

Jude

- I. (Salutations, vv 1-3):
 - A. (Author), Jude,
 - 1. ... a servant of Jesus Christ
 - 2. ... and brother of James
 - B. (Recipients), To:
 - 1. ...those who are called
 - 2. ...beloved in God the Father
 - 3. ...and kept for Jesus Christ
 - C. (Blessing), May:
 - 1. mercy,
 - 2. peace
 - 3. and love be multiplied to you
- II. Body, vv 3-23,
 - A. Reason for Writing, vv. 3, 4:
 - 1. Although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.
 - 2. For certain people have crept in unnoticed
 - a. who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people who:
 - (1) perverted the gospel of our God into sensuality
 - (2) and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.
 - B. Judgment of the Ungodly, vv 5-19:
 - 1. Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that, Jesus,
 - a. ... who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.
 - b. And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under

- gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—
- c. just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desires, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.
2. Yet, in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams,
 - a. Defile the flesh
 - b. Reject authority
 - c. And blaspheme the glorious ones (warning, v 9 Michael contending with the devil (example)
 - d. blaspheme all that they do not understand
 - e. and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively.
 3. Woe to them! For they...
 - a. Walk in the way with Cain
 - b. And abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error
 - c. Perished in Korah's rebellion
 - d. They are blemishes on your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, looking after themselves
 - e. They are waterless clouds, swept along by winds;
 - f. They are fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted.
 - g. Wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their shame;
 - h. Wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been preserved
 4. It was about them that Enoch prophesied saying, "Behold, the Lord came with 10,000 of his holy ones..."
 - a. To execute judgment on all, and to convict
 - (1) All the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way

- (2) And of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.
 - b. These are:
 - (1) Grumblers
 - (2) Malcontents
 - (3) Following their own sinful desires
 - (4) Loud-mouthed boasters
 - (5) Showing favoritism to gain advantage.
 - 5. But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions."
 - a. It is these who cause divisions:
 - (1) Ungodly people
 - (2) Devoid of the Spirit
- C. (Exhortation, vv 20-23), But you, beloved,
- 1. Build yourselves up in your most holy faith
 - 2. Pray in the Holy Spirit
 - 3. Keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.
 - 4. Have mercy on those who doubt
 - 5. Save others by snatching them out of the fire
 - 6. To others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh
- III. Doxology, vv, 24, 25
- A. Now
 - 1. to him who is
 - a. ... able to keep you from stumbling
 - b. and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy
 - 2. to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord
 - B. be:
 - a. glory
 - b. majesty
 - c. dominion
 - d. and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen.