

THE EPISTLE OF JUDE. †

THE STRUCTURE OF THE EPISTLE AS A WHOLE.

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NOTES.

1. WRITTEN BY “Judas, a servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James”. This is how he describes himself, and we know nothing more of him, save that in Matt. 13:55 and Mark 6:3 “Judas” is mentioned as one of the Lord’s brethren (see [Ap. 182](#)). A very early tradition assigns the authorship to Jude. The James to whom he was brother was doubtless the writer of the Epistle of James, the pillar of the church at Jerusalem (see Acts 15:13; Gal. 2:9).

2. WRITTEN probably from Palestine to the Hebrew Christians both of the “Dispersion” and those living in Palestine, if we may decide from the Jewish character of the epistle.

3. THE CONTENTS in part bear a strong resemblance to portions of 2 Peter, but of the originality of both no one need doubt. The tone is one of stern reproof in regard to certain serious evils brought in by men who had professed to receive the grace of God, and he warns of the certainty of the Divine judgment, illustrating from the Old Testament history.

4. THE DATE can be gauged only approximately, but it is thought to have been very early, perhaps A.D. 41—46. See [Ap. 180](#).

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1 °JUDE, a °servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of °James, to them that are *beloved in* God the Father, and *kept* in Jesus Christ, and called:

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

3 Beloved, *making* all diligence to write *to* you *concerning our* °common salvation, *I had need* to write *to* you, *exhorting you to* °earnestly contend for the °faith which was *once for all* °delivered *to* the °saints.

4 For ... °certain °men °crept in unawares, who were *before written* to this °condemnation, *impious, changing* the °grace of our God °into *wantonness*, and denying the only Lord ..., and our Lord Jesus Christ.

5 I °will therefore °put you in remembrance, though ye *once for all* °knew this, how that the °LORD, having saved the °People out of the °land of Egypt, *in the second place* °destroyed them that °believed not.

6 And the angels which °kept not *their own principality*, but left their own °habitation, He hath °reserved in °everlasting °chains °under °darkness unto the °judgment of the great °day [the great white throne].

7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities °about them in like *manner to these angels*, °giving themselves over to fornication, and going after *other* flesh, °are set forth for an °example, *undergoing* the *judgment* of °eternal fire.

8 Likewise *these also filthy in their dreamings rejecteth* the flesh, °despise *lordship*, and *blaspheme glories*.

1 Jude. See Introductory Notes.
servant. Ap. 190. I. 2.
James. See Jas. 1. 1.
sanctified. All the texts and the Syriac read "beloved" (Ap. 135. I. 1).
by = in. Ap. 104. viii.
Father. Ap. 98. III.
preserved = kept. Gr. *tereo*. Occ five times in the epistle, vv. 1, 6, 6, 13, 21. The word *phulasso* is used in v. 24.
2 unto = to.
love. Ap. 135. II. 1. The only salutation where "love" is mentioned.
multiplied. Cp. 1 Pet. 1. 2. 2 Pet. 1. 2.
3 Beloved. Ap. 135. III.
the. The texts read "our".
it was needful for me = I had need.
and exhort = exhorting. Ap. 134. I. 6.
earnestly contend. Gr. *epagonizomai*. Only here. Cp. *agonizomai*. Luke 13. 24.
once = once for all.
delivered. Gr. *paradidomi*. See John 19. 30.
saints. See Acts 9. 13.
4 there are. Omit.
men. Ap. 123. 1.
crept in unawares. Gr. *pareisduo*. Only here. Cp. Gal. 2. 4. 2 Pet. 2. 1.
before . . . ordained = before written. Gr. *prographo*. See Rom. 15. 4.
condemnation. Ap. 177. 6.
ungodly men = impious. Gr. *asebes*. See Rom. 4. 5, and cp. Ap. 128. IV.
turning = changing. Gr. *metatithemi*. See Acts 7. 16.
grace. Ap. 184. I. 1.
lasciviousness. Gr. *aselgeia*. See Rom. 13. 13.
denying. See 2 Pet. 2. 1.
God. The texts omit.
Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. B. 2. B.
5 will. Ap. 102. 3.

the = a.

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.

God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1.

when I gave = making.
common. Cp. Tit. 1. 4.

that ye should = to.

faith. Ap. 150. II. 1.

certain. Ap. 124. 4.

into. Ap. 104. vi.

Lord. Ap. 98. VI. ii. 2.

put ... in remembrance. Gr. *hupomimnesko*. See John 14. 26.
Some texts (not the Syriac) read "Jesus". Cp. 1 Cor. 10. 4.

knew. Ap. 132. I. i.

People. Gr. *laos*. See Acts 2. 47.

LORD. Ap. 98. VI. i. B. I. A. b.

land. Ap. 129. 4.

-5-16. RETRIBUTION.

- 5-7. Three Classes of apostates. Israelites. Fallen angels. Sodomites.
- 8. Lawlessness.
- 9. Judgment denounced. Michael.
- 10. Corruption.
- 11. Three individual apostates. Cain. Balaam (the soothsayer). Korah.
- 12, 13. Spots in love-feasts.
- 14, 15. Judgment predicted. Enoch.
- 16. Walking after lusts.

afterward. Lit. the second time, or in the second place.

destroyed. Gr. *apollumi*. See John 17. 12.

believed. Ap. 150. I. I. i.

6 kept. Same as "preserved", v. 1.

their first estate = their own principality (Ap. 172. 6). Cp. Eph. 1. 21; 3. 10; 6. 12. Col. 1. 16; 2. 10, 15.

habitation. Gr. *oikiterion*. Only here and 2 Cor. 5. 2.

reserved. Same as "kept", above.

everlasting. Ap. 151. II. C. ii.

chains. Gr. *desmos*. Not same word as Rev. 20. 1.

under. Ap. 104. xviii. 2.

darkness. See 2 Pet. 2. 4.

judgment. Ap. 177. 7.

day. See Matt. 25. 41. Rev. 20. 10, 11.

7 about. Ap. 104. xiii. 2.

manner. Add "to these", i.e. the angels of v. 6. The sin of Sodom and Gomorrha, like that of the angels of Gen.

6 (Ap. 23, 25), was an unnatural one, breaking through the bounds which God had set.

giving, &c. Gr. *ekporneuo*. Only here. An

intensive form of *porneuo*, which occ. 1 Cor. 6. 18.&c.

strange = other. Ap. 124. 2.

are set forth. Gr. *prokeimai*. See 2 Cor. 8. 12.

example. Gr. *deigma*. Only here.

suffering = undergoing. Gr. *hupecho*. Only here.

vengeance. Ap. 177. 4.

eternal. Ap. 151. II. B. i.

8 also these = these also.

dreamers = in their dreamings. Gr. *enupniazomai*. See Acts 2. 17.

defile. See John 18. 28.

despise. Gr. *atheteo*. See John 12. 48 (rejecteth).

dominion = lordship. See Eph. 1. 21. 2 Pet. 2.10 (government).

speak evil of = blaspheme.

dignities. Lit. glories. Cp. 2 Pet. 2. 10.

9 Yet ^oMichael the ^oarchangel, when ^ocontending with the devil he ^odisputed ^oabout the body of ^oMoses, durst not ^obring against him a *judgment of railing*, but said, "The Lord rebuke thee."

10 But these ^speak evil of those things which they ^sknow not: but what they know ^onaturally, as ^obrute beasts, in those things they *are destroyed*.

11 Woe unto them! for they *went* in the way of ^oCain, and *rushed* after the error of Balaam for *wages*, and perished in the *strife* of ^oCore.

12 These are *hidden rocks* in your *love feast, feasting* with you, ^ofeeding ^othemselves without fear: clouds *they are* without water, carried about of winds; trees *in autumnal decay, unfruitful*, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

13 *Wild waves* of the sea, ^ofoaming out their own shame; ^owandering stars, to whom *hath been* reserved the ^oblackness of darkness ^ofor ever.

14 *And to these also Enoch*, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, ^o"Behold, the Lord *came among* ten thousands of **His angels**,

15 To execute ^ojudgment *against* all, and to *convict* all *the ungodly of* them of all *the works of impiety* which they ... ^oungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches* which ^oungodly sinners *spake* ^oagainst **Him**."

16 These are ^omurmurers, ^ocomplainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth ^speaketh ^ogreat swelling *words, admiring persons* ^obecause of *profit*.

17 But, ^sbeloved, remember ye the ^owords which *have been* spoken before of the ^oapostles of our ^oLord Jesus Christ;

18 How that they *said to* you there *shall* be *scoffers* in the last time, *walking* after their own *lusts of impieties*.

19 These be they who *are separating, natural*, having not *spirit [the New Nature]*.

20 But ye, ^sbeloved, ^obuilding up yourselves on your most holy ^ofaith, praying in the *Holy Spirit*.

21 ^oKeep yourselves in *God's love to you*, ^olooking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto ^oeternal ^olife.

9 Michael. See Dan. 10. 13.

archangel. See 1 Thess. 4. 16. No other angel bears this title.

contending. Ap. 122. 4.

disputed. Gr. *dialegomai*. See Acts 17. 2.

about. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

Moses. The seventy-ninth occ. of the name. See Matt. 8. 4. This dispute must have taken place after the death of Moses and his burial by Jehovah, for "death reigned from Adam to (until) Moses" (Rom. 5. 14). The devil claimed Moses for the death-state, but God raised him as representative of those hereafter to be raised, as Elijah of those to be caught up without dying.

bring against. Gr. *epiphero*. See Acts 19. 12.

railing accusation. Lit. judgment (Ap. 177. 7) of railing (Gr. *blasphemia*).

LORD. Ap. 98. VI. i. B. 1. B. b.

10 know. Ap. 132. I. v.

naturally. Gr. *phusikos*. Only here. Cp. 2 Pet. 2. 12.

brute. See 2 Pet. 2. 12.

in. Ap. 104. viii.

corrupt themselves = are destroyed. Gr. *phtheiro*. See 1 Cor. 3. 17.

11 have gone = went.

Cain. His way was that of natural religion, not the way God had appointed.

ran greedily = rushed. Lit. were poured out. Gr. *ekchuno*. Often transl. "shed".

reward. Same word as in 2 Pet. 2. 13, 15.

perished. Gr. *apollumi*. See John 17. 12.

gainsaying. Gr. *antilogia*. See Heb. 6. 16; 12. 3. In five places where the Heb. has "Meribah", the Sept. transl. it by *antilogia*. Num. 20. 13; 27. 14. Deut. 32. 51; 33. 8. Ps. 81. 7.

Core. Korah, as the two others, resisted the declared will of God.

12 spots = hidden rocks, as the texts. Gr. *spilas*. Only here. The word in Eph. 5. 27 and 2 Pet. 2. 13 is *spilos*.

feasts of charity. Lit. loves, i.e. love-feasts. Ap. 135. II. 1.

when they feast = feasting. See 2 Pet. 2. 13.

feeding. Lit. pasturing, as a shepherd does his flock.

themselves. Making the love-feast an occasion of gratifying the appetite, instead of promoting spiritual edification. Cp. Ezek. 34. 2.

whose fruit withereth = in autumnal decay. Gr. *phthinoporinos*. Only here.

without fruit. Gr. *akarpous*. Elsewhere transl. "unfruitful".

13 Raging = Wild. Gr. *agrius*. Occ. Matt. 3. 4. Mark 1. 6.

foaming out. Gr. *epaphrizo*. Only here.

wandering. Gr. *planetes*. Only here.

is = hath been.

blackness. Same as "darkness", v. 6.

for ever. Ap. 151. II. A. ii. 4. a.

14 And, &c. Read, "And to these also Enoch".

Behold. Ap. 133. 1. 2.

cometh. Lit. came.

with = among. Ap. 104. viii. 2.

saints = holy ones, i.e. angels. Cp. Deut. 33. 2, R. V. Matt. 25. 31. Mark 8. 38.

15 upon = against. Ap. 104. x. 1.

that are = the.

among = of. The texts omit.

have. Omit.

ungodly committed. See 2 Pet. 2. 6.

16 murmurers. Gr. *gongustes*. Only here. Cp. John 6. 41. Acts 6. 1.

after. Ap. 104. x. 2.

great swelling. See 2 Pet. 2. 18.

See 1 John 3. 12.

advantage = profit. See Rom. 3. 1.

apostles. Ap. 189.

Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. B. 2. A.

mockers = scoffers. See 2 Pet. 3. 3.

in. The texts read Ap. 104. ix. 1.

ungodly lusts = lusts of impieties (Ap. 128. IV).

sensual. Gr. *psuchikos*. See 1 Cor. 2. 14. Jas. 3. 15.

20 building up. See Acts 20. 32.

praying. Ap. 134. I. 2.

Holy Ghost = holy spirit. Ap. 101. II. 14.

on His Word.

looking for. Gr. *prosdexomai*. See Acts 23. 21.

convince = convict. Gr. *exelencho*. Only here, but the texts read *elencho*, as John 8. 9.

their = the.

ungodly deeds = works of impiety (Ap. 128. IV).

have spoken = spake. Ap. 121. 7.

against. Ap. 104. x. 1.

complainers. Gr. *mempsimoiros*. Only here.

having, &c. = admiring persons.

because of. Gr. *charin*.

17 words. Gr. *rhema*. See Mark 9. 32.

were = have been.

18 told = said to.

should = shall.

who, &c. walking.

19 separate themselves = are separating. Gr. *apodiorizo*. Only here.

Spirit. Here "spirit". Ap. 101. II. 5.

faith Ap. 150. II. 1; i.e. the object of faith Cp. 1 Cor. 3. 11.

21 the love of God = God's love to you, i.e. the assurance of it, based

life. Ap. 170. 1.