

The Letter of

# Jude



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## **How does Jude handle this problem?**

- **First, he points out that God will not ignore this kind of thing; the judgment of this kind of person is certain.**
- **He supplies three Biblical examples to support it.**



# The Children of Israel

- **To begin with, he reminds the people that when God brought the people out of Egypt, he did a great thing; well over a million people were saved by the power and right hand of God.**



- **But they were a mixed multitude, as the Old Testament tells us. While some of them were really believers, others were not.**
- **They were all delivered, and they were all set free.**
- **They all went through the Red Sea and all experienced the miracles of God's fatherly care.**



- **But when they came into the wilderness, God began to choose and judge among them.**
- **Those who murmured and complained and rejected his leadership, refusing to enter into the land, he judged.**



- **Finally, out of all the multitude that left Egypt, only two men entered into the land -- Joshua and Caleb.**
- **The rest all perished in the wilderness.**
- **Their children entered in, but this was God's way of saying that he has a way of handling those who refuse to act by faith.**



## 2. The fallen angels

- **He reminds us of the angels who did not keep their first position. These angels lived in the very presence of God and ministered before him, serving constantly at his bidding, and yet they followed Satan in his rebellion.**
- **They came to earth and became involved with the daughters of men.**



- **Thus, they too were reserved for judgment.**
- **His point is that even angels are not excluded from judgment, when they fall through pride and lust.**
- **And pride and lust characterized these men that Jude was talking about.**





# **The judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah**

- **These two cities in the plain, down at the southern end of the Dead Sea, had fallen into the practice of homosexuality.**
- **So open, so blatant, so widely accepted was the practice, that when the angels visited Lot, the men of the city surrounded his house and ordered Lot to bring those men out so that they might have their way with them.**



**For this, God judged that city.**



# Lesson to be learned:

- **Jude reminds us that God does not take these things lightly.**
- **There is a judgment provided for it. It may be sudden, as in the case of Sodom and Gomorrah. It may be long-delayed as in the case of the angels; or it may come about in the natural course of events, as in the case of those who came out of Egypt.**



**God is not going to ignore it.**