

EPISTLE OF JUDE

Part 4

Sunday July 14, 2019 AD

Purpose: JUDE 3-4 reviewed

³Beloved, (^{vs1}the called, the beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ)

while I was making every effort to write to you about our common salvation, **I felt it necessary to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.**

To contend earnestly: def. (To strive against, to struggle with intensity, to reprove sharply, to convince and reclaim.)

⁴For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 11: 12-15

¹²But what I am doing I will continue to do, so that I may cut off opportunity for those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the matter about which they are boasting. ¹³For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.

Deuteronomy 13:1-18

¹If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you...

³you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the LORD your God is testing you to find out if you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ⁴You shall follow the LORD your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and cling to Him...

Focus passage: JUDE 5-25

⁵Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe.

1Corinthians 10: 1-13

...⁶Now these things happened as examples for us...

⁶And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgement of the great day. ⁷just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire. ⁸Yet in the same way these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties. ⁹But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgement, but said "The Lord rebuke you!"

¹⁰But these men revile the things which they do not understand; and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed.

¹¹Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

¹²These are the men who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by the winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted; ¹³wild waves Of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever. ¹⁴It was about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, ¹⁵to execute judgement upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

¹⁶These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their own lusts; they speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of gaining an advantage.

¹⁷But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁸that they were saying to you, "In the last times there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts."

¹⁹These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.

Parallel apostolic passage: 2Peter 2:1-3:2

²⁰But you, beloved, building yourself up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹Keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal Life. ²²And have mercy on some, who are doubting; ²³save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

²⁴Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, ²⁵to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.