

Jude 1:5-7

Announcements:

- Kid's Ministry Table! (Tim is coming up to do this part...)
- Groups are open to registration (men's, women's, home groups. Marriage, etc)
 - "Home groups" - GT, CP, LH, etc...) (encourage fellowship!)
- The Truth Project - Explore how God's truth shapes: faith, families, work, culture, worldview...
 - 13 weeks on Thursday nights starting Sept. 10th. Sign up! (I benefited greatly!)
- Third service - pop-up baptisms!

Please open to **The Book of Jude** (need a Bible? ...)

- Last time: **No ordinary letter:** intro, greet, intention, contend, once for all, ungodly infiltration.
- This time: **Three OT Examples** of "marked out for condemnation" (Morality/Authority) (triad!)

Message Title: **Three "Danger" Signs!** (High voltage; sharp turn; engine light, etc...)

- Israelite Unbelief (verse 5) (apostasy from privilege)
- Angelic Rebellion (verse 6) (autonomy from authority)
- Societal Immorality (verse 7) (deviation from design)

Mature Audience Alert

- **3 OT examples** (not every detail) meant to illustrate "ungodly; creeping in; marked out" (v. 4)

V. 5 - But [now] I want to **remind you**, though you **once knew** [though you know all these things]

- Mimnesko - "to remind" = **Memorials** - Guard from Spiritual Amnesia (don't need new!)
- Yep, we need these all the time! That's **what the Scriptures are for!** ("oh yeah, I forgot, or it's been a while since I read that passage... I needed that reminder...") - 2 Peter 2, same thing...
- From privileged nations to awesome angels to entire societies, judgment fell (listen up!)

Read all of verses 5-7 (another triad!), PRAY

Israelite Unbelief (verse 5)

(apostasy from privilege...)

V. 5 - The Lord [Jesus], having saved the people out of the land of Egypt

- Lord/Jesus, best MS favor Jesus! (1 Cor 10 coming up) = **Same God!** (pre-incarnate Christ)
- Having saved (sozo) out of Egypt (plagues, Red Sea, songs! cloud/fire, Manna, water, etc)

V. 5 - Afterward **destroyed** those who **did not believe**.

- **Clearly the Lord was displeased** with Israel: Golden Calf, grumbling, sexual harlotry, etc...
- **Primary Incident** = Numbers 13-14 (Kadesh Barnea (map) - Joshua/Caleb, Milk/Honey! but...)
- Numbers 14:11 - "Then the Lord said to Moses: 'How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them?'"
- Did Not Believe (me pisteusantas (from 'pisteuo')) - "acknowledged belief; having confidence or placing trust in" ('me' = negative of those!)
 - Language reads as a **decisive**, not ongoing uncertainty/doubts...

- David, Job, Habakkuk, Thomas all had “questions at moments”...
- It's a **blatant refusal to trust** - **Rebellion against the Will & Word of God**
- And a **whole generation was destroyed/blocked** from going into the promised land, except...
- **Numbers 14:24** - “But My servant Caleb, **because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully**, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it... [Joshua also included, v. 30]” - **Faith honored, rebellion judged.**

The writer of Hebrews comments on this includes **direct language** from **Psalms 95...**

Hebrews 3:12-4:3, NLT - “Be careful then... make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. You must warn each other every day, while it is still ‘today,’ so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ. Remember what it says: ‘Today when you hear his voice, don’t harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled.’ And who was it who rebelled against God, even though they heard his voice? Wasn’t it the people Moses led out of Egypt? And who made God angry for forty years? Wasn’t it the people who sinned, whose corpses lay in the wilderness? And to whom was God speaking when he took an oath that they would never enter his rest? Wasn’t it the people who disobeyed him? So we see that **because of their unbelief they were not able to enter his rest**. God’s promise of entering his rest still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to experience it. For this good news—that God has prepared this rest—has been announced to us just as it was to them. But it did them no good because they didn’t share the faith of those who listened to God. For only we who believe can enter his rest...”

- **Textual evidence** that Jude’s **“did not believe”** carries **“Gospel refusal” not mere doubt.**

Paul also shares the same examples as a warning to the Corinthians:

1 Corinthians 10:1-12, NIV - “...our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea... they all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, **and that rock was Christ**. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness... do not be idolaters, as some of them were... we should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died... we should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes... and do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. **These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us**, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall...”

- **Heed the warning, false teachers!** (don’t be deceived just because you’re **“among the church”**)
- **Privileged status within a corporate gathering** does *not* prevent **individual judgment!**
- **This is all a revelation of apostasy!** **1 John 2:19** - “They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but **they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.**” - **herd hiding** (wolves blending)?

1 Cor. 10:13, NIV - “No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”

- **The warning is not fatalism.** God is faithful and provides a way... therefore, **look to Christ.**

Wilderness Wanderings. That’s only **one of three patterns** (remember Jude loves his Triads)...

Angelic Rebellion (verse 6)

(autonomy from God's authority...)

Now for the mystical verse! (much more digging/interpreting than the book-ended examples...)

- **Could spend hours** on this subject alone and never reach the end of it...

V. 6 - And **the angels**

- Obviously, **not all angels are being referred to here**. **Simplified General Categories:**
- Messengers (*Gabriel*), warriors (*Michael*), guardians (*Cherubim*), worshippers (*Seraphim*), ministers (*Heb 1*), executors of wrath (*OT, Rev 8-9*), hierarchical/territorial (*Principalities, Dan. 10/Eph 6*); Holy/Elect (*1 Tim 5*); Fallen/Demonic (*Jude/Peter*), array of hosts! (*Luke 2, Rev 5*)

V. 6 - Who **did not keep their proper domain**, but **left their own abode** [proper dwelling]

- **Did Not Keep (me teresantas (from 'tereo'))** - "to attend carefully, guard/reserve, remain in the state in which one is..." (**'me' = negative of those!**)
- **Their Domain (arche)** - "position of authority; principality; assigned origin or domain" (rank...)
 - **Heavenly places (Eph 6:12) - Angels & Demons...**
 - **The point:** God is **not a God of Chaos**, but of **created order!**
 - Of course **the fall of Adam/Eve brought curse** to the created order...
- But **this is in regards to a set of angels** who...
 - **All three on one slide**
 - **Apoleipo** = "abandon, desert, or forsake" - **intentional**, not accidental
 - **Idios** = "belonging to one's own self" - **idiosyncrasies!** (collecting, sneezing, eating!)
 - **Oiketereion** = "habitation or dwelling place" - **the only other place used...**
 - **2 Cor. 5:2** - "...we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our **habitation [oiketereion]** which is from heaven" - **very intriguing! Heavenly places?**
- They **rebelled against** God's **desire, purpose, and place** He created them for (*listen up!*)

Two Main Views:

- **Primordial Fall** (*Is. 14:12-15, Ez. 28:11-19; Luke 10:18; Rev. 12:7-9; Gen. 3; *broader Jewish traditions...*) - **Lucifer and the angels that fell in pride...? (before The Garden of Eden)**
 - Some debate *Isaiah 14* and *Ezekiel 28* verses... (*Babylon and Tyre?*)
- **Pre-Flood Rebellion** (*Gen. 6:1-4 (+ Job: "Bene-Elohim"), 2 Pet. 2:4-5, 1 Peter 3:18-20, *1 Enoch 6-16, apocryphal*) - **Bene-Elohim that fell in sexual sin...? (resulting in the "Nephilim")**
 - **Possibly** referencing **1 Enoch** (*1st-3rd cent BC; pseudepigraphal; "Book of Watchers"*)
 - **Similar language** to *Jude & 2 Peter* (**theology idea**: to thwart **seed of woman, Gen 3:15**)
 - **Genesis 6:2, NASB** - "...**the sons of God [bene-ha-elohim]** saw that the daughters of mankind were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose..."
 - **Bene-Elohim** - in *some passages are debatable* as to whether **human or angelic?**, but in other cases are **clearly angelic figures** (*Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7*) - *higher angelic principality*
 - **2nd-3rd centuries**: *Justin Martyr; Tertullian; Irenaeus*. All drawing from **1 Enoch: Angelic**
 - **Main stream, until...**
 - **3rd-5th centuries**: *Julius Africanus; Augustine; Chrysostom (+ reformers)* = **Sethite/Cain**
 - **Strengths to that argument...** (*how could angels engage? Matthew 22:30*)

- **Dead Sea Scrolls** *Fragments of 1 Enoch* (1-2 centuries before Jude) (more in vv 14-15)
- **My take?** Gen 6; Bene-Elohim in Job; **2 Peter 2**; 1 Enoch; **verse 7**; Nephilim; etc = **angelic**.
- **Not a test of orthodoxy**, (e.g., Jude = half-brother), **still fellowship**, **A+ theologians!** (Wiersbe)
 - **Either rebellion event** makes the same **point Jude is making...** **Angels rebelled from a position of authority** and were **judged severely**. Listen up, **false teachers!**

V. 6 - He has **reserved [kept] in everlasting chains** under darkness

- **2 Peter 2:4-6, ESV** - "...God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to **chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment**... he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly... by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction..." - **from pure light to gloomy darkness**.
 - **Differences:** Jude uses **Israel**, Peter uses **Flood**. **Flood, separate or connected?**
 - **Tartarus (tartaroo)** (Greek Mythology) = **deep abyss below hades** (not for human, but **superhuman**). **Maximum security for cosmic rebels!** (2nd temple literature + 1 Enoch)
- **1 Peter 3:18-20, ESV** - "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and **proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah...**"
 - Despite ideas on the **"spirits"** but **certainly not normal Bible language** for **human dead**.
- **Back to verse 6 of Jude:** **(and main point)**
- **Tereo** - **plays** on **verse 1** - **"kept in Jesus Christ!"** = **two destinies/locations**. **Eternal (aidios)**

V. 6 - For the **judgment of the great day**

- **Matthew 25:41** - "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil **and his angels...**" - **Great White Throne Judgment to come... (Rev. 20)** - **awaiting, awful day**

Don't let the **minor details** **distract from the main point**. **Autonomy from Authority...**

- **If God did not exempt angels from judgment**, then **no human position** (pastor, teacher, or church leader) is above God's authority or God's accountability. **(no one is above God!)**
 - **Resist any teaching that despises authority**. "My body, my choice; consenting adults"
 - **A culture of "autonomy" + woke, watered-down "churches" = destructive heresies...**
- **True Freedom** comes **not apart from God's ways**, but in **obedience to Christ!** (**surrender!**)
 - **Christ even modeled it** for us... **Not rebellion, but submission/humility (Phil 2)**

We've seen 2 of 3, now for one more pattern ahead to **complete the triad...**

Societal Immorality (verse 7)

(deviation from God's design)

V. 7 - As **Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them...**

- **As [likewise]** = meaning **we're meant to see similarities...** **(to the angels in verse 6...)**
- Sodom **at one point was fertile** - **Gen 13:10** - "Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was **well watered everywhere... like the garden of the Lord** (before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah)" - **Don't get complacent/comfortable... Boiling frog...**

- **(Map)** Deut. 29:23, NIV - “[If Israel does not repent] ...the whole land will be a burning waste of salt and sulfur—nothing planted, nothing sprouting, no vegetation growing on it. **It will be like the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboyim**, which the Lord overthrew in fierce anger...” - This was not an isolated event but **a social pattern... societal norms**...
- **Genesis 19 story details**: two angels; to sleep outside, Lot warned and welcomed them in...
- Genesis 19:5, NASB - “[The men of Sodom] called to Lot and said to him, ‘Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may **have relations with them.**’”
- **Yada = “know”** - **Common Hebrew idiom for sexual union** (hence most translations: **“sex”**)

Now, back to Jude...

V. 7 - Having **given themselves over to [indulged in] sexual immorality**

- **Ekporneuo (ek + porneuo)** = “given over to or indulging in fornication/sexual immorality”
 - All types of sin **outside of God’s intended marriage** context (**one man, one woman**)
 - Not an **occasional failure/temptation**, but **deeply saturated in fullness/excess...**
 - Which, BTW, **if you need help in this area**... **“Free Indeed”** ministry... (under ‘**events**’)

And **Jude clarifies** what he means with even **more specificity**...

V. 7 - And **gone after strange flesh**

- **Sarkos Heteras** = Heteras: “not of the same nature, form, class, or kind” + Sarkos: “physical body” (sometimes used of sinful or beastly nature) = **unnatural, perversions of the physical**
- It falls under the **umbrella of sexual immorality** but appears to be **more nuanced**: **homosexuality**; angelic flesh (if there is such a thing)? Bestiality? Violent rape? (**first likely!**)
- **Romans 1:26-27, NIV** - “...women exchanged natural sexual relations **for unnatural ones**. In the same way the men also **abandoned natural relations** with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error...”
- **Whatever the specifics**, it was **outside of God’s order/boundaries**, but **further insight helps...**
- **Ezekiel 16:49-50, NLT** - “**Sodom’s sins** were pride, gluttony, and laziness, while the poor and needy suffered outside her door. She was proud and committed detestable sins, so I wiped her out, as you have seen...” - **more issues to consider than just the extreme sexual ones...**
 - Ezekiel reminds us that **Sodom’s depravity wasn’t limited to sexual sin** - it flowed from **a broader heart posture** of **pride, excess, oppression, and rebellion against God**.

V. 7 - In a **similar manner to these** - **the connector verse!**

- **Similar Manner**: angels (general rebellion); judgment/rebellion itself; “strange” flesh (Gen 6 connection: homosexuality/rape or towards angels); surrounding cities; Jude’s false teachers.
 - **Sexual immorality** seems **clear connecting** “turning the grace of God into lewdness”
 - **NASB inserts “angels”** here as an **interpretational decision** making that connection!
- **Particular details aside...** **the main point** is that **these examples crossed boundaries established by God**. **Rebellion is the issue.**
- **Proponents of the PRIDE Movement**, under the guise of **“Christianity”** as **“Affirming” Churches**, are **leading people to hell** (**breaks our hearts**) (not yelling at **Sodom**; at the **church**)

V. 7 - Suffering the **vengeance [punishment] of eternal fire** - **Dead sea... dead... (sulfur & asphalt)**

- **Genesis 19:24-25** - “Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah... He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the

ground..." - **gophrit va-esh** (sulfur & fire) - became a **fixed idiom** throughout the OT for total decisive judgment...(Ez 38, Ps. 11, etc) **Sodom and Gomorrah** experienced an **earthly judgment of fire**, but Jude speaks here of **an eternal fire**... (for those **false teachers/followers**)

V. 7 - Are **set forth as an example**

- **Set forth as an example (deigma prokeimai)** - "a specimen of any thing or pattern + placed in front to see" = **Serves as a clear warning!** (**Col. 2:15 - public spectacle/open shame**)
- **2 Peter 2:4-6** - "God did not spare the angels who sinned... and did not spare the ancient world... and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes... **making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly [present, active]**"
- **Sodom (and the other examples)** aren't just stories of history, **they are Exhibit A** of what **not to do** based on **true happenings, with true consequences** (**Matt 10-11 - Sodom is better off!**)
 - **He judged then (Wilderness, Angels, Sodom), He still judges now!**

V. 8-11 - **Likewise also these people...** (next week confounds even more...) **Cain, Balaam, Korah...**

- **But, let me remind you of the end times warnings of our Lord Christ...**
- **Luke 17:26-30** - "...as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. **Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed...**" - **judgment is coming...**

Closing:

Encourage the sheep, after **stomping the wolves...**

- **Jude 1:24** - "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy" - **rest in that beloved, church**

Thank God, but tell the world. Contend earnestly. Jude, has given us **three examples as warnings**

- **I don't trust what God has said... I don't want God's authority... I want what I want... My way...**
- **All will be judged... Repent, while there is still time! (alarm is going off... don't snooze...)**
 - **Altar Call "Come to the altar" (Song response)**

PRAY