

The General Epistle of
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CHAPTER 1

1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those beloved in Father God, and kept in Jesus Christ, and called:

2 Mercy to you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

3 Beloved, making all earnest speed to write to you concerning the common salvation, I had necessity to write to you, calling on you to earnestly contend for the faith given over to the saints one single time³,

4 Because certain men have stealthily sunk in alongside *of you*, having been written about in ancient time for this condemnation, ungodly ones, transferring the grace of our God into lack of moral restraint, and denying the only Absolute Ruler, God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

5 And I determine to remind you - one time you saw these things - that the Lord, having saved a people out of the land of Egypt, on a second occasion destroyed those not believing.

6 Also the *heavenly* messengers not having kept their beginning headship, but left behind their own housing, he has kept in everlasting shackles under darkness for *the judgment of the* great day.

³ 1:3 one single time, *hapax*, one single time. The faith delivered one single time refers to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus fulfilling the Holy Scriptures, which happened one single time. See Heb 9:7, 26-28; and Note on Heb 10:2.

7 As Sodom and Gomorrah, and their surrounding cities in similar manner, indulging in unlawful sexual lust, and going off after different flesh, lie outstretched in view as a specimen of enduring the justice of eternal fire.

8 Similarly truly also these dreamers defile even the flesh, and set aside lordship, and blaspheme glories.

9 And Michael, the head *heavenly* messenger, when judging through he spoke thoroughly with the devil concerning the body of Moses, absolutely did not dare to bring a blaspheming judgment against him, but said, *The Lord* restrain you.

10 And these blaspheme such things as they absolutely do not see, and such things as they know physically, as irrational living creatures, in those things they ruin themselves.

11 Woe to them, because they have gone in the way of Cain, and poured out themselves in the going astray of Balaam for pay, and were destroyed in the dispute of Korah. Gen 4; Num 16:1ff; Num 22:5ff

12 These are hidden rocky reefs in your *love-feasts*, feasting together with you, shepherding themselves without fear, clouds without water, carried about by winds, trees stripped of leaves without fruit, having died twice, uprooted,

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13 Wild billows of the sea, foaming upon their own shame, straying stars for whom the gloom of darkness has been kept forever.

14 And Enoch also, seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord came in myriads of his holy ones,

15 To do judgment against all, and to convict all the ungodly of them of all their ungodly works in which they have been ungodly, and concerning all their hard things which ungodly sinners spoke against him.

16 These are grumblers, blamers of fate, traveling according to their own passions, and their mouth talks being overloaded, marveling at faces on account of *the* benefit.

17 And you, beloved, remember the spoken words which were told before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ,

18 That they said to you that in the last time there will be scoffers, traveling according to their own ungodly passions.

19 These are those drawing lines of division, soulish, not having spirit.¹⁹

20 And you, beloved, building up yourselves on your holy faith, praying in *the* Holy Spirit,

21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, receiving to yourselves the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ into everlasting life.

22 And for some have mercy, judging through *it*,

23 And some save in fear, forcefully pulling them out of the fire, also hating the tunic soiled from the flesh.

24 And to the one having power to keep you from stumbling, and to stand you unblemished in front of the face of his glory in jumping for joy,

25 To the only wise God, our Savior, glory, and might, and authority, both now and for all the ages. Amen.

¹⁹ **1:19** We have translated every Greek word in this sentence literally word for word. We believe the last phrase, **not having spirit**, does not mean, not having the Holy Spirit, but means humans who have become so soulish in their human behavior, totally rejecting anything spiritual from God, and totally dependent upon their own mind, emotions, and will for their direction, that they have come to function as humans for all practical purposes as not having a human spirit. Therefore, they have absolutely no input from God whatsoever. Even the conscience in their spirit no longer functions.