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### Jude is the younger half-brother of Jesus Jude is very similar to 2nd Peter

<sup>1</sup> Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James,
To those who have been called, who are loved by God the
Father and kept by Jesus Christ:
<sup>2</sup> Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

<sup>3</sup> Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. <sup>4</sup> For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

<sup>5</sup> Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord delivered His people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. <sup>6</sup> And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. <sup>7</sup> In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

<sup>8</sup> In the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings. <sup>9</sup> But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" 10 Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they do not understand; and what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals—these are the very things that destroy them.

<sup>11</sup> Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion.

<sup>12</sup> These men are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm—shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted—twice dead.
<sup>13</sup> They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever.

<sup>14</sup> Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of His holy ones <sup>15</sup> to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

<sup>16</sup> These men are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.

<sup>17</sup> But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. <sup>18</sup> They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." <sup>19</sup> These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

<sup>20</sup> But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

<sup>22</sup> Be merciful to those who doubt; <sup>23</sup> snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

<sup>24</sup> To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy— <sup>25</sup> to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

### 1) Know WHO you are.

## <u>Called</u> by the Holy Spirit. <u>Loved</u> in God the Father. <u>Kept</u> for Jesus Christ.

## 2) Know WHAT you believe, and be willing to stand for it.

v. 3 "Although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to <u>contend for the faith</u> that was once for all entrusted to the saints."



Because "certain men" — "godless people" are slipping in and undermining the faith. They are denying the sovereignty of Jesus, and changing the grace of God into a license for immorality.

## Verses 4-16



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What's at stake is nothing less than the worthiness of Jesus and the lostness of people.



"Jude aims at enlivening the church to an immediate and intense struggle, a very real fight requiring all of our available energy." David Helm

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If we do nothing, we're like a lifeguard sitting in our chair motionless while people drown right in front of us.

In calling the Church to action, Jude cites: • 3 Historical Events (vv. 5-10) • 3 Historical <u>People</u> (vv. 11-16) to underline what's at stake.

~ The apostasy of the Israelites ~ The autonomy of the Angels ~ The immorality of the Sodomites

### • 3 Historical Events (vv. 5-10)

## • 3 Historical P<u>eople</u> (vv. 11-16)

### ~ Cain (Genesis 4)

### ~ Balaam (Numbers 22-24)

### ~ Korah (Numbers 16)

# In all of these cases, judgment was real & eternal.

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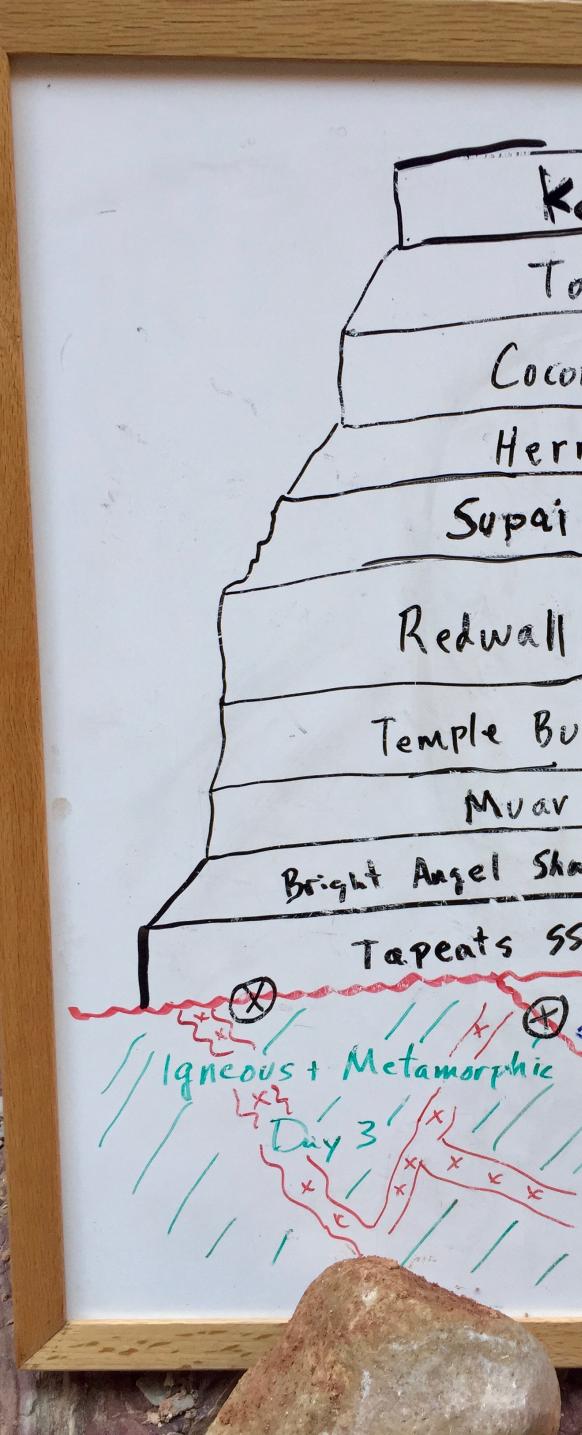












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### 2 Peter 3:3-7

Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

### 2 Peter 3:9-10

- The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is
- patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish,
  - but everyone to come to repentance. But the
    - day of the Lord will come like a thief. The
- heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements
  - will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and
    - everything done in it will be laid bare.

### Jude vv. 22-23

Be merciful to those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

I don't need to remind you that we live in crazy days.

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