The Letter from Jude

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

3 Beloved, while I was very eager to write to you
about our common salvation, I was constrained to
write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly
for the faith which was once for all delivered
to the saints. 4 For there are certain men who
crept in secretly, even those who were long ago
written about for this condemnation: ungodly
men, turning the grace of our God into indecency,
and denying our only Master, God, and Lord, Jesus
Christ.

5 Now I desire to remind you, though you al-
ready know this, that the Lord, having saved a
people out of the land of Egypt, afterward de-
stroyed those who didn't believe. 6 Angels who
didn't keep their first domain, but deserted their
own dwelling place, he has kept in everlasting
bonds under darkness for the judgment of the
great day. 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrah and
the cities around them, having in the same way as
these given themselves over to sexual immorality
and gone after strange flesh, are shown as an
example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire.
8 Yet in the same way, these also in their dreaming

† **1:1** or, Judah ‡ **1:1** "Christ" means "Anointed One".

defile the flesh, despise authority, and slander celestial beings. 9 But Michael, the archangel, when
contending with the devil and arguing about the
body of Moses, dared not bring against him an
abusive condemnation, but said, “May the Lord
rebuke you!” 10 But these speak evil of whatever
things they don’t know. They are destroyed in
these things that they understand naturally, like
the creatures without reason. 11 Woe to them! For
they went in the way of Cain, and ran riotously
in the error of Balaam for hire, and perished in
Korah’s rebellion. 12 These are hidden rocky reefs
in your love feasts when they feast with you, shep-
herds who without fear feed themselves; clouds
without water, carried along by winds; autumn
trees without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by
the roots; 13 wild waves of the sea, foaming out
their own shame; wandering stars, for whom
the blackness of darkness has been reserved for-
ever. 14 About these also Enoch, the seventh from
Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold,§ the Lord
came with ten thousands of his holy ones, 15 to
execute judgment on all, and to convict all the
ungodly of all their works of ungodliness which
they have done in an ungodly way, and of all
the hard things which ungodly sinners have spo-
ken against him.” 16 These are murmurers and
complainers, walking after their lusts—and their
mouth speaks proud things—showing respect of
persons to gain advantage.

§ **1:14** “Behold”, from “ἰδοὺ”, means look at, take notice, observe, see, or gaze at. It is often used as an interjection.

17 But you, beloved, remember the words which
have been spoken before by the apostles of our
Lord Jesus Christ. 18 They said to you, “In the last
time there will be mockers, walking after their
own ungodly lusts.” 19 These are those who cause
divisions and are sensual, not having the Spirit.
20 But you, beloved, keep building up yourselves
on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.
21 Keep yourselves in God’s love, looking for the
mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.
22 On some have compassion, making a distinc-
tion, 23 and some save, snatching them out of the
fire with fear, hating even the clothing stained by
the flesh.
24 Now to him who is able to keep them† from
stumbling, and to present you faultless before the
presence of his glory in great joy, 25 to God our Sav-
ior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, do-
minion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

† **1:24** TR and NU read “you”

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