

The Book of Jude

Jude 5-7

Introduction:

The triplets of Jude continue in verses 5-7 of this one chapter book. We have noted at this point the following triplets:

<p>A. Identification of the author:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Jude2. Servant of Jesus Christ3. Brother of James <p>B. Those to whom the letter is addressed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The called2. Beloved in God the Father3. Kept for Jesus Christ	<p>C. Certain men had:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Crept into the church.2. These men are compared to those of old who had no respect for authority (cf. Jer. 23).3. Identified as “<i>ungodly men.</i>” <p>D. These ungodly creeping men:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Turned God’s truths into lasciviousness2. They are condemned3. They deny our only Master and Lord Jesus Christ.
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The triplet of verses 5-7 examines the eternal condemnation that those who reject God’s laws face. Truth is God’s standard (Jude 3-4). Man is forbidden from changing God’s laws (cf. Gal. 1:8-12). Jude examines the rebellious Israelites that came out of Egypt, the rebellious angels, and the rebellious people of Sodom and Gomorrah.

I. The Rebellious People of God who came up out of Egypt (Jude 5):

- A.** God provided for Israel’s physical and spiritual well being:
1. Israel is delivered from Pharaoh of Egypt by ten powerful plagues (Ex. 8-12).
 2. God delivered His people from the pursuing Egyptians by closing the Red Sea upon them (Ex. 14:13-30).
 3. God gave Israel manna (Ex. 16:31) and quail (Numb. 11:1ff) to eat in the desert wilderness.
 4. God provided water for them in the desert (Ex. 17:6).
 5. God provided the land of Canaan for a dwelling place (Ex. 13:30).
 6. God cared for their spiritual well being by giving them the Law of Moses at Sinai (Ex. 20-24).
- B.** Israel rebels against God:
1. The people of Israel complain on a number of occasions about the food and water (Ex. 14:12; 16:1ff; 17:1ff; Numb. 11:1ff).
 2. Israel participated in idolatry (Ex. 32:26ff). Moses said, “*ye have sinned a great sin*” (Ex. 32:30). Moses gave command to the Levites to take their swords and kill all who reject Jehovah God (there were 3000 that died) (cf. Ex. 32:26-28).
 3. Israel sinned by not taking the land that God gave them (Ex. 13:32). God caused the rebellious people to walk in the wilderness forty years until all those 20 and older died (except Joshua and Caleb).

II. The Rebellious Angels who sinned Against God’s Laws (Jude 6):

- A.** Some angels sinned (cf. II Pet. 2:4).
- B.** The angel’s sin involves their not guarding their rank and place of dwelling God gave them.
- C.** The consequence was that they were chained and thrown into darkness.

III. The Rebellious People of Sodom and Gomorrah (Jude 7):

- A.** Sodom and Gomorrah was filled with grievous sin (Gen. 13:13; 18:20-21).
- B.** Homosexuality was openly practiced (Gen. 19:5 / comp. to Lev. 18:22; Rom. 1:27).
- C.** The rebellious were destroyed with fire.

Conclusion:

Jude issues a warning to all those today who would reject God’s truths and follow their own lustful ways. Said one can expect to “*suffer punishment of eternal fire.*” Fire is the eternal lot of pain and suffering for all who would live ungodly as the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah, the people of God coming up out of Egypt, and the sinful angels (cf. Matt. 5:22; 13:42-50; 18:8; 25:41; II Thess. 1:9; Rev. 20:14-15).