to possible scenarios, that may account for these similarities in the content. It is very notable, that the existing parallels can be seen in a similar order, which may imply, that there could have been a specific document, that both Jude and Peter were referring to. This literary dependence towards this unknown document can be explained by the parallels in Jude 4, (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 immortality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.) and 2 Peter 2: 1;3, (They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord, who bought them – bringing swift destruction on themselves. In their greed, these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.)

The key terms of condemnation, the secret heresies of the ungodly people and the denial of Jesus, the sovereign Lord, appear in the contents of both, Jude and 2 Peter and present significant parallels. Therefore, I believe, that both letters originated from the same document.

