

THE LETTER OF JUDE

Greeting

¹ Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, to those who are called and *sanctified by God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ:
² Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

Judgment on False Teachers

³ Beloved, although I was quite eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. ⁴ For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have crept in unnoticed. They are ungodly men who pervert the grace of our God, turning it into a license for sensuality. By doing so, they deny †God, who is our only Master, and also the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵ Now I want to remind you, although you ‡already know this, that after the Lord saved a people out of the land of Egypt, he subsequently

* **1:1** sanctified 90.2% | beloved CT 8.9% † **1:4** God, who is our only Master, and also the Lord 78.7% | our only Master and Lord, ANT CT 12.9% ‡ **1:5** already know this, that after the Lord 69.4% | already know all things, that after Jesus ECM NA²⁸ SBL {0.2%} TH {0.2%} | know all things, that after the Lord once for all NA²⁷ 0% | already know all things, that after the Lord WH 0%

destroyed those who did not believe. ⁶ And the angels who did not keep within their proper domain, but left their own dwelling, he has kept under darkness in everlasting chains for the judgment of the great day. ⁷ Likewise, Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, who indulged in fornication and went after strange flesh in a manner similar to those angels, serve as an example by undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

⁸ In the same way these ungodly men, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and revile glorious beings. ⁹ But when Michael the archangel was contending with the devil and disputing about the body of Moses, he did not dare to bring a reviling judgment against him, but said, "May the Lord rebuke you!" ¹⁰ Yet these men slander whatever they do not understand, and they are corrupted by what they, like irrational beasts, instinctively comprehend. ¹¹ Woe to them! For they went in the way of Cain, they rushed for reward to the error of Balaam, and they perished in the rebellion of Korah. ¹² These men are hidden reefs at your love feasts, feeding themselves as they feast among you without fear. They are clouds without water, carried along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead and uprooted. ¹³ They are wild waves of the sea, foaming out their own shameful deeds; wayward stars, for whom the thick gloom of darkness has been reserved forever.

¹⁴ Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied about these men, saying,

“Behold, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones ¹⁵ to execute judgment against all and to convict [§]all the ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds that they have done in an ungodly way, and to convict ungodly sinners of all the harsh words they have spoken against him.” ¹⁶ These men are grumblers and complainers, walking according to their own lusts. They speak bombastic words with their mouths, admiring people for their own advantage.

A Call to Persevere in the Faith

¹⁷ But you, beloved, must remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ ^{*}foretold, ¹⁸ how they said to you, “In the end times there will be scoffers who walk according to their own ungodly lusts.” ¹⁹ These people [†]cause divisions; they are worldly and do not have the Spirit. ²⁰ But you, beloved, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ must keep yourselves in the love of God as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²² [‡]Have mercy on some,

§ 1:15 all the ungodly among them 79.5% | all the ungodly SBL TH WH 15.8% | every person ECM NA 0.6% * 1:17 foretold, how they 98.5% | foretold. They ECM* NA²⁸ SBL WH 1.5%
 † 1:19 cause divisions 77.5% | separate themselves SCR 20.8%
 ‡ 1:22 Have mercy on some, using discernment 88% | Refute those who doubt TH 6.9% | Have mercy on those who doubt ECM NA SBL WH 2.1%

using discernment; ²³ § and others save with fear by snatching them out of the fire, hating even the garment that is stained by the flesh.

Doxology

²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep *them from falling and to make them stand unblemished in the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵ to the only †wise God our ‡Savior, be §glory and majesty, power and authority, *both now and forevermore. Amen.

§ **1:23** and others save with fear by snatching them out of the fire, 66.9% {ANT TR 8%} | and others save by snatching them out of the fire; and have mercy on others with fear, ECM NA SBL TH 5% | save them by snatching them out of the fire; and have mercy on others with fear, WH 0.2% * **1:24** them ... them 63% | you ... you CT SCR 21.9% † **1:25** wise 82.3% | — CT 7.4% ‡ **1:25** Savior, 77.9% | Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, CT 21.1% § **1:25** glory and majesty, power 86.4% | glory, majesty, power, CT 11.2% * **1:25** both 78.4% | before all ages and CT 13.2%

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