



## The Epistle of Jude

**Author:** Jude

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### Greeting

<sup>1</sup>Jude,<sup>a</sup> a slave of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,

To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ:<sup>2</sup> May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.

### Contend for the Faith

<sup>3</sup>Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith that was once for all delivered to the holy ones. <sup>4</sup>Certain men have crept in among you who were long ago appointed for this judgment, ungodly men<sup>b</sup> who turn the grace of our God into an excuse for licentiousness<sup>c</sup> and who prove false to our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

### Past and Present Apostates

<sup>5</sup>Now I want to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord,<sup>d</sup> after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, the second time destroyed those who did not believe. <sup>6</sup>And the angels who

did not keep to their own domain but deserted their proper dwelling place, he has kept in eternal bonds under deep darkness for the judgment of the great day,<sup>7</sup> just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross sexual immorality and having gone after other flesh,<sup>e</sup> are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

### Michael's Dispute with the Devil

<sup>8</sup>Despite this, in the same way these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and speaking abusively of glorious ones. <sup>9</sup>But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a judgment against him in abusive terms, but said, "The Lord<sup>f</sup> rebuke you!" <sup>10</sup>But these men speak evil of the things which they do not understand; and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are corrupting themselves.<sup>8</sup> <sup>11</sup>Woe to them! because in the way of Cain they went, and to the error of Balaam for profit they rushed, and in the rebellious talk of Korah they perished. <sup>12</sup>These are the men who are hidden rocks in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, carried along by winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, uprooted; <sup>13</sup>wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shameful deeds; wandering stars for whom the blackness of darkness is reserved forever.

<sup>a</sup> Gr *Judas*

<sup>b</sup> Lit *irreverential (ones)*

<sup>c</sup> Or loose conduct; shameless conduct (Gr *aselgeia*) behavior completely lacking in moral restraint, usually with the implication of sexual licentiousness—"licentious behavior, extreme immorality."

<sup>d</sup> I.e., the Father; Exodus 12:51 (UASV) And on that same day Jehovah brought the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt according to their hosts.

<sup>e</sup> Gr *sarkos heteras*; Lit *went after different or other flesh*; i.e., pursued unnatural fleshly desires

<sup>f</sup> I.e., the Father; Zechariah 3:2 (UASV) Then Jehovah said to Satan, "rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, Jehovah, who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

<sup>8</sup> Or *they are destroyed*



### Prophecy of Enoch

<sup>14</sup> It was also about these men that Enoch, the seventh one in line from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord came with tens of thousands of his holy ones, <sup>15</sup> to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly concerning all their ungodly deeds that they did in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” <sup>16</sup> These men are murmurers, finding fault, following their own desires, and their mouths make excessive boasts, flattering people<sup>a</sup> for their own advantage.

### Keep Yourselves in the Love of God

<sup>17</sup> But you, beloved ones, call to mind the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>18</sup> that they were saying to you, “In the last time there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly desires.” <sup>19</sup> These are the ones who cause divisions, soulical men,<sup>b</sup> devoid of the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. <sup>22</sup> And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup> save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

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<sup>a</sup> Lit *wondering at faces* “(an idiom, literally ‘to admire the face’) to praise someone, normally in an exaggerated or false manner and with insincere purpose—‘to flatter.’”

<sup>b</sup> [Gr *psukikoi*; natural men or animalistic men; (worldly-minded)] “of life in the natural world and what pertains to it; (1) as governed by sensual appetites and lived apart from the Spirit of God *natural, unspiritual, worldly* (1C 2.14; JU 19); (2) as being a characteristic of the earthly body *physical, natural* (1C 15.44)”

### Ascribing Glory to God

<sup>24</sup> Now to the one who is able to guard you from stumbling and to set you in the presence of his glory unblemished, with great joy, <sup>25</sup> to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.<sup>c</sup> Amen.

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<sup>c</sup> Lit to all the ages