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Jude

Chapter 1

¹Jude, 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: ²May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.

³Beloved 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. ⁴For 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.

⁵Now 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. ⁶And 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— ⁷as 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. ⁸Yet 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. ⁹But 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!" ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Woe 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. ¹²These 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, ¹³wild waves of the sea, foaming out their own shameful deeds; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of darkness has been kept to eternity. ¹⁴Now also Enoch, seventh from Adam, prophesied about these ones, saying, "Behold! The Lord came with myriads of his holy ones ¹⁵to 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." ¹⁶These ones are murmurers, complainers, going according to their lusts, and their mouth speaks boastful things, admiring faces for the sake of advantage.

¹⁷But you, beloved ones, remember the words that have been spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁸that they said to you, "In the last time there will be mockers going according to their own ungodly lusts." ¹⁹These are the ones causing divisions, soulless, not having the Spirit. ²⁰But you, beloved ones, building yourselves up in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. ²²And on the one hand, have mercy on some who are doubting; ²³but 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.

²⁴Now to the one who is able to keep you without stumbling and to cause you to stand before his glory blameless, in exultation, ²⁵to 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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