

# **Jude 8-10**

## **Man's Sinful Actions**

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# Outline of Jude (via Constable)

- Introduction vs. 1-2
- The purpose of this epistle vs. 3-4
- Warnings against false teachers vs. 5-16
  - Previous failures vs. 5-7
    - The example of certain Israelites v. 5
    - The example of certain angels v. 6
    - The example of certain pagans v. 7
  - Present failures vs. 8-16
    - The nature of the error vs. 8-9
    - The seriousness of the error vs. 10-13
    - The consequences of the error vs. 14-16
- Exhortation to the faithful vs. 17-23
  - The reminder to remember the apostles' warning vs. 17-19
  - The positive instruction of the readers vs. 20-23
- Conclusion vs. 24-25

# Dream a little dream

*8 Yet in the same way these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties.*

- *In the same way* – should also include *nevertheless*<sup>1</sup>
- *These men* – the “certain persons” of verse 3
  - Crept in unnoticed
  - Marked out for condemnation
  - Ungodly persons
  - Turn Grace of God into licentiousness
  - Deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ
- *Dreaming* – to be beguiled with sensual images and carried away to an impious course of conduct
  - Acts 2:17 – quotes Joel 2:28
  - What are these men beholding?

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<sup>1</sup>from Wuest

## Three corruptions

8 Yet in the same way these men, also by dreaming, *defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties.*

- *Defile the flesh:*

- Defile – to stain with color as the staining of glass<sup>2</sup>
- Flesh – human nature, man
  - Is this the sinful nature?
- Hebrews 12:15-16 – fall short of God's grace


- *Reject authorities*

- Authorities – Lord, mighty one, Dominion, civil power, authority or magistracy (See Col. 1:16)

- *Revile angelic majesties*

- Angelic majesties - literally glories (see Luke 2:14)
- John 3:19 – Men love darkness

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<sup>2</sup>Unless otherwise noted Greek definitions are from Zodiatahes 

# Disputing the devil

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- *Michael the archangel*
  - Daniel 10:13 – Rescued Daniel
  - Revelation 12:7-11 – Fights against the dragon
- *Disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses*<sup>3</sup>
  - Dispute – to separate completely (see 1 Cor. 6:5, Jas. 2:4, & Jude 22)
  - Argued – to converse with, reason (see Acts 18:4, 20:9)
  - The apostates are in concert with the world; Michael is in contention with it

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<sup>3</sup>Story comes from the apocryphal book *The Assumption of Moses* 

# Anti ad hominem

*9 But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, **did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”***

- *Railing judgment*

- Railing – wounding someone’s reputation by evil reports & evil speaking; slander
- 1 Timothy 6:3-4 – more about false teachers
- How then do we contend and/or make a judgment?

- *The Lord rebuke you*

- Resting in the character of Christ
- Look ahead to verses 20-21

# Their end is corruption

*10 But these men revile the things which they do not understand; and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed.*

- *Revile* – blaspheme (same root word as previous verse)
- *Types of knowledge*
  - Understand – to know absolutely (used also in verse 5)
  - Instinct – naturally, by instinct
  - Wuest: *as many things concerning which they do not have absolute knowledge,*
  - Romans 1:26-27 – they turned away
- *Destroyed* – to corrupt, spoil, vitiate, in a spiritual or moral sense



# Judian Triads

- Three sinful errors/corruptions in verse 8 are tied to earlier examples
  - Lust – *defile the flesh*
    - Verse 7 – *indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh*
  - Rebellion – *reject authority*
    - Verse 5 – *those who did not believe*
  - Irreverence – *revile angelic majesties/glories*
    - Verse 6 – *angels who did not keep their own domain*
- Three examples of blasphemies/slandering
  - Verse 8 – *revile angelic majesties/glories*
  - Verse 9 – *railing judgment*
  - Verse 10 – *revile the things*

# Parallels to 2 Peter

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| 2 Peter 2: 6 ↔ Jude 7                                       |
| Example of the destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah              |
| 2 Peter 2:10 ↔ Jude 8                                       |
| Fleshly/corrupt desire & reviling angelic majesties/glories |
| 2 Peter 2:11 ↔ Jude 9                                       |
| No railing judgment by the angels                           |
| 2 Peter 2:12 ↔ Jude 10                                      |
| Unreasoning animals who revile what they don't understand   |
| 2 Peter 2:15 ↔ Jude 11                                      |
| Way and error of Balaam                                     |

## Jude 8-10 (Wuest)

*8 In the same manner nevertheless, also these who have visions in dreams, defile indeed the flesh, and set at naught authority, and defame pre-eminence. 9 Yet Michael, the archangel, when disputing with the devil, arguing concerning the body of Moses, dared not bring a sentence of judgment that would impugn his dignity, but said, May the Lord rebuke you. 10 But these, on the one hand, revile as many things concerning which they do not have absolute knowledge, and, on the other hand, revile as many things by instinct like the unreasoning animals, which they understand, by these they are being brought to ruin.*