

- I) V5-11 INTRO: But I want to remind you though you once knew this
Jude has said to **contend for the faith** that has been one time delivered
This is because false teachers have secretly slipped into the fellowship

- II) V4 Jude said they have crept in unnoticed
They were able to do so because the church was not awake and alert

- III) **Slipping in unnoticed** is a common tactic of the enemy
If he cannot destroy by an open attack, he will attempt to destroy **by joining**
Mt 13:24-30 Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But **while everyone was sleeping**, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' "'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time, I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"
Mt 13:36-41 Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are **the sons of the evil one**, and the enemy who sows them **is the devil**. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.

- IV) False teachers were **infiltrating**, attempting to bring believers into bondage
Some were mixing **Jewish law** with God's grace revealed in the Gospel
This was opposed to the message of the Gospel

- V) Paul responded to this and **clearly identified** what was happening
Gal. 2:4 This matter arose because some **false brothers had infiltrated our ranks** to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might remain with you.

- I) V4 Jude wrote: These men were **long ago** marked out for this condemnation
Marked out: designated beforehand (in the OT)
2 Pe 2:3 Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.
- II) To illustrate the certainty **of their judgment** Jude provides 3 examples in history
He begins with the judgment on the **unbelieving Jews** in the desert
He continues with God's judgment on **fallen angels**, and
He then concludes with God's judgment on **Sodom and Gomorrah**
- III) These examples reveal that **disobedience** and **rebellion** results in judgment
- IV) V5 **But** I want to **remind you** though you once **knew** this
Remind: I want to call to your memory
- V) You **one time** for **all time** had a **precise knowledge** of what I am saying to you
You are **thoroughly acquainted** with all that I want to say to you: **this is not new**
- VI) I desire to stir up your memories with these reminders
This is what **genuine teachers do:** they remind people of what they know
2 Pe 1:13 I think it is right **to refresh your memory** as long as I live in the tent of this body because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able **to remember these things**.
- VII) He is reminding them of both **biblical history** and **apostolic doctrine** (V3)
- VIII) To illustrate God's **judgment**, he reminds them of how God has judged **in the past**
The ones judged in these illustrations are those **who rebelled** against God
- IX) **First:** He speaks of those who were rescued from **Egyptian bondage**
God had provided Moses, a deliverer, to bring **a nation** out of Egypt
- X) The Jews were in Egypt for 430 years (Ex 12:40)
Over time a Pharaoh had arisen who did not honor the memory of Joseph
This resulted in the nation being oppressed
God heard the groaning of the people and gave a deliverer: **Moses**

- I) Through Moses, God brought 10 plagues upon the Egyptians and their gods
Ex 12:12 On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment **on all the gods of Egypt**. I am the LORD.
- II) This resulted in their release, but in their journey, they began **murmuring**
Their murmuring resulted in judgment upon those 20 years of age, and above
Nu 14:29 In this wilderness your bodies will fall—every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against Me
- III) Why did they perish in the wilderness? They **refused to believe**
They saw what God did to deliver them, yet they refused to trust Him
- IV) They were **physically** saved, but never **spiritually** saved: They had **unbelief**
Heb 3:15-19 As has just been said: "**Today**, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did **in the rebellion**. Who were they who heard and **rebelled**? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert? And to whom did God swear that they would **never enter His rest** if not to those who disobeyed? So we see that they were not able to enter, **because of their unbelief**.
- V) V6 **Next**: And **the angels** who did not keep their proper domain but left their own
As he continues the theme of **rebellion** and **judgment**, he speaks of angels
Angels are powerful beings, created by God and occupying positions of power
Heb 1:7 In speaking of the angels he says, He makes his angels winds, His servants flames of fire
- VI) These are the angels in **Genesis**: they abandoned their assigned dwelling place
They abandoned their positions of **power** and **dignity**, and fell
Gen. 6:1-4 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. And the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." There were giants on the earth in those days, and **also afterward**, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

- I) They **forsook** heaven and are now prisoners in chains, living in darkness
2 Pe 2:4 God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment
- II) They did not continue faithful, though they knew that judgment would fall on them
What judgment: When both angels and men receive their eternal doom
Rev 20:10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into **the lake of fire** and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be **tormented** day and night forever and ever.
- III) V7 **Third**: The example of Sodom and Gomorrah and surrounding cities
- IV) V7 As Sodom and Gomorrah **and the cities around them** in a similar manner
Sodom and Gomorrah were judged, as well as surrounding cities
Dt 29:23 The whole land is brimstone, salt, and burning, that it is not sown, nor does it bear, nor does any grass grow there, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, **Admah**, and **Zeboim**, which the LORD overthrew in his anger, and His wrath
- V) They gave themselves over to **sexual immorality** and went after **strange flesh**
- VI) **Homosexuality** was not the only reason God judged these cities
Ezek 16:49-50 gives some more insight: Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and **her daughters** were **arrogant**, **overfed**, and **unconcerned**; they did not help **the poor** and needy. They were **haughty** and did **detestable** things before Me
The sins of Sodom included pride, apathy, complacency, idleness, and unconcern for the underprivileged, as well as sexual immorality
- VII) With that in mind, Jude **directly speaks** of **sexual immorality** and **strange** flesh
Strange: One not of the same nature, form, class, kind, different
Strange flesh speaks of sexual perversion (Homosexuality)
- VIII) Genesis 19 speaks of how angels had arrived in Sodom and remained overnight
At first, they said they would stay in the town square, but Lot insisted they not
Gen 19:4-5 Before they had gone to bed, **all the men** from every part of the city of Sodom --both young and old --surrounded the house. They called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them."
In desiring relations with men, they rejected God's **natural order** and were judged

- I) V8 Likewise also these **dreamers** defile the flesh **reject** authority and **speak evil** of Jude is applying these sins to the false teachers invading the church
- II) They are dreamers: mystics, sharing visions and dreams to establish credibility
In ignoring the clear teachings of scripture, they preach lies
- III) They defile the flesh: **they are sexually immoral**, like Sodom and Gomorrah
2 Pe 2:14 With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed --an accursed brood!
- IV) They reject authority and speak evil of **dignitaries** (Glorious ones, unfallen angels)
They are like the angels who kept not their assigned places, and rebelled
2 Pe 2:10-11 This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the sinful nature and despise authority. Bold and arrogant, these men are not afraid to slander celestial beings; yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord.
- V) V9 Yet **Michael the archangel** in contending with the devil when he disputed about
Only 3 angels are named: Lucifer, Michael, Gabriel: **only Michael** is an archangel
- VI) He is seen in Dan 10 when he contends with an angel called Prince of Persia
He is seen in Dan 12 as the great prince that protects Israel
- VII) He is seen in Revelation 12
Rev 12:7-9 And there was war in heaven, **Michael and his angels** waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the **devil** (slanderer) and **Satan** (adversary) who **deceives** the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.
- VIII) Here, Jude is referring to a teaching that was accepted as genuine
He **may be** citing a book called the Assumption of Moses
The book is not recognized as biblically authoritative, but the event is
- IX) In this book, the devil claimed the body because of Moses' sin of murder (Ex 2:12)
Satan also considered himself Lord of the earth

- I) Michael rebuked Satan and took Moses' body and buried it in a secret place
- II) This **may be** referring to what was recorded in Deuteronomy
Moses wasn't allowed to enter the land because he misrepresented God
Dt 34:4-6 (On Mt Nebo) Then the LORD said to him, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it." And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day **no one knows where his grave is.**
- III) V9 Michael dared not bring against him a reviling accusation but said **The Lord**
Because of Satan's former dignity, Michael did not speak evil against him
- IV) Instead, he called on God to put the devil to silence
Michael didn't exercise such authority to do so, so he called on God to intervene
- V) In our day: There are those who teach that Jesus is actually **Michael**
Michael did not rebuke Satan, but **Jesus** did
- VI) When Satan offered Jesus the kingdom in exchange for His worship
Mt 4:10 Jesus said to him, "**Away with you, Satan!** For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and **Him only** you shall serve.'
- VII) V10 But these speak evil of whatever **they do not know** and whatever they know
They do not know and are completely ignorant of the things of God
- VIII) They are spiritually blind, following natural instincts and leading people astray
2 Pe 2:12 But these men blaspheme in matters they do not understand. They are like brute beasts, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed, and like beasts they too will perish.
- IX) V11 Woe to them for they have **gone** in the way of Cain have run greedily in the
Gone: To pursue or to follow someone, that is: become his adherent or disciple
The way of Cain, the first murderer and willful rejecter of God
- X) This speaks of a **religious way of life**, a moral walk
First: False teachers have followed the moral lifestyle of Cain

- I) What was it that marked the life of Cain: Rejection of God and His commands
Gen. 4:3-7 Abel brought a lamb, but Cain brought the fruit of the ground
God accepted Abel's offering but **rejected Cain's**

- II) Why: What was wrong with Cain's offering to the Lord?
Why was Abel's accepted, and Cain's rejected?
Heb 11:4 **By faith** Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. **By faith** he was commended as a righteous man when God spoke well of his offerings. And **by faith** he still speaks, even though he is dead.

- III) Cain killed his brother Abel: **No murderer** inherits the kingdom of God
1 Jn 3:15 Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.

- IV) **Point:** These false prophets are distinguished by the lack of **faith** and **love**

- V) V11 **Second:** The **error** of Balaam, a greedy false prophet
Balaam was offered money to curse Israel, but God would not allow him to
In order to make money, he encouraged the Jews to violate God's law

- VI) He knew God prohibited Israel from intermarrying with pagans
Balaam counseled Balak of Moab to pursue a campaign of seduction (Nu 31:16)
Nu 25:1-5 Now Israel was staying in Acacia Grove, and the men began to indulge in sexual immorality with Moabite women who invited them to the sacrifices **to their gods**. The people ate and bowed down before these gods. So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the Lord was aroused **against Israel**. Then the Lord said to Moses "Take all the leaders of the people and hang the offenders before the Lord, out in the sun, that the fierce anger of the Lord may turn away from Israel." So Moses said to the judges of Israel, "Every one of you kill his men who were joined to Baal of Peor."

- VII) Jude is saying they are motivated by **greed** and **licentiousness** (V4)
2 Pe 2:3 In **their greed** these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up
2 Pe 2:15 They have left the straight-way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Beor, who **loved the wages of wickedness**.

- VIII) Through his counsel the children of Israel were chastised by God
Nu 25:9 records that because of this sin, 24,000 Israelites died

- I) V11 **Third:** and perished in the rebellion of Korah (Nu 16:1-35)
Korah, Dathan and Abiram challenged Moses, claiming he was a tyrant
They accused him of exalting himself over the assembly of the Lord (Nu 16:1-4)
- II) Moses challenged them so the people could see who is holy
He told them to take censers, put fire on incense, and offer this to the Lord
- III) Moses told the people to get away, to distance themselves, from these men
He said if the earth swallows them and their followers up, God has chosen Me
Nu 16:32-33 The earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the men with Korah, **with all their goods**. So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit; the earth closed over them, and they perished from among the assembly.
- IV) The earth opened up and swallowed Korah, Dathan and Abiram and their families
250 self-appointed priests were also swallowed up
- V) The false teachers that are infiltrating can be known **by their fruit**
Mt 7:15-20 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore, **by their fruits you will know them**.
- VI) These are all examples of God's judgment on sin
These are also examples of the character of false teachers
- VII) They lack faith and love, are greedy, and are insubordinate and unaccountable
- VIII) Sadly, the early church was beginning to experience greater amounts of wolves
Titus 1:10 There are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers
Unruly: One who cannot be subjected to control, disobedient
- IX) The churches needed to be aware and on the alert for such inside attacks
Jude is making it clear: they are not to be allowed to infiltrate
In our next study, he continues to identify them in a **very unflattering way**