

(vv1-4) The Holy Spirit compels Jude to change the subject that he wanted to write about: *'...it was needful for me to write unto you... ye should earnestly contend for the faith...For there are certain men crept in unawares...ungodly men...'* Ungodly men and women are still infiltrating the church today, how we must take note of the importance learn of this letter (vv5-7) Jude gives us 3 examples of judgment in the Old Testament which are meant to warn and encourage believers: **the people of Israel; the angels who sinned; Sodom and Gomorrah.**

(v7) *'Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.'* How serious it is that these cities are set forth as examples for the church. What can believers today learn from this record of the old cities of the plain that God destroyed because of their terrible wickedness? The Bible tells us prophetically of the moral wickedness that false teachers propagate: (v4) *'ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness'* this is immorality, unbridled lust, shamelessness, insolence. (v8) *'these filthy dreamers defile the flesh'* literally to contaminate their bodies with sin. (v10) *'but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves'* in a moral sense to corrupt or deprave. (v16) *'These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts...'* Apostasy always ends up with physical humiliation as the process of being morally degraded continually accompanies those who turn away from the Living God. We easily can observe that today in the world and sadly even in the professing church.

(v7) *'Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner...'* the comparison to the sexual sins of the angels shows that both examples are abhorrent to God, against nature, and contrary to His Word. The destruction of these cities occurred about 450 years after the Flood; in the time of Abraham and his nephew Lot. **GENESIS 13 (vv1-10)** the geographical region was a blessed and privileged place *'even as the garden of the LORD.'*

**GENESIS 18 (vv1-15)** the LORD appears to Abraham; this is referred to as a theophany; this is the LORD and two angels. God's promise to Abraham and Sarah of a child to come, which was Isaac (vv16-33) the judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah and the adjoining cities was inevitable as their wickedness passed the point of no return *'And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous.'* Abraham's question to God: *'Wilt Thou*

*also destroy the righteous with the wicked?'* reveals his understanding of God's mercy to the righteous and the distinction God makes between the good and the bad. Lot was living in Sodom at the time: **2 PETER 2:6-8; ROMANS 3:21,22; PHILIPPIANS 3:8,9; JEREMIAH 23:6** Jesus is our righteousness, we escape God's judgment in our time because of Jesus' righteousness, not ours; just as Lot escaped the judgment upon Sodom.

**GENESIS 19 (vv1-11)** the debauchery of this mob was widespread throughout the city, Sodom's gross immorality is very apparent here: *'...the men of the city...both old and young, all the people from every quarter...bring them out unto us, that we may know them.'* This was a wicked desire to have homosexual relations with the angels who the men of the city thought were men (vv12-14) Lot's warning of certain judgment to come to his sons-in-law was met with laughter as they thought it was nonsense. **And so it is with us today as we attempt to warn loved ones and friends of God's coming judgment upon this world, only to realize mankind as a whole will refuse to listen.** **LUKE 17:26-33; ACTS 17:22-33** once God's judgment comes it is too late to prepare. We must live for Jesus now and continue to cast the Supernatural Seed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The work of salvation is God's, only He opens the ears of the unsaved to His incredible offer of love and forgiveness. (vv15-29) the righteous will always escape the judgment of God, another proof text of the pre-trib rapture of the church. But for the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah there was utter destruction because of their evilness. Amazingly, God uses Jude to remind believers in the church today of this heart-breaking reality.

**EZEKIEL 16:46-49** *'Behold, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: pride, overabundance of food, prosperous ease, and idleness were hers and her daughters'; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty and committed abominable offenses before Me; therefore I removed them when I saw it and I saw fit.'* You see, besides blatant homosexuality, Sodom's sins covered a multitude of things that God abhors and will judge. And we see the same thing rampant in our country today. Many apostates today support homosexuality, even ordaining homosexual pastors...**ROMANS 1:16-33** God's righteousness is Jesus Christ. To defend homosexuality as acceptable to God one must completely deny the Word of God. God will give man over to sin if that is what he craves (vv24, 26,28). The judgment of God against Sodom and Gomorrah is there for us all to learn. God delivers from all sexual sin (homosexual and heterosexual); God delivers us from all evil. Turn to Jesus today, pray for loved ones, and trust Him! **COLOSSIANS 1:9-18**