

Jude

The author of this letter is identified as “Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James” (Jude 1:1). In the early church, there was only one James who could be referred to in this way without further specification; namely, “James, the Lord’s brother” (Gal. 1:19, see introduction to James). This Jude was most likely the same one who was listed as one of the half-brothers of the Lord Jesus (Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3; Acts 1:13).

There are differing views concerning the recipients of the Book of Jude. Some scholars feel that he wrote to believers in the churches of Asia Minor, to whom also the Book of 2 Peter was directed. Others support the view that Jude wrote to believers in Palestine who would have been familiar with the references to Jewish history (Jude 1:7-11)

Little is known of the circumstances of those to whom Jude addresses this letter, and no one knows the precise time when the book was written. It has been suggested that the Book of 2 Peter sparked the ideas that Jude wrote in his epistle (2 Pet. 2:1-3:3, cf. Jude 1:3-18). Consequently, Jude is thought to have written this book after Peter’s death, but before the destruction of Jerusalem (A.D. 70)

Both Peter and Jude were alarmed at the great number of false teachers that were being accepted in the churches (see introduction to 2 Peter. Serious apostasy, similar to the one of which Paul had spoken (cf. Acts 20:29-31), seems to have been prevalent in Jude’s day (Jude 1:4). Therefore, Jude urged these believers to “earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 1:3). (Key Word Bible, page 1556)

(NOTE; italic words added comments)

CHAPTER 1

This records an otherwise unknown incident of a Dispute between Michael eh archangel and the devil concerning the burial of Moses’ body. The Holy Spirit related this incident through Jude to tell us that the archangel Michael did not bring a railing accusation against the devil, but said, “The LORD rebuke you.” He wanted to show that neither believers nor angels will be able to put the devil out of commission, but that the time of his demise will soon come. It is said of him in Revelations 20:2 that he will be bound for a thousand years during Christ’s millennial kingdom and that finally, he is going to be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone (Rev 20:10). (Key Word Bible, page 1557)

¹Jude, the servant of JESUS Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in JESUS Christ, *and* called:

²Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

Warning From History to the Ungodly

³Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

It is the same today, that we must earnestly keep the Word of Christ as it was, not changed or added to.

⁴For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord JESUS Christ.

Lasciviousness 766 aselgeia, as-elg'-i-a; from a compound of I (as a negative particle) and a presumed selges (of uncertain derivative, but apparently meaning continent); licentiousness (sometimes including other vices):-filthy, lasciviousness, wantonness.

The enemy is stealth and will come in without notice of the troops if can, stealth. These men are of old, indicating that they are of before Christ, or of followers of false gods. The but in doubts and seeds of doubt and deceit into the flock turning them, and us, away from the truth of God's Words.

⁵I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

He is telling us to remember how the people acted after seeing all the miracles. Exodus 32: 26-28, The golden calf worshipers put to death by the tribe of Levi.

⁶And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Genesis 6: 2-5 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

These fallen angels left heaven to come to earth and take women are condemned to death, final death, and are held in chains now in the pit.

Much of this is written in the book of Enoch, found in the Dead Sea Scrolls. Enoch is mentioned in Genesis 4: 17 and in 5:18 – 24 and in Hebrews 11: 5. He did not die in the flesh but was taken to heaven by God.

⁷Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Genesis 19

⁸Likewise also these *filthy* dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

⁹Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Deuteronomy 34: 6 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

The Lord buried Moses.

¹⁰But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

¹¹Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

Genesis 4: 5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

Numbers 22: 7 And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Balaam, and spake into him the words of Balak.

¹²These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds *they are* without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

Proverbs 25:14 Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain.

¹³Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

Isaiah 57:20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest whose waters cast up mire and dirt

Jude 1: 14-16 In this passage, Jude quotes from the apocryphal Book of Enoch. Although this book was not included in the canon of Scripture, early church historians wrote that the church accepted it as a reliable source of information. Therefore, it is plausible to conclude that Jude, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, used this prophecy of Enoch as a means of describing those false teachers who sought to lead believers astray from the true faith in Christ. (Key Word Bible, page 1557)

NOTE: They did not have a bible as we do today to read and study from but rather many scrolls, books, from the past scriptures.

¹⁴And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

*Enoch 1:9. And behold! He cometh with ten thousands of [His] holy ones
To execute judgement upon all, And to destroy [all] the ungodly: And to convict all flesh
Of all the works [of their ungodliness] which they have ungodly committed,
And of all the hard things which ungodly sinners [have spoken] against Him. (Book of Enoch)*

¹⁵To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches* which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

¹⁶These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling *words*, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

We see many of this type of individuals today, mostly politicians.

“Keep Yourselves in the Love of God”

¹⁷But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord JESUS Christ;

¹⁸How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils:

*Mark 13: 5 And Jesus answering them began to say, **Take heed lest any man deceive you:***

¹⁹These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

Stay away from the, here is what you need to do.

²⁰But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

²¹Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord JESUS Christ unto eternal life.

²²And of some have compassion, making a difference:

²³And others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

²⁴Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

*John 14: 16 **And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;***

²⁵To the only wise God our Saviour, *be* glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

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