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. See Introductory Notes. the = a. 
2 servant. Ap. 190. I. 2 
6 Father. Ap. 98. III. 
7 preserved = kept. Gr. tereo. Occ five times in the epistle, vv. 1, 6, 6, 13, 21. The word phulasso is used in v. 24. 
8 unto = to. 
9 love. Ap. 135. II. I. 
10 The only salutation where “love” is mentioned. 
11 multiplied. Cp. 1 Cor. 10. 4. 
13 See John 17. 12. 
14 See Rom. 15. 4. 
15 See Rom. 1. 24. 
16 See Acts 2. 47. 

Beloved, for you know that the Lord, having saved you, and called: 
1 merciful to you, and peace, and beloved, multiplied. 
2 love, be multiplied. 
3 once for all delivered 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 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. 

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

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-5.16. RETRIBUTION.

8. Lawlessness.
10. Corruption.

afterward. Lit. the second time, or in the second place. 
6 kept. Same as “preserved”, v. 1. 
8 also these also. dreamers = in their dreamings. Gr. enupnizomai. See Acts 2. 17. 
9 despise. Gr. atheteo. See John 12. 48 (rejecteth). 
10 speak evil of = blaspheme. 

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But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they are destroyed.

11 Wo unto them! for they went in the way of Cain, and rushed after the error of Balaam for wages, and perished in the strife of Core.

12 These are hidden rocks in your love feast, feasting with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees in autumnal decay, unfruitful, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; wandering stars, to whom hath been reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

13 And to these also Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord came among ten thousands of His angels.

14 To execute judgment against all, and to convict all the ungodly of them of all the works of impiety which they ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners speak against Him.

16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, admiring persons because of profit.

17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which have been spoken before of the apostles of our Lord 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, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.

21 Keep yourselves in God's love to you, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

that are = of. The texts omit.
have. Omit. ungodly committed. See 2 Pet. 2. 6.
great swelling. See 2 Pet. 2. 18.
advantage = profit. See Rom. 3. 1.
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mockers = scoffers. See 2 Pet. 3. 3.
godly 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.

convince = convict. Gr. exelencho. Only here, but the texts read elencho, as John 8. 9.
their = the.
ungenodly deeds = works of impiety (Ap. 128. IV).
have spoken = speak. Ap. 121. 7.
complainers. Gr. mengisimoivos. Only here.

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

18 told = said to.
should = shall.

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


3 faith = 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 on His Word.
22 And of some have compassion, making a difference:
23 And others save in fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.
24 Now to Him That is able to guard you without falling, and to make you stand blameless before the presence of His glory, in exultation,
25 To the only… God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both before every age and now and unto all the ages. Amen.

22 have compassion. Some texts read elencho, "convict". making, &c. Ap. 122. 4, but several texts read "when they contend".
spotted. Gr. spiloo, See Jas. 3. 6, and cp. Rev. 3. 4.
present = set, or make stand. See Acts 22. 30.
before the presence of. Gr. katenopion. See 2 Cor. 2. 17.
glory. See p. 1511.

now, &c. The texts read "before every age and now and unto all the ages".

exceeding joy = exultation. Gr. agalliasis. See Acts 2. 46.
megalosune. See Heb. 1. 3.
now, &c. The texts read "before every age and now and unto all the ages".