

## The General Epistle of Jude

**1** Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, to those who are called, beloved in God the Father, and kept by Jesus Christ:  
<sup>2</sup>May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.

<sup>3</sup>Beloved, while being very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you urging you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the holy *ones*. <sup>4</sup>For some people have crept in unnoticed, those who were written of beforehand, some time ago, for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into unrestrained behavior, and are denying our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

<sup>5</sup>Now I want to remind you, though you know all *these things*, that the Lord once, having saved a people out of the land of Egypt, the second *time* destroyed those who did not believe. <sup>6</sup>And angels that did not keep their own domain, but left their proper habitation, he has kept in everlasting bonds under darkness for *the judgment of the great Day*.

<sup>7</sup>Likewise, Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, in the same way as these having indulged in sexual immorality and gone after

unnatural flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the punishment of the fire *of the Age to come*.

<sup>8</sup>Yet in the same way these *people* also, as a result of their dreams, defile the flesh, and reject lordship, and defame glorious beings. <sup>9</sup>But when Michael the archangel, contending with the Slanderer, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not dare bring against him a defaming accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you."

<sup>10</sup>But these defame whatever they do not understand, and whatever they understand naturally (like unreasoning animals), by these they are destroyed. <sup>11</sup>Woe to them! For they went in the way of Cain, and poured themselves out for Balaam's error for the sake of gain, and destroyed themselves in the rebellion of Korah. <sup>12</sup>These are those who are hidden reefs at your love-feasts, feasting together with you without fear, shepherding *only* themselves, clouds without water carried along by winds, autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, uprooted, <sup>13</sup>wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam, wandering stars, for whom the gloom of age-long darkness has been reserved.

<sup>14</sup>And Enoch, the seventh from Adam, also prophesied about these, saying, "Look!, the Lord came with ten thousands of his holy ones, <sup>15</sup>to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their

works of ungodliness that they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”

<sup>16</sup>These are grumblers, complainers, following after their own *ungodly* desires, and their mouth speaks grandiose *things*. They flatter people’s faces for their own advantage.

<sup>17</sup>But you, beloved, remember the words that have been spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>18</sup>that they said to you, “In the last time there will be mockers, walking after their own lusts for ungodly *things*.”

<sup>19</sup>These are those who cause divisions, worldly-minded, not having spirit.

<sup>20</sup>But you, beloved, continue building yourselves up in your most holy faith, praying by holy spirit.

<sup>21</sup>Keep yourselves in the love of God, expecting the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ for life *in the Age to come*.

<sup>22</sup>And have mercy on those who are doubting, <sup>23</sup>and save others, by snatching them out of the fire, and on *still* others have mercy with fear, hating even the tunic stained by the flesh.

<sup>24</sup>Now to him who is able to guard you from stumbling and to set you without blemish before the presence of his glory with jubilation, <sup>25</sup>to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be*

glory, majesty, might, and authority, before all the age, and now, and unto all the ages. Amen.