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NA JEJ PONOWNE PRZEŻYCIE.”**

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Jude v. 3

“Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God’s holy people.”

Why?

Because false teachers have secretly slipped in among you. They pervert the grace of God into a license to sin even more. And they deny the Sovereignty and Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Jude v. 5

**“Though you already know all this,
I want to remind you...”**

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**“Those who do not remember the
past are condemned to repeat it.”**

Jude vv. 5-16

The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, and never inherited the promised land.

[Exodus; Leviticus; Numbers; Deuteronomy]

Jude vv. 5-16

**The angels who rebelled against God
& “abandoned their proper dwelling”
are bound with everlasting chains for
judgment on the Great Day.**

[Genesis 6:1-4]

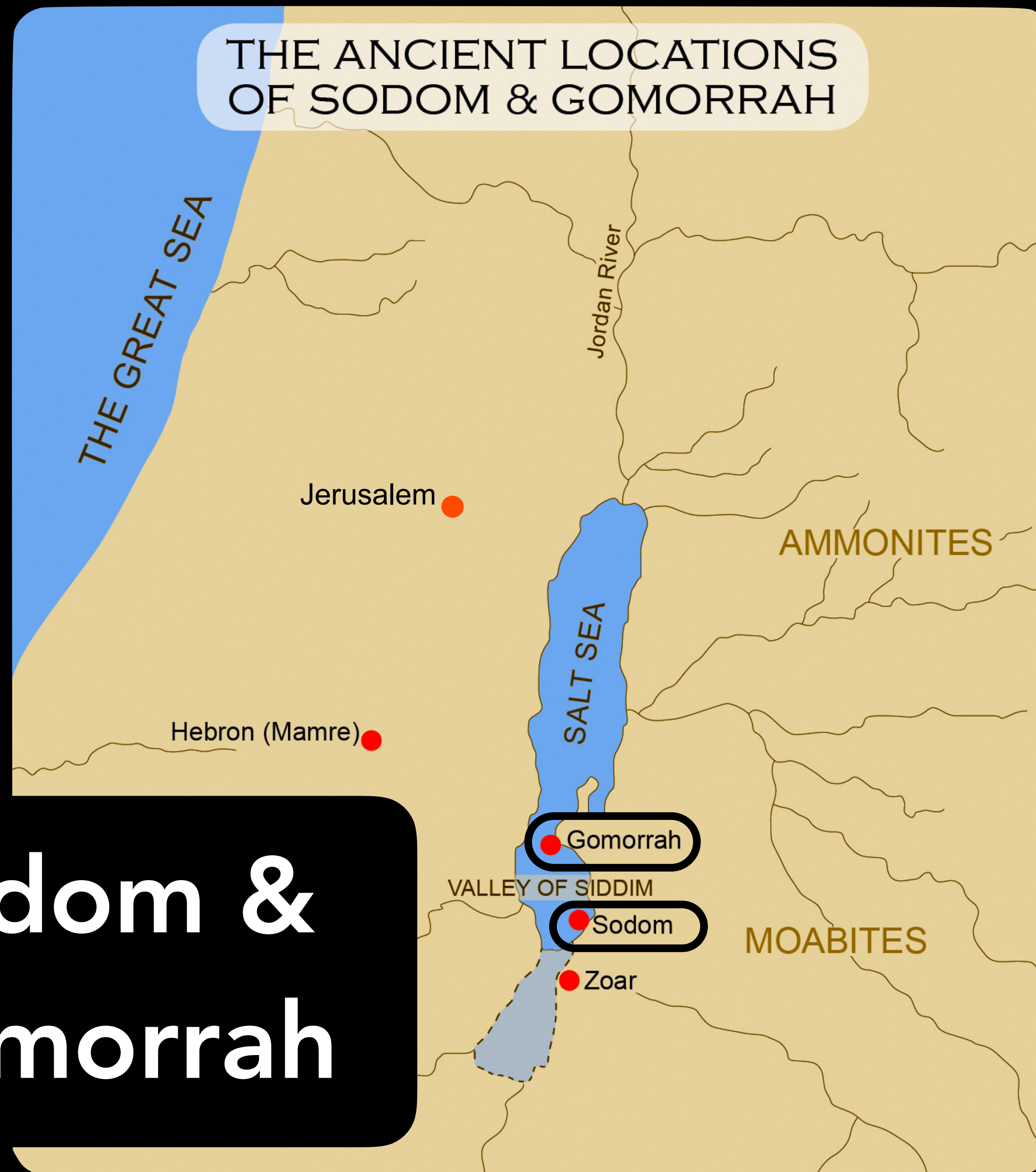
Jude vv. 5-16

**The immoral people of Sodom
and Gomorrah serve as an
example of those who suffer the
punishment of eternal fire.**

[Genesis 18-19]

THE ANCIENT LOCATIONS OF SODOM & GOMORRAH

Sodom & Gomorrah



"The fire which burns beneath the ground and the stench render the inhabitants of the neighboring country sickly and very short lived."

(Diodorus Siculus; ~40BC; *Bibliotheca Historica*, II.48).

"And in one day these populous cities became the tomb of their inhabitants, and the vast edifices of stone and timber became thin dust and ashes. And when the flames had consumed everything that was visible and that existed on the face of the earth, they proceeded to burn even the earth itself, penetrating into its lowest recesses, and destroying all the vivifying powers which existed within it so as to produce a complete and everlasting barrenness, so that it should never again be able to bear fruit, or to put forth any verdure; and to this very day it is scorched up. For the fire of the lightning is what is most difficult to extinguish, and creeps on pervading everything, and smouldering. And a most evident proof of this is to be found in what is seen to this day: for the smoke which is still emitted, and the sulphur which men dig up there, are a proof of the calamity which befell that country." (Philo, ~40AD; On Abraham, 27)

"The length of this lake (Dead Sea) is five hundred and eighty furlongs, where it is extended as far as Zoar in Arabia; and its breadth is a hundred and fifty. The country of Sodom borders upon it. It was of old a most happy land, both for the fruits it bore and the riches of its cities, although it be now all burnt up. It is related how, for the impiety of its inhabitants, it was burnt by lightning; in consequence of which there are still the remainders of that Divine fire, and the traces of the five cities are still to be seen, as well as the ashes growing in their fruits; which fruits have a color as if they were fit to be eaten, but if you pluck them with your hands, they dissolve into smoke and ashes. And thus what is related of this land of Sodom hath these marks of credibility which our very sight affords us."

(Josephus; ~75AD; *The Wars of the Jews*, IV.8.4)

Jude vv. 5-16

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Jude vv. 5-16

Woe to them!

**They have taken the way of Cain
— who murdered his brother Abel
in a fit of jealousy after God
rejected his offering.**

[Genesis 4]

Jude vv. 5-16

**They have rushed for profit into
Balaam's error.**

[Numbers 22-24]

Jude vv. 5-16

They have been destroyed in

Korah's rebellion —

**(Korah was swallowed up by the
earth, and his followers were
consumed by fire from heaven).**

[Numbers 16]

**Does Jude treat these Old
Testament accounts as
mythological...or fables?**



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Record Few Americans Believe Bible Is Literal Word of God

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AMERICANS WHO BELIEVE BIBLE IS THE
LITERAL WORD OF GOD

24%

GALLUP, MAY 3-7

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- 24% believe Bible is literal word of God, the lowest in Gallup's 40-year trend
- View of Bible as secular stories and history at 26%, up from 21% in 2014

- Fewer than one in four Americans (24%) now believe the Bible is "the actual word of God, and is to be taken literally, word for word," similar to the 26% who view it as "a book of fables, legends, history and moral precepts recorded by man." This is the first time in Gallup's four-decade trend that biblical skepticism has surpassed biblical literalism.
- From the mid-1970s through 1984, close to 40% of Americans considered the Bible the literal word of God, but this has been declining ever since, along with a shrinking percentage of self-identified Christians in the U.S. Meanwhile, the percentage defining the Bible as mere stories has doubled, with much of that change occurring in the past three years.
- Over the past three decades, Americans' view of the Bible as the literal word of God has been declining, while their view that the Bible is a collection of fables, myths and history recorded by man has been increasing. The shift is most pronounced among young adults, indicating the trend is likely to accelerate in the years ahead.

**This is EXACTLY what Jude
— and the apostles —
foretold us WOULD happen!**

Jude vv. 17-18

“But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. They said to you, “In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires.”

**scoffer: (n) someone who jeers or mocks or treats something with contempt or calls out in derision.*

What are the marks of a Scoffer?

- Ungodly (v. 4)
- Live with a license to sin (v. 4)
- Deny the Authority & Lordship of Jesus (v. 4)
- Completely selfish (v. 12)
- Grumblers & faultfinders (v. 16)
- Follow their own evil desires (v. 16)
- Boast & flatter others for own advantage (v. 16)
- Divisive & follow natural instincts (v. 19)
- Completely devoid of the Holy Spirit (v. 19)

Contend for the faith!

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1. Build yourself up (v. 20)

Pray / Remain in God's Love / Think Eternally

2. Show mercy to doubters (v. 22)

As you would to someone in a burning house...

3. Live a holy life (v. 23)

Hate even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh

And about the salvation we share...

*"To Him who is able to keep you from
stumbling, and is able to make you
stand in the presence of His glory,
blameless and full of great joy!*

*To the only God our savior, who is Jesus
Christ our Lord. To Him be all glory,
dominion, majesty and power —
both now and forevermore! Amen."*

