

THE GENERAL EPISTLE OF  
*Jude*

EARNESTLY  
CONTENDING  
FOR THE FAITH

*Our Common*

SALVATION



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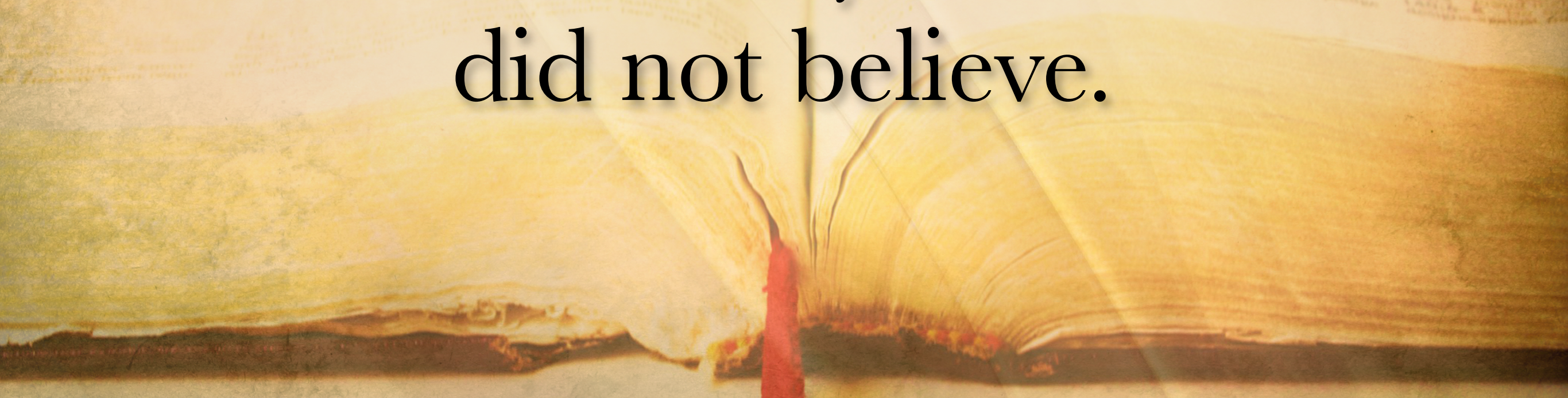
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<sup>5</sup> But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.





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<sup>6</sup> And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;





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<sup>7</sup> as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. <sup>8</sup> Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries.



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### **THOSE WHO ARE "CALLED"**

- ✦ By the **SAME** gospel – (2 Thes 2:13-14; Gal 1:6-9)
- ✦ Unto a the same "holy calling" – (2 Tim 1:9)
- ✦ To walk worthy of our calling – (Eph 4:1-6)
- ✦ To make our calling & election sure – (2 Pet 1:5-11)



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### **“SANCTIFIED” BY THE FATHER**

- ✦ “To set apart for a special purpose” –
  - ✦ Through the truth - Jn 17:17
  - ✦ From sin when we obey the gospel - 1 Cor 6:11; Ep 5:26
  - ✦ A continuing process - 1 Thes 5:23; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1
  - ✦ ASV has “beloved in” - Jn 15:9,10; 1 Jn 2:3-5



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### **“PRESERVED” IN JESUS CHRIST**

- ✦ Guarded from loss or injury – (cf John 10:27-29)
- ✦ “Kept by the power of God through faith” – (1 Pet 1:5; Heb 3:12-14; 1 Cor 10:1-13)
- ✦ Includes personal responsibility - (Jude 1:5-7, 21; 2 Pet 1:5-11; John 15:1-10; Rev 2:10; 2 Pet 2:20-22)



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## THE BLESSINGS OF OUR COMMON SALVATION (2)

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**“MERCY, PEACE, AND LOVE BE MULTIPLIED TO YOU.”**

- ✦ His mercy can sustain us in difficult times - (Heb. 4:16)
- ✦ His peace can give a subtle calmness when evil abounds - (Rom. 15:13; Phil. 4:7)
- ✦ His love can protect and assure us in the face of peril - (Rom. 5:5; 8:35-39).



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### **PURPOSE OF THE EPISTLE**

- ✦ Some contend Jude began to write about our common salvation but circumstances demanded he write about something else.
- ✦ Seems more fitting to understand the letter has to do with our common salvation with a special emphasis on the danger of false teachers.



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- ✦ “Contend earnestly for the faith” - 3
- ✦ The **NEED** for a vigorous, intense, determined struggle to defeat the opposition - (Acts 18:28; Eph 6:10-18; 1 Tim 1:18; 6:12; 2 Tim 4:7)
- ✦ Can't use carnal weapons - (2 Cor 10:3-5)



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- ✦ By speaking the truth in love - Eph 4:15
- ✦ The need to defend the “faith once for all delivered” - not our opinions! - Phil 1:27



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- ✦ **“Once For All”** - The Faith is complete & does not need to be revised or amended – (Gal 1:6-9)
- ✦ **“Delivered”** – The faith is entirely sufficient to provide the man of God with everything to be complete before God – (2 Tim 3:16,17)
- ✦ **“To the saints”** – not the exclusive possession of a special few but for all Christians.



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## A GRAVE THREAT - (4)

### **Jude 1:4 (NKJV)**

<sup>4</sup> For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

- ✦ The Secrecy of False Teachers - - (4a; 2 Pet 2:1-3; Gal 2:4)
- ✦ The Condemnation of False Teachers - (4b, 5-15; 2 Pet 2:12-17)
- ✦ What These False Teachers were doing - (4c, 5, 7,8, 10-12, 15-16, 18,19; 2 Peter 2:18-19; Tit 1:16)



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**Jude 1:22-23 (NKJV)**

<sup>22</sup> And on some have compassion, making a distinction; <sup>23</sup> but others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.



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## **Jude 1:24-25 (NKJV)**

<sup>24</sup> Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present *you* faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, <sup>25</sup> To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, *Be* glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.



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## **Ephesians 4:4-6**

(NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

- ✦ A common Savior (I Cor 8:6)
- ✦ A common necessity of submitting to him (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Luke 6:46),
- ✦ A common body into which the saved are gathered (John 10:16; 11:52; Eph 4:4; 5:26).
- ✦ A Common Means of Entrance - [Faith, Repentance, Confession, Baptism] - John 8:24; Rom 10:9,10; Acts 2:38; Gal 3:26,27]
- ✦ A common enemy - [Jude 1:4-19; 2 Peter 2:1-22]







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# **2 Peter 1:1-11 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:



# 2 Peter 1:1-11 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, <sup>3</sup> as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,



## 2 Peter 1:1-11 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.



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<sup>5</sup> But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, <sup>6</sup> to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, <sup>7</sup> to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.





## 2 Peter 1:1-11 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> For if these things are yours and abound, *you will be* neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.





## **2 Peter 1:1-11 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; <sup>11</sup> for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.





