



Lesson 4 – Jude v5-10

Jude begins this next section in verse 5 with "Now I desire to remind you". He feels that these are stories that are familiar to his readers, because of this many details of the stories are left out and includes only the essential details. (Starting here Jude gives three illustrations of how "these certain men", who are apostates, are judged. We will see that in verses 5 through 7). Then in verses 8 through 10, Jude wisely gives us helpful illustrations of an apostate's nature. Ask the Holy Spirit, who is the ultimate author, to guide you into all truth and for wisdom to understand the precepts from God's Word that He would have you know.

Day 1

- A. To being with in verse 5, Jude states "Now". This word is clearly an indication of a reference to time and indicates a new thought. What preceding information did Jude just give them, regarding the "certain persons" who have crept into the church, that would urge him to write the next paragraph, regarding these apostates' impending judgment?

- B. Jude wants to remind them of the illustrations he is about to give, but what does he express about their knowledge of these illustrations and what does that tell you?

- C. Before we go too far we need to have a clear understanding of what constitutes an apostate. Look up the word "apostate" in a dictionary. For a thorough definition, you can do a web search for Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary (1913 + 1828).

Also look up Hebrews 6:4-8 and record what you learn.

- D. He talks here in verse 5 about Israel, what God did for them and their response to God's goodness toward them. We need to review some scripture here so we will have a good understanding of why Jude uses them for an example as apostates. Read: Genesis 17:1-6, I Corinthians 10:1-12, Numbers 14:1-12, 31-35. What do you learn about the promise that God made to Abraham and how did God use His mighty power to accomplish that promise? And finally what was Israel's response to all of God's goodness toward them?
- E. At the end of your homework today, examine your heart and meditate on how you might be like Israel, having been shown and hopefully even receiving God's salvation and yet have acted in such a selfish, unrepentant manner. Ask God to show you the sin that most probably exists in your life, sin of ungratefulness, or thoughtless disregard for God's goodness and blessing that He has poured out on you. Whatever it is confess today. I John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Day 2

- A. The next illustration Jude uses to demonstrate the condemnation waiting for those who have rejected God's laws and have gone their own way, is angels. From verse 6 what specific things do you learn about these angels?
- B. To discover what all this is talking about, you will need to do some digging. First of all look up the meaning of the word "domain". The strong's number for "domain" is #746. Now that you have looked up the Greek meaning to this word, please record the meaning of the word here.
- C. Now that you have the meaning of this word, you will need to do some cross-referencing to discover the event to which Jude is referring. Turn to Genesis 6: 1-8 (Nephilim : Strong's #5303 use the Hebrew tab). Record what you learn here:

You need to discover who the "sons of God" are. Look up Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7 and record what you learn about who the Bible refers to as the "sons of God".

- D. Because you have established whom Genesis 6 and verse 6 of Jude are talking about, how did they abandon their proper abode and what punishment does it say in Jude 6, that they received for their behavior?

Eager Beaver: A. Look up Hosea 1:10 and talk about how this reference differs from the references you looked up in Job that refer to the "sons of God". Explain why it is essential when you are doing cross-referencing, that you examine the surrounding information in the text to achieve the correct meaning.

B. God's plan from the beginning of time was for Christ to come to earth, be born of a virgin, from the seed of David, and give His life as a ransom for us. What do you learn about how Satan's attempt to destroy the seed, and the human race failed, from the passage you already examined in Genesis 6:1-4 and verses 13 & 14? Also from the following passages: Genesis 16:5-9; Matthew 2

Day 3

- A. The last illustration that Jude uses to illustrate the judgment of God on apostates, (certain persons), is the judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them. What is the sin for which God indicts the people in these cities?
- B. To better understand exactly what they were guilty of, look up the word "strange" flesh and record the meaning here. Strange "other" is Strong's #2087. Also look up Genesis 19:1-11 and record what you learn from that passage.

What does this information tell you about exactly what was happening there, with what God was so displeased? Also how do you suppose God feels about these things that are happening in our city and country, has His opinion changed on this matter?

- C. God rained fire and brimstone down on those cities to destroy them. What was the greater punishment that was meted out by God from verse 7? What does God tell us about how we are to view them, as a what?

So far we have learned that Israel, angels who did not keep their own domain and the cities of Sodom, Gomorrah and surrounding them, all have been judged. Now we are going to see how "these persons" who creep into our church, like the illustrations that were given, have certain characteristics. The three characteristics are: immorality, disobedience and irreverence. Take note of this, write it down because it is true of these people and we need to know it. Now let's see how God illustrates this for us.

Day 4

- A. As you notice verse 8 begins with "yet in the same way **these men** also". Who is being compared and what are the sins that these men are guilty of committing?
- B. Please use your web-site again and look up the word "dreaming" and record the meaning. If you use the Biblos site, when you go to the Greek meaning of the word you will notice under HELPS Word-studies, some helpful information for the use of that word here in Jude, also if you scroll down further under Thayer's Greek Lexicon it has additional information for Jude 1:8.
- C. Now we need to look up some references about how these men, who are dreamers, defile God's people. Look up Jeremiah 23:25-32, Zechariah 10:2; Deut. 13:2, 4, & 6 and record what you discover. These men attempt to defile God's people by having them follow what instead of God's Word?
- D. Verses 8 states that these men "defile the flesh", they are immoral and they "reject authority". As we view the world around us, we can understand the results of Satan's influence everywhere. Just as he rejected being under the authority of God almighty and wished to be "like God", so are the Christ rejecters. Remember the Jews screaming to Pilate we will not have this man (speaking of Christ) to rule over us. Read the following verses just to set in your mind, how rebellion against authority is in direct opposition to God. Psalm 2:1-6; Hebrews 13:7 and I Peter 2:7-8 Now record what you have learned.

- E. How do we see that played out in our world everyday, that unbelieving people have rejected God's authority in their lives? Also how do those who are in our churches, who have crept in unnoticed, reject God's authority?
- F. The next thing "these certain men" do is to "revile angelic majesties". Trust me I am aware that this section of Jude is very difficult. So the next couple of questions I trust will help you get a better idea of what Jude is referring to here. Look up the word "revile", it is Strong's #987, also look up the word "majesties", which is Strong's # 1391, and record their meaning here.
- G. We want to understand as best we can why "these men", would revile the holy angels. Look up the following verses to learn with what they were entrusted. Galatians 3:19; Hebrews 2:1-2; Acts 7:51-53
- H. So if holy angels were entrusted with this wonderful privilege, what all are "these men" reviling?

Eager Beaver: Look in scripture to see what you can discover about other responsibilities that holy angels have been given

Day 5

- A. Verses 9 and 10 are discussing the contrast between Michael, the archangel, who being a holy angel and understanding very well the spirit world, acted in direct contrast to these people who are being discussed in Jude. What was it that Michael did not dare to do? But what was it that he did do by what he said?

- B. What does Michael's behavior teach you about how you should view the spirit world?

- C. From verse 10, what are the descriptions given for "these men"?

- D. How does Romans 1:18-32 enhance your understanding of what verse 10 is talking about?

- E. What does verse 10 give as the result of this sinful behavior?

Dear Ones I pray that you have gained much insight into the judgment and character of those who wish to deceive us. Go back through your lesson and review the scripture that you have studied. Have you fallen into any of the traps of sin that Satan has put out there? Have you allowed yourself to be deceived by any of the lies that are being told by these "certain persons"? Ask the Lord to reveal your heart and to give you the courage to stand for the truth of the Word of God and not to follow cleverly devised schemes of Satan. Next week we will be looking at descriptions of the behavior of these men. God Bless you as you seek to follow Him.