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Jude 1

Greeting to the Called

1 Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James.

To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:

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

Contend for the Faith

3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. **4** For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Old and New Apostates

5 But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. **6** And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; **7** as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

1:1 Jude was half-brother to Jesus and brother of James, who wrote the epistle of James. The Book of Jude is written by Jude, who later after Christ's Resurrection submitted to Christ's lordship (Acts 1:14). Jesus had half-brothers and half-sisters. Jesus' half-brothers were James, Joses, Judas (Jude) and Simon (Mark 6:3). Jude here is not Judas Iscariot. Jesus' half-brothers became new believers in Jesus as God, Lord and Savior, once they personally witnessed His Resurrection.

1:6-7 Sexual immorality and homosexuality are severe sins. Remember Evil Angels (Genesis 6:2-4) were guilty of committing sexual immorality with women on earth. Evil Angels bound in Hell (2 Peter 2:4) and the destruction by fire of Sodom and Gomorrah are examples of the wrath of God that will fall on people who do not repent of such sins. Homosexuality is absolutely condemned throughout Scripture and here in Jude is described as "going after strange flesh" (unnatural sin) and the end result is the "vengeance of eternal fire" [Lake of Fire— Gehenna— Eternal Hell]. Regarding sexual immorality and homosexuality: A person may have evil desires. The real issue is do they act on them and do they practice them. They cannot and as Scripture says: "Certainly not!" Homosexuality and bestiality is the worst perversion of sexual sins. In the Old Testament, the punishment for committing these sins was execution.

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I **8** Likewise also these dreamers **defile the flesh**, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. 9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, **"The Lord rebuke you!"** 10 But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. 11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

Apostates Depraved and Doomed

★★ **12** These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, **serving only themselves**. **They are clouds without water**, carried about by the winds; **late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead**, pulled up by the roots; **13** **raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame**; wandering stars for whom is **reserved the blackness of darkness forever**.
I★ **14** Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, **15** to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are **ungodly** among them of all their **ungodly** deeds which they have committed in an **ungodly** way, and of all the harsh things which **ungodly** sinners have spoken against Him."

Apostates Predicted

I★ **16** These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own **lusts**; and they mouth **great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage**. 17 But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: **18** how they told you that **there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts**. **19** These are **sensual** persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

Maintain Your Life with God

P★ **20** But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, **praying in the Holy Spirit**.
M **21** keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto **eternal life**.
22 And on some have compassion, making a distinction; 23 but others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

1:12-13 [Apostates are without fruit = not saved and never saved](#). They have few, if any, moral restraints and thus are frequently characterized by immoral lifestyles. Nonbelievers are twice dead. First, they die physically in their earthly body. Second, they die spiritually (spiritual death) with The Second Death— when they are cast into Hell and the Lake of Fire.
1:20 [Praying in the Holy Spirit](#) = Praying in the will and power of the Holy Spirit.

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Glory to God

24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling,

And to present *you* faultless

Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

25 To God our Savior,

Who alone is wise,

Be glory and majesty,

Dominion and power,

Both now and forever.