

JUDE VERSES 1-5

Jud 1:1 Jude, 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:

Jude is same as Judas (in Greek). First Jude sees himself as servant and not boast of being brother of James (James is Jacob in Greek) who was possibly half-brother of Jesus.

Jud 1:2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

God's mercy was the fountain of our salvation and peace with God. Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

Jud 1:3 Beloved, 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.

What faith is he talking about? Faith in the Gospel, Faith in Christ, faith in His word. Rom 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. *True faith always comes from the Word of God.*

How do we contend earnestly (within the contexts of this book)?

Jud 1:4 For 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 is unbridled lust, excess, licentiousness as a result of shamelessness.

“turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness”: Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? Rom 6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Who are those certain men?

Jud 1:8 Likewise also these *filthy* dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities

Jud 1:10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

Jud 1:11 Woe 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.

Jud 1:12 These 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;

Jud 1:13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

Jud 1:16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling *words*, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

Jud 1:19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

Jud 1:5 I 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.

1Co 10:5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

1Co 10:6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

1Co 10:7 Neither be ye idolaters, as *were* some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

1Co 10:8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

1Co 10:9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

1Co 10:10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

Jude verses 6 to 10

Jude ⁶ And 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.

They thought by rebellion against God they could attain higher or better positions. Discontentment or promise of a better situation has motivated many to make decisions that seem to lead to better conditions but will turn out to a worst situation. Example: Adam and Eve; Gen 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat. How did she come to see the tree as good for food? By the devil's lie. There is a deceptive power to a lie. Devil chains us to darkness by his lies but Christ frees us to light by His truth. Sin binds us with chains so strong and lasting that only Jesus Christ can break.

⁷ Even 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. *They gave themselves over to detestable sins greatly abhorred by God to such degree that caused Him to bring down fire and brimstone on the earth. It is an important example to remind us how offensive to God unclean thoughts and actions can become if we do not reject and overcome them by the power of God. That is why we have to wage a great spiritual war against the lusts of uncleanness and the flesh. 1Pe 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 1Co_6:18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. Temptations of fornication (Greek word is pornia) are so powerful like a tornado. If a man or woman does not flee fornication in thoughts or actions as God commands, he/she can be forcibly drawn into it. The closer you get to a tornado the greater the force of being drawn into it. The more one muses with unclean thoughts the greater the risk of being forced into sins of fornication. The chain of bondage to fornication is very hard to break but with God all things are possible.*

For these reasons we read in Eph_5:3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

⁸ Likewise also these *filthy* dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. 2Pe_2:10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous *are they*, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

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

Michael did not accuse and speak evil of the devil. Devil is very skilled in accusing God's people and to enter into an accusing contest with him would neither be wise nor accomplish anything. It would provoke Satan to speak evil of Moses or Michael or possibly God. When we have a dispute with someone we need to consider carefully the guidelines of God's word so it would not turn into strife and result in serious and lasting evil consequences. We are at spiritual war with Satan but not with men (Philippians 6:12). In relation with men we read in Php_2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory. The first step to avoid strife is humility. Accusing others quickly genders strife. Pro 10:12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

¹⁰ But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. 2Pe_2:12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; Tit_3:2 "speak evil of no man".

Much of evil speaking is the result of lack of knowledge and understanding. We need to know and understand before passing a righteous judgement.

Jude verses 6 to 16

V.6 Woe 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. *Who are they?* Jud 1:4 For 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.

The way of Cain: 1Jn 3:12 Not as Cain, *who* was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

The way of Balaam: *Some of those men addressed in Jude 4 that crept into the church are described in Rev. 2:14:* But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

The way of Core (Greek translation of Korah in Hebrew): *resistance against authority of leaders appointed by God. Kora and some others resisted the authority of Moses. (gainsaying: from the Greek root "antilego" which means contradict (anti=against + lego=say)*

Num 16:1 Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took *men:* Num 16:3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, *Ye take* too much upon you, seeing all the congregation *are* holy, every one of them, and the LORD *is* among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?

They rebelled against the authority of Moses and God judged them: Num 16:32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods.

Romans 1:13 *reminds us not to resist the authorities that God has set up.* "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Rom 13:2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

Jud 1:12 These 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; *They were blemishes to corrupt the purity of the fellowship of believers. They were feeding themselves without due restraint which turned into surfeiting and drunkenness as some acted in 1Cor.11:20-22 in the Lord's supper.* "clouds they are without water" : *They spoke promising words without any spiritual effect on the believers. Impressive and promising speeches (as made by politicians) can be heard in Christian circles by outspoken persons without spiritual impact on the lives of believers. They are unstable in character as clouds moved by the winds. The fruit of their lives can show their true character. Mat 7:16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. They will be "plucked up by the roots" Matt. 3:10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.*

Jud 1:13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever. *They make great claims that result in their own shame. They seem attractive and shining but are headed for and lead others to eternal darkness.*

Jud 1:14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

Enoch: not the son of the wicked Cain but the son of Jared. Gen 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him. There is no mention of this prophecy by Enoch in the old testament but since it is revealed in the New Testament it must have been prophesied through Enoch. 1Thes 3:13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Jud 1:15 To 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. *When Christ returns with all his saints He will not act as a savior but as a Judge. He will convince all the ungodly of their ungodliness to show that all His judgements are righteous so that men will be without excuse for their ungodly thoughts, words and deeds.*

Jud 1:16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling *words*, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. *They are men pleasers who speak and act not according to Godly principles but use impressive words to please men to gain favor and advantage.*

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Jude verses 17 to 25

But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; *remembering does two things: first it prepares us to meet mocking of our faith better and secondly as fulfilled prophecy it actually strengthens our faith.*

Jud 1:18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. 2Pe 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 2Pe 3:4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation. *The thoughts of the return of Christ is annoying to the world which is given over to sin. On the contrary the believers delight in Christ's return.*

Jud 1:19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. *Satan strategy is to first separate interested persons or professing Christians from the fellowship of believers by a variety of thoughts that he shoots at their mind. Once he has succeeded in separating them from holy fellowship he will have an easier time to lead them into sensuality and unholy practices.*

Jud 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, *How do we build up ourselves?* Mat 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: Co 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1Co 3:12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 1Co 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 1Co 3:14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 1Co 3:15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. *Right understandings of God's word are like gold and silver to build the house of our lives and church with. Wrong understandings of God's will and word are like wood, hay, stubble which if we build our house with, will not last through the fire. If we apply the right understanding of God's word we will receive our reward. That is why it is so important that we learn the right understanding and application of God's word so our labor will not be in vain.* Mat15:9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. *We need to discern between teachings of men and commandments of God. Because of lack of discernment some are following the teachings of men thinking that they are the commandments of God. Though they labor much, yet their labor is in vain (example: the sects). False teachers will increase.* Mat 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? Mat 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. Mat 24:5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. Mat 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

Because of the increase of deception as we get closer to Christ's return we need to be increasingly careful and use God's word to prove the teachings we get and how to apply them.

Jud 1:21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. *How do we keep ourselves in the love of God?* 1John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Jud 1:22 And of some have compassion, making a difference: compassion on the lost and the believers is needed to help them from heart. *Different ways of exercising compassion is to be considered depending on the need at hand.* 1Pe 3:8 Finally, *be ye* all of one mind, having compassion one of another, *Christ is our example of exercising compassion.*

Jud 1:23 And others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. *Promote the fear of God in the lost by preaching hell, judgement and damnation.* Why? Pro16:6 by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil. *When we help others to come out of sin and corruption we need to fear lest we ourselves get caught up in their sins.* : Gal 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. *Also we need to fear lest by our effort to help others by harsh words or gestures and wrong impressions and examples we actually help them to harden against God. Example: some TV preachers.* Jud 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, *this is a great promise that we can live victoriously.*

Jud 1:25 To the only wise God our Saviour, *be* glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.
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