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### I. GREETING

1:1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James,  
To those who have been called,  
who are loved by God the Father and  
kept by Jesus Christ:  
2 Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

### II. MAIN POINT AND PURPOSE OF WRITING ( THESIS STATEMENT )

3 Dear friends,  
although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share,  
I felt I had to write and urge you to **contend for the faith** that was once for all entrusted to the  
saints.  
4 For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped  
in among you.  
They are **godless men**, who  
change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and  
deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

### III. CONDUCT OF GODLESS MEN

#### REMINDER OF LORD'S CAPABILITY TO JUDGE THE UNGODLY -- IN THE PAST

5 Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that

- the Lord delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. *(see OT Numbers 14:29, OT Psalms 106:26)*
- 6 And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the *great Day*. *( see OT Genesis 6 )*
- 7 In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. *(see Genesis 19)*

They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

#### THESE MEN AMONG YOU ARE NO DIFFERENT -- IN THE PRESENT

8 In the very same way,  
these dreamers  
pollute their own bodies,  
reject authority and  
slander celestial beings.  
9 But even the archangel Michael,  
when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses,  
did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but  
said, "The Lord rebuke you!"  
10 Yet these men  
speak abusively against whatever they do not understand; and  
what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning  
animals—these are the very things that destroy them.  
11 Woe to them!  
They have taken the way of Cain;  
they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error;  
they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion.

12 These men are  
blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm—  
shepherds who feed only themselves.

They are  
clouds without rain, blown along by the wind;  
autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted—twice dead.

13 They are  
wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame;  
wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever.

#### **THESE MEN AND THEIR JUDGEMENT HAVE BEEN LONG PREDICTED**

14 Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men:  
"See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to  
judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have  
done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken  
against him."

16 These men are  
grumblers and faultfinders;  
they  
follow their own evil desires;  
they  
boast about themselves and  
flatter others for their own advantage.

#### **EVEN CONTEMPORARY APOSTLES PREDICTED THE UNGODLY AMONG US**

17 But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold.

18 They said to you,  
"In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires."

19 These are the men  
who divide you,  
who follow mere natural instincts and  
do not have the Spirit.

#### **IV. CONDUCT OF GODLY MEN -- CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH IN THIS SITUATION**

20 But you, dear friends,  
build yourselves up in your most holy faith and  
pray in the Holy Spirit.

21 Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to  
eternal life.

22 Be merciful to those who doubt;  
23 snatch others from the fire and save them;  
to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

#### **V. FAREWELL**

24 To him who is able  
to keep you from falling and  
to present you before his glorious presence  
without fault and with great joy—

25 to the only God our Savior  
be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and  
forevermore! Amen. ( NIV )