

THE EPISTLE OF JUDE

EARNESTLY CONTEND AT THE END



The theme of the book of Jude is to earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints of God against apostasy at the end before the events of Revelation unfold (v. 3, 17-18). Jude is right for our time in history. Those we contend with have perverted God's truth into lies for their own personal gain. God through Jude calls them filthy dreamers against the faith (v. 8) giving harsh condemnations which will not be appreciated by most in our age of acceptance and affirmation. We will see many powerful examples today from times past that illustrate these ungodly for us and give _____ for our contending.

FILTHY DREAMERS PAST AND PRESENT – Jude 5-16

1. Filthy Dreamers of the Past – v. 5-11

- _____ of **Israel** after the Exodus who saw God's power, many of the **angels** who knew God, and most of **Sodom and Gomorrah** – v. 5-8; Ex. 32; Num. 14:22-45; Gen. 6:1-3; 2 Pet. 2:4-5; Gen. 19.

Defile the flesh (1 Cor. 15:39-40) =

Despise dominion (v. 25; Col. 1:16-17) =

Speak evil of dignities (2 Pet. 2:10; Rom. 13:1-7) =

- **The devil** contended with Michael (*the archangel*) over Moses' dead body – v. 9; Dan. 12:1; Rev. 12:7; Deut. 34:5-6; Matt. 17:1-4.

Michael brought no _____ accusation (2 Pet. 2:10-11, 3:8-9) =

- Three filthy dreamers from the past – v. 10-11; Rev. 16:13, 19:20, 20:10.

Cain and his _____ (Gen. 4) =

Balaam and his _____ (Num. 22-25) =

Core (Korah) and his _____ (Num. 16) =

2. Filthy Dreamers of the Present – v. 12-13

- Contend by disassociation – v. 12a

These are _____ in your feasts of charity (2 Pet. 3:14; Eph. 5:27) =

Feeding themselves (among you) without _____ (2 Chron. 19:2-3; 2 Cor. 6:17-18) =

- Contend despite their grand appearances – v. 12b-13

_____ *without water carried about of winds (Eph. 4:14) =*

_____ *without fruit, fruit that withers...twice dead and plucked by the roots (Rev. 20:6, 14) =*

Raging _____ *of the sea spewing great foam (Is. 57:20) =*

Wandering _____ *to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever (Rev. 9:1) =*

3. Enoch Contended with the Ungodly at the End of a Deeply Fallen World – v. 14-16

- His life and message were _____ and pleasing to God in his world that had grown very dark – Gen. 5:21-24, 6:5-6.