

Jude 1:17-19

Announcements:

- Children's Appreciation Yesterday - Amazing. Sweet Lemon food, give aways, workshops, etc!
- New Here Lunch - Today! - Stick around after 3rd service in the Youth Room (**not yet attended**)
- Baby Dedication (11:30am service) - David and Sarah McDaniel (**Camden Michael McDaniel**)
- Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) - Begins sunset tonight until tomorrow night. Details in Lev 16 - once a year, two goats, one sacrificed, high priest, behind the veil, sprinkled blood on the mercy seat, the other had sins confessed upon and set free. Leviticus 23:27-28 - "It shall be a holy convocation for you; **you shall afflict your souls**, and offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. And you shall do no work on that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, **to make atonement for you before the Lord your God.**" - At key points in the message, **I will come back to this!**

Please open to **Jude Chapter 1** (Need a bible? ...)

- Last time: **Loud and empty** - *hidden reefs, selfish shepherds, empty clouds, fruitless trees, raging waves, wandering stars, grumbling, complaining, boasting, judgment coming w/ myriads*
- This time: **Final warning section of the letter**. Since Jude used weather, stick with that theme:

Message Title: Storm Sirens

- Discerning the Noise (verse 17)
- Searching the Horizon (verse 18)
- Naming the Storm (verse 19)

Ever grew up somewhere with sirens? Amarillo: tornado sirens... (eating cereal, wooooo!)

- **What do you do?** Keep eating cereal? Google, what is a tornado and what should I do?
- Sirens are only meaningful, **if you pay attention and respond!** (Go hunting? Hider in shelter?)

Jude is sounding the alarm. Watch vs Warning, feasting among you... Anyone paying attention?

- Yet, false teachers walked right in the front door and sat down w/ them **at the Lord's table...**

Read verses 17-19, Pray

Discerning the Noise (verse 17)

***Looking back...**

V. 17 - But you, beloved

- **But you** - **Big shift/hinge point** in the letter here... Since v. 4 it's been "**these**", now "**you**"
 - **You** is emphatic in the Greek, as opposed to them.
 - He's been speaking about wolves, now to the sheep... **A word for the faithful Church**
- **And, he calls them...**
- **Beloved (Agapetos)** - **dearly esteemed loved ones!**
 - **Love is the delivery system and reason** for warnings! Jude hasn't been describing the church in this letter; he's been protecting them! Not scolding; but standing between!

V. 17 - Remember the words which were spoken before

- **Remember (mimneskomai)** - "to recall, return to one's mind; to be mindful of; consider again"
 - (opposite of **amnesia**) - **first imperative (command) of the letter!** - **don't delay!**
- **Remembering** what God has said - this is the **key for God's people throughout the ages...**
 - Not to **discover something newer**, or **create more innovative options (Garden of Eden?)**
 - **All throughout OT**, God's people called to **remember (zakar)** - **covenant obedience!**
 - **Remember** = something the believer **does on purpose!** (*it's a discipline, not feeling*)
- **Acts 20:29-31** - "For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. **Therefore watch, and remember [same root] that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears...**" (apostolic & tears)
- **Words (rhema)** - "an utterance, something spoken, a saying" **Matthew 4:4**, "not bread alone"
 - Often dealing with **the subject matter** of a thing spoken (*not just the words themselves*)
 - However, to be fair, in some occasions, **lexically, it is interchangeable with logos.**
- **Spoken before (proepo)** - This is **not a new warning** Jude is given. **The church should know these things.** We already have all the **"words"** we need. They have been **prophetically revealed (predicted beforehand)**, and therefore **have already or will come true.**
- **Danger of familiarity** - **Testing of Sirens for San Onofre**, **causes non-alarm because scheduled, but people don't remember schedule or see posts (keep surfing. good way to go!)**
- **Old Testament** had **prophets to warn of error** and **watchmen on walls (w/ shofar)** of danger:
 - **Heard it so many times we no longer "hear" it...?**
- **Jeremiah 6:16-17** - "Thus says the Lord: 'Stand in the ways and see, and **ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls.** But they said, 'We will not walk in it.' Also, **I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!'** But they said, 'We will not listen...'" - **parents/grandparents/pastors/friends...**
 - **PB and I midnight shofar service** - **Rad** (repentance) and **sad** (missed the Messiah)

V. 17 - **By the apostles** of our Lord Jesus Christ:

- **The Apostles (ho apostolos)** - "a sent out messenger; specifically applied to the twelve apostles of Christ; more broadly applied to other Christian teachers" (**cargo ship with a load**)
 - **Definite article + plurality (ton apostolon)** refers to **a specific set of apostles (not the broader usage)** (i.e. diakonos) - **Jude does not seem to include himself** either...
 - **Clearly referring to Peter, Paul, John, etc... (in contrast to the ungodly ones)**
 - **Early church test** - **Is this what the apostles taught? Acts 2:42 + faith once delivered!**
- **Of our Lord Jesus Christ (kyrios Iesous christos)** - **He's in charge!** (where the weight lies!)
 - **Our** implies ownership, allegiance, and unity... **What shapes your worldview the most?**

Jude is doing **what I hope I am doing**, **pointing you back to the Word of God as revealed in the NT!**

- Have you **heard the warning so many times** you no longer hear it or seem to care anymore?

Searching the Horizon (verse 18)

***Looking ahead...**

V. 18 - How **they told you**

- You've heard these things before (**if you were listening!**) - and the **warning was not vague.**
- Jude gives **who** is coming, **when** they'll arrive, and **what** drives them... Let's **start with when:**

V. 18 - In the **last time**

- **Eschatou tou chronou** - "last, or at the end of, a season, location, or events + chronos: dealing specifically with time" - **last time = last days (synonymous)** - 1 John 2:18 = **the last hour!**
- Hebrews 1:1-2 - "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has **in these last days spoken to us by His Son**" (1 John: 'last hour')
- According to Hebrews, the **last days/time** started **when Christ came in his incarnation**

V. 18 - **There will be** = **future indicative** - it's going to happen!

- **You and I are living this dispensation** of time (**Eph 1:10 and 3:2 = dispensation of grace; fullness of time**) - many would call it **the church age** - **1st to 2nd advent (Hebrews later...)**

V. 18 - **There will be mockers** - **that sounds fun...** they arrive with **an arrogant smirk!**

- **Mockers (empaiktes)** (where we get **empanadas**, ha!) - "mockers; scoffer; those who treat sacred things with contempt (built on 'paizo' - 'to play;' the idea is a child's game or toy...)"
 - **Really? Towards God, His Gospel, or His Church... Have you seen this? (serpent!)**
 - This exact noun usage, **empaiktes**, shows up in **only two places in the entire N.T.** Here in **Jude 18**, and **2 Peter 3:3**. I'll **show you in a minute** to **see why they're mocking**.
 - Interestingly, when **the vast majority** of usages of **the standard root empaizo** show up in the NT, it describes the **mocking of Christ himself**.
 - **Matthew 27:27-31** - "Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus... and they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and **mocked Him**, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. And **when they had mocked Him**, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified..." - **aching in me...**
- **If they ridiculed Christ directly** like it was "**some game**" **will they not also do it today?**
- **Difference between doubting vs mocking...** (Jude 1:22 "**on some have compassion**")
- **But this mocking spirit goes far back... (all over proverbs "lets" (can't be corrected))**
- **Psalms 1:1, CSB** - "How happy is the one who does not walk in the advice of the wicked or stand in the pathway with sinners **or sit in the company of mockers!**" - **not for kids ministry, nope!**
 - **Mockers. Scornful. Scoffers.** Arrogant ones. The **upside down ones!**
 - Ones who **think they know more than God** & **don't need Him**.
 - And, they **make fun** of those who do follow God and do so **with venom**.
- **Prov 1:22** - "scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge." (**can't correct them!**)
 - **Redefining: marriage, gender, etc...** ("**Did God really say?**" (Gen. 3:1)) - **IN HERE!**

V. 18 - Who would **walk (present tense) according to their own ungodly lusts**.

- **Walking according to their own** - God is not their God. They **pursue (poreuo)** what they want.
- **John 3 = Hate the light for deeds being exposed... - that was me for a long time...**
- **2 Timothy 4:2-4** - "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, **but according to their own desires**, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth..."
- **Is that you? Heaping up influencers that tickle? They find teachers that fit their desires...**
- **Lusts (epithymia)** - "desires, cravings, longings" (**neutral**, depending on the thing desired...)

- **Ungodly** (lack of reverence towards God) **Jude's signature word**, **six times** in this short letter.

2 Peter 3:1-4 - "**Beloved [agapetos]**, I now write to you... that you may **be mindful [mimneskomai]** of the **words [rhema]** which were **spoken before [proepo]** by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, **the apostles [ton apostolon]** of the Lord and Savior, knowing this first: that **scoffers [empaiktes]** will come in the **last [eschatos] days**, **walking according to their own lusts [epithymia]**, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? ...all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation...' - **a particular nuance of their mocking... Christ's return.**

- People act as if life will go on and no judgment will come... **Silly Christians, don't mind them!**

In this final verse, Jude is announcing **they were already living in that time**. **The last time!**

Naming the Storm (verse 19)

***Looking around...**

How to tell the difference between: dirt devil/tornado? Sleet/hail? **Heat lighting/ground lightning?**

V. 19 - **These** are... (present active)

- Connecting **back to mockers**, which connects **all the way back to verse 4, beating that drum!**
- **Houtoi: "these ones"** (youz guys? no, **these guyz!**) verses 8, 10, 12, 16, 19... **among you!**

Three Descriptors:

- **(all on one slide please)**
- **Divisive...**
- **Natural (soul-ish)**
- **Not Spiritual...**

V. 19 - Who cause **divisions**

- **Apodiorizo** - "dividing, separating, disjoining; removing parts from the whole; a boundary/horizon line that divides" - **present active** = **an ongoing choice of their will...**
- **Their pitch is almost always the same.**
 - We have a **deeper knowledge than your church does...**
 - We know a **better way of interpreting than your pastor does...** (**social media!**)
 - We have a **better understanding of prophecy, dreams visions** you need...
- **Not every disagreement is division.** **Healthy churches disagree, but do so lovingly.** The question: **are we disagreeing while remaining committed to one another and biblical truths, or are we using disagreement to fracture the body, and hurt the church? (Acts 20 - drawing away)**

V. 19 - **Sensual** persons

- **Psychikos** - "pertaining to the psyche; the principal of animal life; sensuous nature subject to appetite and passion (worldly, sensual, soul-ish)" (adjective form of the noun 'psyche' - **psychol**)
- Driven by **Human Psyche (natural mind, emotion, desire, will)** **rather than divine guidance**
- **"Sensual" (NKJV)** **does not have to mean** merely **appetite or bodily passion**. More to it... The person who relies solely **on their own reasoning and desires**; **lacking spiritual understanding.**
- **Interesting connection** to **the Day of Atonement:**

- Lev. 16:30-31 - "For on that day the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the Lord. It is a sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall afflict your souls [nephesh]..." (*psyche*, LXX) - **repentance, self-denial, humbling**
 - But these false teachers were **not** doing such things...
- I believe **Jude's point** is they **have not been born again**. Could have: "*sarkikos*" (1 Cor 2-3)
 - A **Carnal believer** is *one living in their flesh*, a **Psychikos person** is an *unbeliever living naturally*. They may even use *christian words*, but they are **void of the Spirit of God**.

Key reason is found in the opening and next week's **beloved** as **a contrast** w/ the **next phrase**...

V. 19 - Not having **the Spirit**

- **Work this whole thing backwards** and *it all makes sense*... **They lack something massive!**
- **Clear reference to the Holy Spirit** OT: *Ruach Elohim* - Gen 1:2 hovering; Ez 37:9 - dry bones
- **Pneuma** - "of wind or breath (*pneumonia*); a reference to the Holy Spirit; can be applied to other 'spirits' (good/bad); a disposition of influence that governs the soul (in this case: **NOT having**)"
- Could this phrase be sadly written over many **churches or church attending individuals**?
 - 1 John 4 - **test the spirits** to see whether they are of God...
- 1 Cor 15:44 contrasts **Psychikos** and **Pneumatikos** in connection to *our bodies* at some point!

Okay, not connecting the dots:

- 1 Corinthians 2:11-14 - "For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But **the natural [Psychikos] man** does not receive the things of **the Spirit [pneuma] of God**, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned..." - **two different realms or spheres of governance... (one or the other)**
- Look beyond *charisma, platform and popularity*, but instead to *doctrine, character and fruit*.
- However, these men may be **dreamers**, *have intellectual knowledge*, **but they are not of God**.
- John 7:37-39 - "On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' **But this He spoke concerning the Spirit**, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified..."
 - **"These are"**... *clouds without WATER*...

Closing

Jude is not saying we're to **go around aggressively naming, pointing and hunting down** false teachers. We're simply **discerning those among us and those that influence us**...

- And, may we **turn the diagnosis on ourselves** before you turn it on others. *Is there evidence of the Spirit in your life — fruit, conviction of sin, love for the brethren, hunger for the Word?*
- Romans 8:7-9, 14 NLT - "For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. **But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit [pneuma]** if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who

do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) [however] ...all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God..."

Final connection to Yom Kippur!

- *Hebrews 9:11-12, 15, 25-28. CSB - "**Christ has appeared as high priest** of the good things that have come... he entered the most holy place once for all time, not by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption... Therefore, he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called might receive the promise of the eternal inheritance, because a death has taken place for redemption from the transgressions committed under the first covenant... He did not do this to offer himself many times, as the high priest enters the sanctuary yearly with the blood of another... but now **he has appeared one time, at the end of the ages**, for the removal of sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for people to die once—and after this, judgment—so also **Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.**" - sound the alarm! Blow the shofar!*

Altar Call of response? But you, beloved... vv. 17 and 20... - a better word is coming!

- Church... are you listening?
- Maybe you've stopped hearing the sirens...
- You've heard God's Word for years, but familiarity has replaced attentiveness...
- Maybe you've stopped watching the horizon and just laxing in the comfort of this age...
- **Wake up!**
- **Most importantly:** Do you actually have the Spirit of God?

PRAY