

(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**

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Jude 1:3,4 ...it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares...ungodly men...

(vv5-7) 3 EXAMPLES (WARNINGS) OF APOSTASY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:

v5 the people of Israel

v6 the angels who sinned

v7 Sodom & Gomorrah

Jude 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh...

Jude 1:4 ...turning the grace of our God into **lasciviousness** (license for immorality)...

- unbridled lust, wantonness, outrageousness, shamelessness, insolence

Jude 1:8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers **defile the flesh...**

- *lit.* to contaminate their bodies by sin

Jude 1:10 ...but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves...
[in a moral sense to deprave]

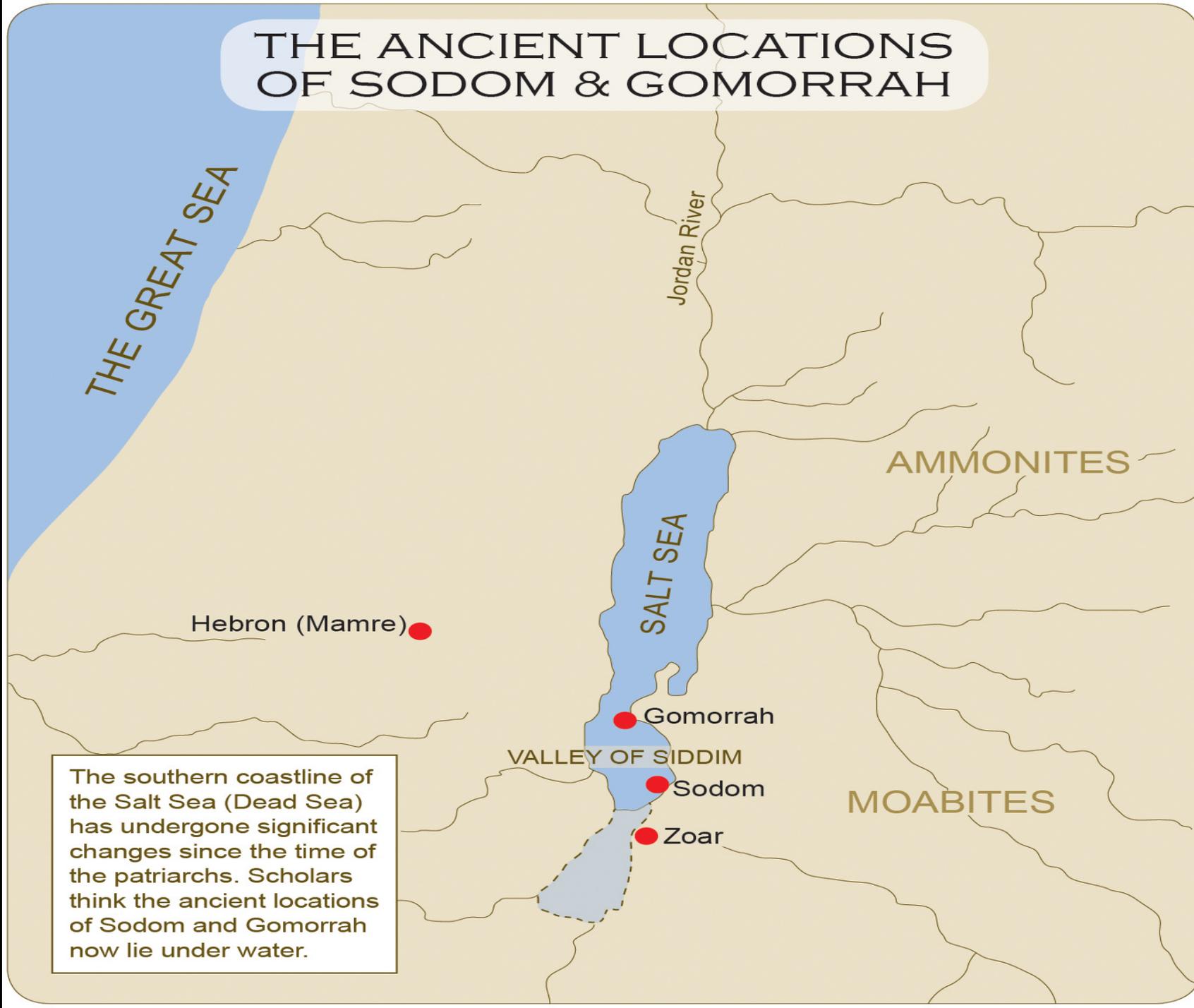
Jude 1:16 ...walking after their own lusts...

Jude 1:7 **Even as** Sodom and
Gomorrah...

(NASB '**Just as**'/NIV '**In a similar way**')


Both examples are detestable to
God; against nature, and clearly
opposed to the revealed Word of
God

THE ANCIENT LOCATIONS OF SODOM & GOMORRAH



The southern coastline of the Salt Sea (Dead Sea) has undergone significant changes since the time of the patriarchs. Scholars think the ancient locations of Sodom and Gomorrah now lie under water.

Gen 13:10 ...**even as the garden of the LORD**,
like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

Matt 13:33 Another parable spake He unto them;
The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a
woman took, and hid in three measures of meal,
till the whole was leavened.

Gen 18:20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of
Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their
sin is very grievous...

Gen 18:23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

2Pet 2:6 and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly;

2Pet 2:7 and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked

2Pet 2:8 (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)—

Rom 3:21 But now the righteousness of God
apart from the law is revealed, being
witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

Rom 3:22 even the righteousness of God,
through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on
all who believe. For there is no difference...

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Phl 3:8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

Phl 3:9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

In His days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell safety and
this is His Name shall be called

THE LORD OUR
RIGHTEOUSNESS

Jeremiah 23:6

Gen 19:4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

Gen 19:5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came into thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them [carnally].

Luke 17:29 **But the same day** that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

Acts 17:22 Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too **superstitious [religious]**.

- more religious than others; *lit.* 'addicted to religion'

Gen 19:22 "Hurry, escape there. **For I cannot do anything until you arrive there."**

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Ezek 16:46 Your elder sister is Samaria, who dwells with her daughters to the north of you; and your younger sister, who dwells to the south of you, is Sodom and her daughters.

Ezek 16:47 You did not walk in their ways nor act according to their abominations; but, as if that were too little, you became more corrupt than they in all your ways.

Ezek 16:48 "As I live," says the Lord GOD, "neither your sister Sodom nor her daughters have done as you and your daughters have done.

Ezek 16:49 Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had **pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness**; neither did she strengthen the hand of **the poor and needy**.

Ezek 16:50 And they were **haughty** and **committed abomination** before Me; therefore I took them away as I saw fit.

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

Titus 2:12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Titus 2:14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

Titus 2:15 Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

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Rom 1:24 Therefore God also **gave them up** to uncleanness...

Rom 1:26 For this reason God **gave them up** to vile passions...

Rom 1:28 ...God **gave them over** to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

Colossians 1:13

King James Version

Who hath delivered us from the power
of darkness, and hath translated us
into the kingdom of his dear Son:

“...that in **all** things
HE might have
the **preeminence.**”

Colossians 1:18

Jude 1:8-9

Yet in the same way these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties.

But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

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