

Jude 1

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Greeting

- ¹ Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:
- ² Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.
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Contend for the Faith

- 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.
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- 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.
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Judgment on False Teachers

- ⁵ I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.
- ⁶ 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.

⁷ Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, 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.

⁸ Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

⁹ Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

¹⁰ But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

¹¹ Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

¹² These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

¹³ Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

¹⁴ And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

¹⁵ To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

¹⁶ These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

A Call to Persevere

- 17** But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- 18** How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.
- 19** These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

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- 20** But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,
- 21** Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.
- 22** And of some have compassion, making a difference:
- 23** And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Doxology

- 24** Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,
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- 25** To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Angel — ἄγγελος (Angelos)

Angel, messenger

The Greek **angelos** (ἄγγελος) means angel or messenger. Angels announced Christ's birth (Luke 2:9-14), ministered to Him (Matthew 4:11), and will accompany His return (Matthew 25:31).

Apostle — ἀπόστολος (Apostolos)

Apostle, sent one

The Greek **apostolos** (ἀπόστολος) means apostle or sent one—an authorized messenger. The twelve apostles were chosen by Christ and empowered as His witnesses, laying the foundation of the church (Ephesians 2:20).

Believe — πιστεύω (Pisteuo)

To believe, trust, have faith

The Greek **pisteuo** (πιστεύω) means to believe or trust—active reliance upon Christ. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish' (John 3:16).

Eternal — αἰώνιος (Aiōnios)

Eternal, everlasting

The Greek **aiōnios** (αἰώνιος) denotes eternal or everlasting—unending duration. Believers possess 'eternal life' (John 3:16) now and will dwell with God eternally, while the impenitent face 'eternal punishment' (Matthew 25:46).

Faith — πίστις (Pistis)

Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** (πίστις) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

Glory — δόξα (Doxa)

Glory, majesty, splendor

The Greek **doxa** (δόξα) means glory, splendor, or magnificence—the radiant manifestation of God's perfection. Christ revealed the Father's glory: 'we beheld his glory' (John 1:14).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Holy — ἅγιος (Hagios)

Holy, sacred, set apart

The Greek **hagios** (ἅγιος) denotes holiness—moral purity and separation unto God. Believers are called 'saints' (hagioi), those set apart for God through Christ's sanctifying work.

Judgment — κρίσις (Krisis)

Judgment, decision

The Greek **krisis** (κρίσις) denotes judgment—evaluation and sentence. All will stand before God's judgment seat (Romans 14:10), and Christ has been appointed Judge of the living and dead (Acts 10:42).

Lord — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

Love — ἀγάπη (Agape)

Divine love

The Greek **agape** (ἀγάπη) denotes self-sacrificial, unconditional love—the highest form of love, characterizing God's nature (1 John 4:8) and the love Christians are called to demonstrate.

Mercy — ἔλεος (Eleos)

Mercy, compassion

The Greek **eleos** (ἔλεος) denotes compassionate mercy—pity for those in distress. God is 'rich in mercy' (Ephesians 2:4), withholding deserved punishment and granting undeserved kindness.

Salvation — σωτηρία (Soteria)

Salvation, deliverance

The Greek **soteria** (σωτηρία) denotes salvation, deliverance, or preservation—rescue from sin's penalty and power. It encompasses justification, sanctification, and glorification.

Save — σώζω (Sozo)

To save, deliver, heal

The Greek **sozo** (σώζω) means to save—deliverance from sin, death, and judgment. 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved' (Acts 16:31). The word also encompasses physical healing and spiritual wholeness.

Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

Word — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

CROSS REFERENCES

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References God: 1 Peter 1:5. **References Jesus:** Romans 1:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 2 Peter 1:1.

Parallel theme: John 14:22; 17:15; Romans 8:30. **Holy:** 2 Timothy 1:9; Hebrews 3:1; 1 Peter 2:9

Jude 1:2 **Grace:** 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Peter 1:2

Jude 1:3 **Faith:** Jude 1:20; Philippians 1:27; 1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Timothy 1:13; Revelation 2:10.

Love: Revelation 12:11. **Salvation:** Titus 1:4. **Parallel theme:** Galatians 2:5; 1 Timothy 1:18; Hebrews 13:22

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References Jesus: Galatians 2:4; 1 John 2:22. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 62:2; Galatians 5:13; 2 Timothy 3:6; 1 Peter 2:8; 2 Peter 2:10. **References God:** Psalms 1:1; 1 Peter 2:16; 2 Peter 3:7

Jude 1:5 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 106:26

Jude 1:6 **Judgment:** Hebrews 10:27; 2 Peter 2:4; 2:9. **Darkness:** Ephesians 6:12. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 8:29; John 8:44; Revelation 20:10. **Eternal Life:** Matthew 25:41

Jude 1:7 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 13:13; 18:20; Deuteronomy 29:23; Isaiah 1:9; Jeremiah 50:40; Amos 4:11; Luke 17:29; 1 Corinthians 6:9; 2 Peter 2:6. **Eternal Life:** Matthew 25:41

Jude 1:8 **Parallel theme:** Ecclesiastes 10:20; 1 Corinthians 3:17; 1 Timothy 1:10; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 2:17. **Evil:** Exodus 22:28; Acts 23:5

Jude 1:9

References Lord: Zechariah 3:2; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; 2 Peter 2:11. **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 34:6; Daniel 10:13; 10:21; 12:1; Mark 15:29; Revelation 12:7. **Evil:** 1 Peter 3:9

Jude 1:10 **Evil:** 2 Peter 2:12

Jude 1:11 **Parallel theme:** Numbers 31:16; Deuteronomy 23:4; Isaiah 3:9; 3:11; Micah 6:5; Matthew 11:21; Hebrews 11:4; 2 Peter 2:15; 1 John 3:12; Revelation 2:14

Jude 1:12 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 1:3; Proverbs 25:14; Ezekiel 34:8; Matthew 13:6; 15:13; Mark 4:6; Luke 8:6; 21:34; Ephesians 4:14; Philippians 3:19

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Darkness: 2 Peter 2:17. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 65:7; Isaiah 57:20; Philippians 3:19

Jude 1:14 **Holy:** Deuteronomy 33:2; Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 25:31; 1 Thessalonians 3:13. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 5:18; Matthew 16:27; Revelation 1:7

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Jude 1:19 **Spirit:** Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 2:14. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 18:1; Ezekiel 14:7; Hosea 4:14; 9:10; Hebrews 10:25; James 3:15

Jude 1:20 **Holy:** Ephesians 6:18. **Spirit:** Romans 8:15; 1 Corinthians 14:15; Galatians 4:6. **Faith:** Acts 26:18; Colossians 2:7. **Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 14:26; Ephesians 4:29; 1 Thessalonians 5:11. **Love:** Ephesians 4:16

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Jude 1:24 **Glory:** Matthew 16:27; Ephesians 5:27; 2 Timothy 4:18. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 5:12; Romans 8:31; 2 Corinthians 4:14; 11:2; Ephesians 3:20; Colossians 1:22; Revelation 14:5

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