

Jude Theme Contend Earnestly for the Faith

- 1 **Jude**, a **bond-servant of Jesus Christ**, and **brother of James**,
To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus
Christ:
- 2 May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.
- 3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common
salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend
earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.
- 4 For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long
beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn
the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and
Lord, Jesus Christ.
- 5 Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that
the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently
destroyed those who did not believe.
- 6 And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their
proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the
judgment of the great day,
- 7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the
same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange
flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of
eternal fire.
- 8 Yet in the same way these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and
reject authority, and revile angelic majesties.
- 9 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!"
- 10 But these men revile the things which they do not understand; and the
things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these
things they are destroyed.
- 11 Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have
rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of
Korah.

12 These are the men who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they
feast with you without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water,
13 carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted;
wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering
stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever.

14 *It was* also about these men *that* Enoch, *in* the seventh *generation* from
Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord came with many thousands
of His holy ones,

15 to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their
ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the
harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

16 These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their *own* lusts; they
speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of *gaining an* advantage.

17 But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken
beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ,

18 that they were saying to you, “In the last time there will be mockers,
following after their own ungodly lusts.”

19 These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the
Spirit.

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying
in the Holy Spirit,

21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our
Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

22 And have mercy on some, who are doubting;

23 save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with
fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you
stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,

25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory,
majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever.

Amen.