

The Epistle of Jude

¹ Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ and brother of James,
To those having been consecrated in Father God and having been guarded by
Jesus Christ, called,

² Mercy to you, and may peace and devotion be multiplied.

³ Beloved, while exercising all diligence to write to you about the common
salvation, I had need to write to you encouraging to strenuously compete for the faith
which was once delivered over to the holy ones. ⁴ For certain men have entered in
alongside – those of old previously having been written into this condemnation – impious
men, changing the grace of our God into licentiousness and themselves denying our only
Master – God and Lord, Jesus Christ.

⁵ But I am desiring to remind you, you having known this once, that the Lord,
saving a people from the land of Egypt, in the second place destroyed those not believing.
⁶ And messengers, those not having guarded their principality, but having left their own
habitation He has guarded with everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the
great day. ⁷ Just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, in a similar manner
to these, having given themselves to fornication and having gone after different flesh are
exhibited an example, undergoing punishment of everlasting fire. ⁸ Indeed, likewise also,
these dreaming ones stain the flesh, and reject lordship, and defame glories. ⁹ Yet
Michael, the chief messenger, when himself disputing with the slanderer, contending over
the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a judgment of defamation, but said, “May the
Lord rebuke you!”

¹⁰ But these are defaming whatever they haven’t known. But whatever they
understand naturally, like unreasoning animals, in these things they are corrupted. ¹¹ Woe
to them! Because they have gone in the way of Cain, and in the error of Balaam they
have abandoned themselves for wages, and in the rebellion of Korah they are destroyed.

¹² These are hidden reefs in your devotions, feasting together without fear,
shepherding themselves, waterless clouds being carried along by winds, unfruitful late
autumn trees, twice-dead, uprooted, ¹³ wild sea waves foaming their shame, wandering
stars, for whom the blackness of darkness has been guarded for eternity.

¹⁴ Now Enoch, (seventh from Adam) also prophesied about these, saying, “Behold,
the Lord came in His holy myriads ¹⁵ to execute judgment on all and to rebuke all the
impious among them about all their impious works in which they committed impiety, and
about all the harsh words which impious sinners spoke against Him.”

¹⁶ These are grumblers, complainers of their lot, going according to their cravings,
and their mouth is speaking swelling, being amazed at people to gain advantage. ¹⁷ But
you, beloved, remember the words having been previously spoken by the apostles of our
Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁸ that they were telling you that in last times there shall be mockers,
going according to their cravings of impieties. ¹⁹ These are the ones dividing, soulless, not
having the Spirit.

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

Holy Spirit, ²¹keep yourselves in devotion of God, anticipating the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. ²²And, making a distinction, have mercy on some, ²³but others be saving in fear, snatching them out of the fire, hating even the garment having been stained from the flesh.

²⁴Now to the One being able to safeguard them without stumbling, and to cause you to stand before His glory blameless with exultation, ²⁵to the only wise God our Savior belong glory and majesty, might and authority, both now and into all the ages. Amen.