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Jude

Jude 1

Jude 1:1

ULT

¹ Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, to the called ones, those loved in God the Father and kept in Jesus Christ:

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¹ {I,} Jude, serve Jesus the Messiah, and I am a brother of James. {I am writing} to you whom God has called, to you whom God the Father loves, to you whom Jesus the Messiah is keeping {for himself}.

Of whom was Jude a servant?

Jude was a servant of Jesus Christ.

Who was the brother of Jude?

James was the brother of Jude.

To whom did Jude write?

He wrote to those who were called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ.

Jude 1:2

ULT

² May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.

UST

² I pray that God will increase his merciful acts toward you and make you more peaceful and make you experience more of his love.

What did Jude want multiplied to those to whom he wrote?

Jude wanted mercy, peace, and love to be multiplied.

Jude 1:3**ULT**

³ Beloved ones, making every effort to write to you about our common salvation, I have a necessity to write to you, exhorting to contend for the faith that was delivered once for all to the saints.

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³ {Fellow believers} whom I love, I tried my best to write {a letter} to you about how God has saved all of us {who believe}. However, I needed to write {this letter instead} in order to urge you to defend the true things that we believe. {These are things} that God has given for all time to all those whom he has made holy.

What did Jude first want to write about?

Jude first wanted to write about their common salvation.

What did Jude actually write about?

Jude actually wrote about the need to struggle for the faith of the saints.

Jude 1:4**ULT**

⁴ For certain men have entered secretly, who long ago have been designated beforehand for this condemnation, ungodly ones, changing the grace of our God into licentiousness and denying our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

UST

⁴ {I am urging you to do this} because some men have crept stealthily {into your meetings}. {They are men} whom God has chosen to condemn a long time ago. They do ungodly things. They think that our God permits people to be sexually immoral because he is kind. {They also} oppose what is true about Jesus the Messiah, who alone owns us and rules over us.

How did some condemned and ungodly men come?

Some condemned and ungodly men came stealthily.

What did the condemned and ungodly men do?

They changed the grace of God into sexual immorality and denied Jesus Christ.

Jude 1:5**ULT**

⁵ Now I want to remind you, you knowing all things once for all, that Jesus, ^[1] having saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

UST

⁵ Although you previously knew all these things, I desire to remind you {of them}. {Remember} that after Jesus rescued the people {of Israel} from the country of Egypt, he destroyed those people {among them} who did not trust him.

From where did the Lord once save people?

The Lord saved them from the land of Egypt.

What did the Lord do to those people who did not believe?

The Lord destroyed those people who did not believe.

Jude 1:6**ULT**

⁶ And angels who did not keep {their} own domain, but having left {their} own dwelling place, he has kept in eternal chains, under darkness, for the judgment of the great day—

UST

⁶ Also, {some} angels did not continue to remain in their proper places where they had authority but abandoned them. {Because they did this} God has imprisoned them forever in darkness {in hell}. {God did this} in order to judge them on the important day {when he judges everything}.

What did the Lord do to the angels who left their proper place?

The Lord put them in chains in darkness for judgment.

Jude 1:7**ULT**

⁷ as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, having committed sexual immorality in the same manner as these, and having gone after other flesh, are being displayed as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire.

UST

⁷ The same is true of {the people who lived in the cities of} Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities near them. They acted in a sexually immoral way in the same way as those angels did. They participated in all kinds of improper sexual acts. By causing these {angels and people} to suffer for eternity in the fire of hell, God is making them an example {of those who reject him}.

What did Sodom, Gomorrah, and the cities around them do?

They fornicated and pursued unnatural desires.

Jude 1:8**ULT**

⁸ Yet in the same way also, these ones who dream defile the flesh on the one hand and reject lordship on the other hand and slander glorious ones.

UST

⁸ Similarly, these {false teachers} are dreamers who not only make their own bodies dirty by living immorally, but also reject the Lord's commands. They even insult God's glorious angels.

Like Sodom, Gomorrah, and the cities around them, what do the condemned and ungodly men do?

They pollute their bodies in their dreams, reject authority, and say evil things.

Jude 1:9**ULT**

⁹ But Michael the archangel, when disputing with the devil, was arguing about the body of Moses; he did not dare to bring a judgment of slander against him. Rather, he said, "May the Lord rebuke you!"

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⁹ Even the archangel Michael was not so bold as to speak slanderous accusations against Satan when he argued with him concerning the dead body of Moses. Instead, he {merely} said, "May the Lord reprove you!"

What did the archangel Michael say to the devil?

The archangel Michael said, "May the Lord rebuke you."

Jude 1:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But these ones on the one hand slander what they do not understand; on the other hand, what they understand by instinct as unreasoning animals, by these things they are being destroyed.

UST

¹⁰ By contrast, these {false teachers} speak evil words about spiritual things that they do not understand. They are just like animals that cannot think rationally. The things that they are naturally able to understand are destroying them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jude 1:11**ULT**

¹¹ Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain and have abandoned themselves to the error of Balaam for wages, and in the rebellion of Korah they have perished.

UST

¹¹ How sad it is for them! They act like Cain, {who murdered his brother}. They have dedicated themselves to committing the same sin that Balaam committed in order to get money. God will certainly destroy them like he destroyed Korah and those who rebelled {against Moses with him}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jude 1:12**ULT**

¹² These ones are the ones who fearlessly feast with you— hidden reefs in your love feasts, shepherding themselves; waterless clouds, carried along by winds; fruitless autumn trees— having died twice, having been uprooted,

UST

¹² These people are shamelessly eating with you. At your fellowship meals they are like rocks hidden under the water that ships crash against. They only take care of themselves. They are {useless,} like clouds that the wind carries away before they can give rain. They are {useless,} like trees that don't bear fruit at harvest time. {They are like trees} that will die twice because God will uproot them.

For whom do the condemned and ungodly men shamelessly care?

They shamelessly care for themselves.

Jude 1:13**ULT**

¹³ wild waves of the sea, foaming out {their} own shameful deeds; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of darkness has been kept to eternity.

UST

¹³ They are {uncontrollable,} like the sea's thrashing waves. They display their disgraceful acts just like the waves bring up foam. {They are like} stars that do not stay where they should in the sky. God is reserving the dark gloom {of hell} for them forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jude 1:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Now also Enoch, seventh from Adam, prophesied about these ones, saying, "Behold! The Lord came with myriads of his holy ones

UST

¹⁴ Even Enoch, the seventh person in the line of people who descended from Adam, spoke about these false teachers when he said: "Listen carefully to this: The Lord will certainly come with a countless number of his holy {angels}.

Enoch was which place in line from Adam?

Enoch was the seventh in line from Adam.

Jude 1:15**ULT**

¹⁵ to do judgment against everyone and to rebuke every soul concerning all their works of ungodliness, which they did in an ungodly way, and concerning all the harsh things which ungodly sinners spoke against him."

UST

¹⁵ {They will come} to judge everyone and rebuke everyone for all their ungodly deeds that they have done in ungodly ways, and for all the harsh insults that these people, who sin and dishonor God, spoke against Jesus."

Upon whom will the Lord execute judgment?

The Lord will execute judgment upon all people.

Jude 1:16**ULT**

¹⁶ These ones are murmurers, complainers, going according to their lusts, and their mouth speaks boastful things, admiring faces for the sake of advantage.

UST

¹⁶ These {false teachers} grumble {to themselves} and complain {to others}. They live according to their sinful desires and brag about themselves. They flatter people in order to get what they want {from them}.

Who are the ungodly men who will be convicted?

Grumblers, complainers, those who go after their evil desires, loud boasters, and those who praise for personal advantage are the ungodly men who will be convicted.

Jude 1:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But you, beloved ones, remember the words that have been spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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¹⁷ But you {fellow believers} whom I love, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus the Messiah said long ago.

Who spoke words in the past about mockers?

The apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ spoke words in the past about mockers.

Jude 1:18**ULT**

¹⁸ that they said to you, "In the last time there will be mockers going according to {their} own ungodly lusts."

UST

¹⁸ {Remember} that they told you, "In the last days {before Jesus returns,} there will be people who mock {the true things that God has told us}. {They will} live according to their own sinful desires that dishonor God."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jude 1:19**ULT**

¹⁹ These are the ones causing divisions, soulish, not having the Spirit.

UST

¹⁹ These {mockers} are the people who are making believers angry with each other. {They live according to their} natural instincts. The {Holy} Spirit does not dwell within them.

What is true of the mockers who go after the own ungodly lusts, who cause divisions and are sensual?

They do not have the Holy Spirit.

Jude 1:20**ULT**

²⁰ But you, beloved ones, building yourselves up in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

UST

²⁰ However, you {fellow believers} whom I love, by increasing your trust in God and by praying with the Holy Spirit's help,

How were the beloved building themselves up and praying?

The beloved were building themselves up in their most holy faith, and praying in the Holy Spirit.

Jude 1:21**ULT**

²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

UST

²¹ keep living in a way that enables you to experience God's love. {Do this} while expecting the merciful return of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, {which will result in} living eternally {with him}.

What were the beloved to keep themselves in and look for?

The beloved were to keep themselves in and look for the love of God and the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jude 1:22**ULT**

²² And on the one hand, have mercy on some who are doubting;

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²² And be merciful to those who are confused {about what they should believe}.

Who were the beloved supposed to save? (vv22-23)

The beloved were supposed to save those with a garment spotted by the flesh, and those in the fire.

Jude 1:23**ULT**

²³ but on the other hand, save others, snatching from fire; and have mercy on others with fear, hating even the garment having been defiled by the flesh.

UST

²³ But rescue other people urgently, as if you are pulling them out of the fire of hell. And be merciful to some other people, but be cautious with them, as if just touching their clothing could make you sinful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jude 1:24**ULT**

²⁴ Now to the one who is able to keep you without stumbling and to cause you to stand before his glory blameless, in exultation,

UST

²⁴ God is able to prevent you from returning to a sinful life. {He is also able} to take you without sin into his glorious presence. {You will stand there} with great joy.

What was God their Savior, through Jesus Christ their Lord, able to do? (vv24-25)

God was able to keep them from stumbling and place them before the presence of his glory without blemish.

Jude 1:25**ULT**

25 to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all the age and now and to all eternity. Amen!

1:5 ^[1] but some manuscripts have .

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25 There is only one God. He has saved us as a result of what our Lord Jesus the Messiah {did for us}. I pray that everyone will recognize that God is glorious, majestic, powerful, and rules with great authority. {He was like that} before time began. {He is like that} today, and {he will remain like that} forever! May it truly be so!

What things should be given to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord?

To the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord be glory, majesty, power, and authority.

When did God have glory?

God had glory before all time, now, and forevermore.

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