Ministry of The Holy Spirit Jude 9-16

Last time...The Epistle of Jude, part 1

A greeting of unfathomable magnitude, worthy of much meditation

v1-2 including "preserved in Jesus Christ"

The purpose of this letter

v3-4

The reminder of past judgments of God of the ungodly

v5-8 reserved unto judgment

- Israel in the wilderness
- the fallen angels
- Sodom and Gomorrah

Does God judge?

Will God judge the ungodly again?

This time...the Epistle of Jude, part 2

Much more about "these" false teachers, false apostles, false shepherds, false prophets

v9 Yet...contrary to "these" (v8)

Michael the Archangel..."chief angel", angelic champion

- the great prince (of angels) that stands up for Israel in the last day, a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation, the time when Israel will be delivered (Dan 12:1)
- the victor over Satan in the coming war in heaven (Rev 12:7-9)

when contending with the devil about the body of Moses... Deut 34:1-6

This fight is not a part of the OT record, but is revealed here thru Jude

Why this "hand-to-hand" combat for Moses' body?

Moses will need it again...his ministry is not finished!

Matt 17 recognized by Peter, James, and John

Rev 11 (?) Law and Prophets testify of Lord Jesus Christ during 1st half of the 70th Week of Daniel...judgment

And it is his physical body, not a spiritual body

1 Cor 15:42-44 So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

because

1 Cor 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Rev 11:7-12

Is the Almighty able, for His Divine purposes, to

- resurrect and sustain a physical body for ~3475 years and counting?
 (Moses)
- sustain a physical body for ~2920 years and counting: (Elijah)

Sure! How long did Martha and Mary's brother Lazarus live after he was resurrected, and the son of the widow of Nain, etc?

To the Almighty Creator, what is the difference between several years and several decades and several millennia?

Jer 32:27 Behold, I *am* the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

dared not bring a railing accusation against Satan...did not take it upon himself to vilify, condemn, and judge Satan

but said, "The Lord rebuke you."

Judgment is the prerogative (exclusive right) of the

• Creator

Col 1:15-16 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

• righteous Judge

John 5:22-23 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father

which hath sent him.

Matt 28:18 All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

If not vilifying, condemning, and judging unclean spirits is true for Michael the Archangel then, how much more is it true for us mere mortals now? Spiritual warfare is fought "in the name/authority/power of Jesus",

the power granted to us to fight but the battle still belongs to the Lord to whom judgment belongs (Acts 16:18, Eph 6:10-18)

Mystery: Later in glorified spiritual bodies, but not now in physical bodies 1 Cor 6:3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels?

v10 But...contrary to "The Lord rebuke you" by Michael the Archangel

these...v4, v8

speak evil of those things which they know not...vilify dominions and dignities (v8) and the truths of God revealed in the Word of God because they

- do not know, because they do not believe/trust the Word of God
- are not spiritually discerned (1 Cor 2:14)

what they know naturally...of their nature, the sin nature (wrong-being, dead in sin) In their natural mind, they Is 5:20 (which begins with "Woe") and....

as brute beasts...not children of God being born-again of the Spirit of God, being no different than a cow (the lights are on but nobody is home!)

in those things they corrupt themselves...defile themselves with wrong-doing upon wrong-doing flowing from their wrong-being and flowing to self-ruin

Is 5:21 Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

- v11 Woe unto them...an exclamation of grief by a Father Who
 - takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked
 - does not desire that any perish but rather come to repentance and to the acknowledging of the Truth
 - contends for good with those who contend with Him for evil
 - is merciful (holds their breath in His hands...)
 - blesses those who curse Him, making the sun to rise on the evil and on the good and sending rain upon the just and the unjust

Incontrovertible (not open to question or dispute) to the Lord God Almighty is the Cross of Christ

- the Father's sin sacrifice for the sins of the whole world (all fallen mankind)
- Jesus Christ
 - o Author and Finisher of faith
 - setting aside His glory to take on our form and be our Kinsman-Redeemer
 - o born of a virgin, made of a woman, made under the law
 - o not destroying the Law and prophets but fulfilling them
 - o bearing our sin when He had no sin
 - o made a curse for us
 - o paying in full our debt to God
 - o our High Priest making atonement for our sin whereby we are forgiven of our sin by our Father

 the innocent dying for the guilty, laying down His life and taking it up again that we might have His eternal Life by faith

Incontrovertible (not open to question or dispute) to the Lord God Almighty is the righteousness which is of God by faith, the faith of Christ 1 John 5:9-14

Incontrovertible (not open to question or dispute) to the Lord God Almighty is the Gospel of Grace

- salvation from the righteous judgment of God and from eternal death is only in Jesus
- salvation is a gift for whosoever believes/trusts God
- salvation is what God did for us, NOT what we do for Him
 Jesus' righteousness (perfection) is given to the unworthy
 because the unworthy simply cannot earn
 worthiness/righteous (perfection)
- Rom 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Eph 2:8-9

Incontrovertible (not open to question or dispute) to the Lord God Almighty is the unity of the Body of Christ and the love for the brethren

Matt 22:36-40

John 13:34-35

1 John 3:14-17

1 John 4:20-21

every Epistle of Paul

The unity of the Body of Christ in one accord with the Head of the Body is the beauty of the Body of Christ

Personal testimony: Monica's cancer treatment (2018)

I learned of her diagnosis while I was in Egypt to talk with Egyptian ministry leaders and for a Youth Conference (before we had our own structure)

I was stunned and numbed by Monica's phone call I told Daniel and we prayed

At the Conference, a man I had not met before came up to me, handed me some Egyptian pounds (equivalent of \$35 then, much less now) saying, "I don't know why but the Lord told me to give this to you." (a very significant gift, it cost him something, given to an American!!)

Back home, our 1st meeting with Banner was Finance Dept (of course, right?!)

Banner estimate: \$300K

Breath-taking, literally Mind-spinning, literally

"Lord...", speechless, literally groaning

But my 1st payment, given that morning, was \$35, accompanied by the testimony of its source

Over the next 2 years, the actual cost was over \$370K Over 20 individuals/families in this Body gifted us Samaritan Ministries, a Christian healthcare sharing ministry, worked!

Results of the Head of the Body working thru the Body of Christ

- We had zero medical expense debt!
- We are even more very sensitive to and responsive to the needs of the parts of the Body, like H in Lebanon (1 John 3:17)

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- the Cross of Christ
- the righteousness which is of God by faith, the faith of Christ
- the Gospel of Grace
- the unity of the Body of Christ and the love for the brethren which is why this is such are hard-hitting letter

Woes unto them..."these" of v4 and v8 and v10

1. live in the way of Cain (Gen 4)

firstborn son of Adam and Eve...first fruit, $1^{\rm st}$ human born of woman a farmer, Abel a shepherd

self-righteousness (the offering of his works),

rejecting the righteousness of God (sacrifice of an innocent life) bitterness vs repentance leading to murder

1 John 3:12

Matt 5:20

Was cast out of the presence of God, cursed/judged by the holy God

2. run greedily after the error of Balaam for reward (Num 22-25)

mercenary prophet hired by Balak the king of the Moabites to curse God's people (who were just passing thru, told by God not to mess with Moabites for they were Lot's descendants and had their own Godgiven land)

overlooking the camp of Israel...a Cross (Num 2)

worshipping Mammon, he made merchandise of the children of Israel for self-gain at Beth-Peor

- Deut 23:3-5 An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD for ever: Because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee. Nevertheless the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the LORD thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the LORD thy God loved thee.
- Rev 2:14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.
- Matt 18:6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and *that* he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Num 31:7-17

- v8 And they slew the kings of Midian...Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword.
- v15-16 And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive? Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

Was judged by the holy God

- 3. perish in the gainsaying of Korah (Num 16) disputed the authority given by God to Moses self-promoting and divisive, drawing disciples unto himself
 - Num 16:31-33 And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that *was* under them: And the earth opened her mouth, and

swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods. They, and all that *appertained* to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.

Was judged by the holy God

v12-13 These...false teachers/prophets/apostles/shepherds of v4 and v8 and v10 and v11

are...

- spots in your feasts of charity..."reef of rock in the sea",
 a grave danger to the "smooth sailing" (the unity and beauty) of the Body,
 without conscience partaking in the fellowship they are actively seeking to
 destroy
- 2. clouds without water...like a monsoon cloud at our house this year of no good to anyone, just a bunch of hot air being carried about by the winds of false doctrine
- 3. trees twice dead...unripen fruit that falls off the tree or barren i.e. worthless
 Matt 3:10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees:
 therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is
 hewn down, and cast into the fire.
 - Luke 13:6-9 He spake also this parable; A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung *it*: And if it bear fruit, *well*: and if not, *then* after that thou shalt cut it down. (and it will be!!!)
- 4. raging waves of the sea...the wicked *are* like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. (Is 57:20), foaming their own shame, boasting of their vile passion

DNC this past week – a parade of vile passion, a platform of death

a. abortion, the most important issue on the platform

Planned Parenthood set up a mobile abortion facility right outside the convention hall, offering free abortions, free abortion drugs (innocent children died right outside the DNS), and free vasectomies

Parades of protesters dressed as abortion pills

2 Kings 24:4 a national sin the Lord will not pardon, the horrific worshipping a demon named Molech who demanded the sacrifice of innocent children to be appeased

Will be judged by the holy God

b. anti-Israel

Compared to the party's platform statements about Israel over the past 20 years, the steady erosion of support for Israel has continued and is now nearly vanished

In the 2024 Democratic platform, there is no longer any language about "shared values" and "strategic interests," or "common interests" with Israel.

There is not a syllable of praise for Israel as the "only democracy" in the region.

There is nothing about the "special relationship" with Israel that was included in the Democratic platforms of 2004 and 2008.

In fact, most of the platform's statement is not in support of Israel, but more about punishing the Jewish state for the acts of its "settlers" and declaring "settlements" illegal; without a word about Israel's right, according to the Mandate for Palestine, to create settlements for Jews west of the Jordan River.

Jerusalem's "final status" according to the Democratic platform is to be subject to "negotiation," even though east Jerusalem has been part of the Jewish state since 1967.

Gen 12:3 choosing the curse/judgment of God

Joel 3:1-2 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and *for* my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

Zech 12:2-3 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah *and* against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces,

though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. Will be judged by the holy God

Am I saying the Republican Party is "God's Party"?

No! Republicans have blood on their hands also for the murder of innocent and defenseless babies, by funding Planned Parenthood

But the RNC platform is not a platform of death, it is

- 1. pro-life
- 2. pro-Israel

Looking at the issues and not the personalities, I am utterly confounded by the blindness and hypocrisy of followers of Jesus Christ (Life) who vote Democratic and their pro-death platform, which is morally bankrupt and contrary to the Word of God (sound doctrine)

To vote for a Democratic candidate is to vote for a pro-abortion and anti-Israel platform, is to

- be complicit in that unpardonable crime against God
- poke God in the apple of His eye

I am equally confounded by the blindness of Jews that vote Democratic, to their own hurt

Note: To not vote is to be silent, a form of denial of God

5. wandering stars reserved (same Gr word as in v1 and v6) the blackness of darkness/death forever (2nd death, judged by the holy God as worthy of eternal death in the Lake of Fire along with the fallen angels)

And the judgments of the holy God spoken of in the Epistle have been foretold for a very long time!

- v14-15 In fact, Enoch, the 7th generation from Adam, prophesied of this judgment of God
 - almost 5000 years ago
 - 600 1000 years before the Flood, the 1st world-wide judgment (by water)

Gen 5:21-24...a type of the Church, snatched off the earth before the 2nd world-wide judgment of God (by fire)

Note: Enoch, like Moses and Elijah, physically and not in a spiritual body because Christ is the firstfruits of a spiritual body (the only begotten of the Father, "This day have I begotten You...")

This prophesy is not a part of the OT record, but is revealed here thru Jude

Before he was translated off the earth into the presence of God, Enoch by the Spirit of God foretold of the Lord coming to earth with "ten thousands" ("myriad", an infinite number) of His saints (v1) to execute judgment

upon all...none overlooked, no one worthy of judgment escapes judgment

and to convince all..."convict fully", declare utterly guilty

- that are **ungodly**...heart is wicked, irreverent toward the holy God
- of their **ungodly** deeds...their actions are wickedness
- which they **ungodly** committed...in willful defiance of and rebellion against the holy God
- of all their harsh sayings...fierce words to and about the holy God
- which **ungodly** sinners...not repentant and forgiven sinners
- have spoken against Him...the Lord God and Lord Jesus Christ (v4)

As mercy and peace and love are multiplied (v2), so is ungodliness (v4) As preserved are the saints, so reserved are the "aints"

v16 These...v4 and v8 and v10 and v11 and v12

are...

- murmurers, grumbling about God, the Word of God, the ways of God the antithesis of faith
- complainers...blaming others for all that is "wrong", themselves being "Teflon"
- walking after their own lusts...given over to carnal lusts of the flesh and the world
- their mouths speaking great swelling words...children of the devil, blasphemers of the holy God and His made-holy people
- having men's persons in admiration because of advantage...lifting up/exalting the "elites", "beautiful people", celebrities, and fashionistas for their self-gain
- the very antithesis of Jesus Christ our Lord Who set aside His glory at the right hand of the Father to come to earth to suffer, die, be buried, and rise again the 3rd day to make reconciliation for the sins of the people the Father so loved

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All those who stand unrepentantly against the Father and the Son will be judged. Eternally so.

Is 45:9a Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! Rev 22:12-15

Unbeliever:

Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and get on the Ark!!! Because the judgment of a holy God is coming!

Believer:

Next week