

(vv1-4) Jude is the half-brother of Jesus. He sets out to write a letter to believers concerning *'the common salvation'* but the Holy Spirit had a different subject that He would compel Jude to write about. *'...it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith...For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men...'* the church today needs to be just as much on guard for apostates and false teachers as it was in Jude's time.

(vv5-7) Jude gives three examples of apostasy in the Old Testament to illustrate the apostate's certain damnation:

1. v5 the people of Israel
2. v6 the angels who sinned
3. v7 Sodom and Gomorrah

(v6) *'And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.'* We now look at the 2nd example of God's judgment and it takes us into the mysterious world of fallen angels. Jude, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, connects this sin to a sexual sin in the next verse: (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.'* The Greek word translated *'habitation'* (*abode/dwelling*) is *'oikētērion'* - a dwelling place, habitation of the body as a dwelling place for the spirit. This word is only used one other time in the New Testament: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-8 Paul writes *'For in this [natural body] we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house [habitation/dwelling] which is from heaven.'* So what is Jude referring to with this Old Testament example? We only have two references in the Bible where it speaks of angels sinning:

ISAIAH 14:12-15 in this passage God promises Satan that he will be brought down to hell forever. REVELATION 12:1-4 at the time of Satan's fall one third of the angels rebelled with him. However, not all the angels that sinned are chained up, so something very evil happened concerning the specific angels that sinned in which Jude is referring. GENESIS 6:1-8 the timing of this is pre-Flood, something occurs which filled up God's patience and brought on the judgement of the Flood. The *'sons of God'* had sexual relations with the *'daughters of men.'* The Hebrew phrase *'bene Elohiym'* (sons of God) is used three other times in the Old Testament and always refers to angels (JOB 1:6; 2:1; 38:7). These fallen angels had sexual intercourse with the *'bath Adam'* (daughters of men), human women. Some have

trouble with this interpretation believing that angels are incapable of such. MATTHEW 22:30 *'For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.'* Jesus is speaking about the angels that did not fall with Satan. Angels are capable of appearing as men and are mistaken as such GENESIS 18:1-8; 19:1-6. (v4) *'There were giants (Nephilim) in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.'* This union of angels and women brought about the Nephilim, who also happened to be gigantic. The giants (Nephilim) terrorized Israel as they attempted to possess the Promised Land. 2 PETER 2:1-6 Peter also mentions this group of fallen angels and writes that they are chained up in hell awaiting final judgment. Peter also connects them to the time of the Flood and compares their sin to the sexual sin of Sodom and Gomorrah.

WHAT IS THE WARNING FOR BELIEVERS TODAY AS WE READ JUDE'S LETTER?

JUDE 1 (vv1-7) Jude is using the example of the fallen angels' sexual sin and the eternal judgment of God to make sure we are aware of the fate of false teachers and apostates among us today. Their damnation is sure! 2 PETER 2:1,2 *'But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.'* We surely experience false teachers among us in the church today...while their damnation is sure the truth remains that many will be deceived by their lies and follow them into destruction. How we need to be empowered by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God to help others escape their grasps! 1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-7 *'For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality...For God did not call us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.'*

GENESIS 6:4 *'There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that...'* even after the Flood, evidently Satan sent other fallen angels to do the same thing. MATTHEW 24:24-29 *'But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.'* We really don't understand how evil the days will be leading up to Jesus' 2nd Coming! The battle is spiritual, evil is real, but we win because Jesus has won! Walk in Him today! ROMANS 13:13; GALATIANS 5:16, 25

JUDE

contending for the faith

Jude 1:3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write
unto you of **the common salvation...**

...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.

Jude 1:4 For there are certain men crept in unawares [unnoticed]...ungodly men...

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

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Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own **habitation** [abode/dwelling]...

'oikētērion' - a dwelling place, habitation; of the body as a dwelling place for the spirit

2 COR 5:2 'our **house** [habitation/ dwelling] which is from heaven'

Isa 14 How art thou fallen
from heaven, O Lucifer,
son of the morning! ...Yet
thou shalt be brought
down to hell, to the sides
of the pit.

His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

Revelation 12:4 (NKJV)



Gen 6:2 'the **sons of God**...daughters of men'

Hebrew '**bene Elohiym**'

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

Job 2:1 Again there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

Job 38:4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?
declare, if thou hast understanding.

Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the **sons of God** shouted for joy?

'sons of God' - Hebrew 'bene Elohyim'

'daughters of men' - Hebrew 'bath adam'

Matt 22:30 For in the resurrection they [angels] neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.

Gen 18:2 So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground...

Gen 19:1,5 Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening... And they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally."

Gen 6:4 There were **giants [Nephilim]** in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

n^ephîyl {nef-eel'}; fallen ones; a bully or tyrant:—
giant

2Pet 2:4 For if 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...

2Pet 2:5,6 ...bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly... And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow...

Jude 1:4 For there are certain men crept in
unawares, **who were before of
old ordained to this
condemnation**, ungodly men, turning
the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and
denying the only Lord God, and our Lord
Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 2:1

[1] But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

2 Peter 2:2-3

[2] Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; [3] and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

1Thess 4:3,7 For this is the will of God...For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

Gen 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

Mat 24:24 For there shall arise **false Christs**, and **false prophets**, and shall shew great signs and wonders...

Mat 24:37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

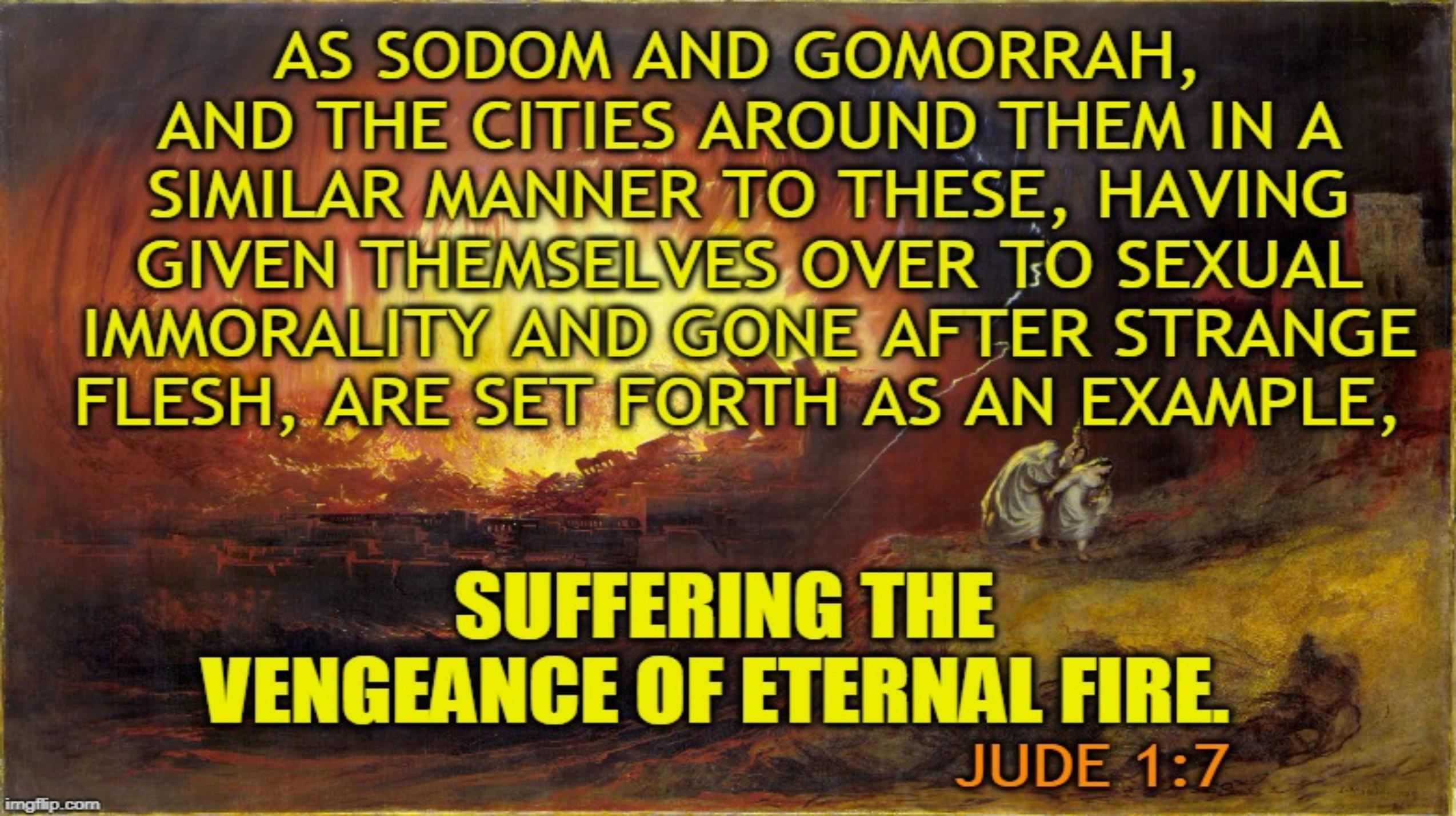
Rom 13:13 Let us **walk properly**, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

2Cor 5:7 For we **walk by faith**, not by sight.

Gal 5:16 I say then: **Walk in the Spirit**, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

**If we live in the Spirit, let
us also walk in the Spirit.**

- Galatians 5:25 (KJV) -



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JUDE 1:7

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