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Jude according to scholars and "Got Questions" state that Jude was the half-brother of James, the half-brother of Jesus, making Jude a half-brother of Jesus as well. To be clear, Joseph, Mary's husband was not the father of Jesus the Christ. God is the Father of Jesus the Christ and miraculously implanted the seed that became Jesus in the flesh by a Spiritual means. Mary and Joseph had other children (James, Jude) and those other children would then be the "half-brothers or sisters" to Jesus.

It is believed that the book of Jude was written between 60-80 AD about the time that 2 Peter was written. It is uncertain if 2 Peter was written first and Jude quoted 2 Peter or vice-versa.

Jude wanted to write about salvation, but as we know all the Bible is inspired by God and written by willing servants to carry God's message to us. In this case, Jude cites his intent and then changes to accommodate what God wants him to write about and that is false teachers, and evil in the end of the age, the very age we are living in.

1 Corinthians 2: 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

2 Timothy 3: <u>16</u>All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: <u>17</u>That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Jude 1

Greetings from Jude

(James 1:1-1)

1Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: 2Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

Jude out of humbleness does not declare himself to being halfbrother to Jesus but to James who is also the half-brother of Jesus. Jude and James father was Joseph and their mother was Mary, who is the mother of Jesus.

God's Judgment on the Ungodly

(Genesis 4:1-7; Romans 2:1-16)

3Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

As we said in the foreword Jude wanted to write of the "common salvation", the salvation that was brought by Jesus the Christ to the common man and woman. This word in the Geek was Koinis and from the Hebrew meaning it represented "unclean or unwashed".

Jude then transitions to the basis of his letter and that was to encourage those of his time and of the "end of the age" to

"contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

Where Jude is heading is to address a fear of false teachers who have somehow worked their way into the church, teaching licentiousness. Licentiousness is defined as: debauchery, shamelessness, decadence. We can see many of these types of traits in some man-made-churches we see around the world. Last week we talked about Mark Zuckerberg and his intent to launch an internet religion we see more of this coming to fruition.

https://thefederalist.com/2021/08/06/mark-zuckerberg-is-planting-the-first-church-of-the-

metaverse/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_ca mpaign=the_federalist_daily_briefing_2021_08_06&utm_term=20 21-08-06

We know that in the end times there will be a One World Government under the control of the Anti-Christ, a One World Religion under the control of the Anti-Christ and the False Prophet and a One World Economy under the control of the Anti-Christ and his associates.

Recently as this month of August the IMF, International Monetary Fund put into circulation 750 billion Dollars on what they call Special Drawing Rights for countries in financial collapse.

"A plan to boost global liquidity means the days of the U.S. dollar being the undisputed king of the international monetary system may be coming to a close, experts told The Epoch Times."

The full story can be found below:

https://www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_morningbrief/concerns-surround-imf-plan-to-flood-world-with-liquidity_3899453.html?utm_source=sharemorningbriefnoe&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=mb-2021-07-14&mktids=cc79aec2861489433eb494358963bf99

According to some experts the goal of the IMF is to remove the US Currency as the anchor currency of the world and replace it

with a world fiat currency. That is a step that must occur to bring about the One World Economy.

Most if not all governments must collapse or fail for a One World Government to exist, and we see that Zuckerberg is trying to set up the foundation for what might be considered a One World Religion.

4For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

This allegation is against people inside the churches. Not necessarily THE CHURCH that Jesus started and calls His Bride, but within the arena of man-made religions that purport to be the "real" church. The signs of this contemporary occurring and the prophecy that it would happen to a larger extent at the "end of the age", meaning the Church Age. The Church Age began at Pentecost and continues until the beginning of the Tribulation.

The evil that is ever growing within many mainline denominations and cults is frightening. Pastors and congregations rejecting what God calls sin and promoting those very acts as acts of love.

Romans 1: <u>18</u>For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; <u>19</u>Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. <u>20</u>For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: <u>21</u>Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. <u>22</u>Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, <u>23</u>And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 25Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

<u>26</u>For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: <u>27</u>And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

28And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 29Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 32Who knowing the judgment of God, that they

which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

There are those who call themselves Christian but practice the very thing that God declares as sin. Perhaps their Christianity is merely head knowledge without a circumcised heart?

5 will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

The Hebrew Nation was privileged to see many miracles that God brought in their defense only to have them time and time again reject their God who has called them His Own. Jude is calling those who read this letter to remembrance of just one of those may miracles. Jude points out that after God intervened there were those who still refused to believe Him. God's response was to destroy them in their ignorance.

6And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

After studying the Word and a variety of possibilities lain out by commentators, I have come to the belief that these "angels who kept not their first estate" are angles that are referred to in Genesis 6

Genesis 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

I also believe that sin was so egregious among angels that they are currently bound in chains as described previously. They are bound there until judgement.

2 Peter 2:4 "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;" (2Pe 2:4)

<u>7</u>Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah are well known to Christians, but we gloss over a few small words here. "...and the cities about them in like manner...". So, there were other cities nearby that suffered the same consequence as did Sodom and Gomorrah.

I believe this can all harken back to the fallen angels that cohabited with human women. Wickedness continued to metastasis and grow upon the earth. Man and woman are fully capable of perpetuating sin learned from fallen angels. It is one reason God took such firm steps in sealing those fallen angels in the abys until judgment day. The problem is and has been that since the "knowledge of good and evil" was introduced into

mankind it has continued to decay to the point of no return for many in humanity. There may be an ongoing and further aberration of the gene pool being polluted with the DNA of angels from the fall of those angels and the procreation that occurred after the flood. It is likely that Satan's plan was to pollute the gene pool significantly enough that a pure blood line could not be found. The idea is that for Christ to be the perfect sacrifice His blood line would need to be perfect.

Genesis 6:9 9These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. 10And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

So how did the evil and tainted blood line continue after the flood to allow for such evil as Sodom and Gomorrah and surrounding cities to become so evil?

Unless more angels gave up their position after the flood and did as their former fallen angels did, we are left with only one possibility and that is the one or more of the women that Noah saved for his sons had tainted DNA and continued to pass that on. It is speculation so I won't go further than ask that question and supply a possible answer.

8Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

These "filthy dreamers" is speaking of the men of Sodom and Gomorrah and surround towns.

This "despise dominion" is a reference to humans who in their minds and actions nullify the "dominion". Dominion according to:

Strong's Concordance

Phonetic Spelling: (koo-ree-ot'-ace)

Definition: lordship

Usage: (a) abstr: lordship, (b) concr: divine or angelic lordship, domination, dignity, usually with reference to a celestial hierarchy.

It appears that mankind in Sodom and Gomorrah were in such alignment with these fallen angels that they rejected the celestial hierarchy within the angelic ranks and brought that ideal of rejecting lordship to their cities. The result was total and complete evil in their thoughts and actions. The only cure was total destruction.

<u>9</u>Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

My sense is that we should be cautious about how we interact with devils, fallen angels, demons etc. There is an established hierarchy within God's creation, from God at His Throne all the way down to the smallest of His Creation.

Q. Man was created where in that domain?

God created man a little lower than Himself some translations put it a little lower than Angels.

Hebrews 2: 6But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

<u>Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:</u>

These two verses in Hebrews are speaking of mankind then of our Savior Jesus Christ. God made man a little lower than the angels and then did likewise with Christ to show the perfect sacrifice of a perfect human for the sins of all mankind to fulfill the God's Law of sin and death.

My point is that remember our place in the hierarchy of God's Creation. I believe at the Rapture or after judgement that hierarchy my change as we are told that we will judge the angels.

1 Corinthians 6:3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

But until then when we rebuke an evil spirit from ourselves or others we may want to follow the lead of Michael the Arch Angel and instead of declaring our power simply ask God to rebuke whatever is buffeting us. 10But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. 11Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

These men listed here all committed sin that was based on self-gain. Cain for his anger at his brother prospering in his offering to God, leading Cain through uncontrolled anger to kill his brother Able. Balaam was after Cain by many years but for gain of money and power defied God. And finally Core who is Korah (Numbers 16:1-40) who rebelled against the authority of Moses in the desert. He and his entire family and all connected with his rebellion were swallowed up by the earth.

12These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; 13Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

Jude gives us a diabolical description of the evil in man's heart.

The point he is making is leading to his main point and that is the evil that has crept into the church; false teacher, false prophets.

14And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten

thousands of his saints, <u>15</u>To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. <u>16</u>These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

The old saying; 'Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely' by Lord Acton is born out in our history. In 1887 Lord Acton actually said: "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men."

I am afraid he was not far from the truth as we have seen played out time and time again and even today.

In the next verses Jude is going to allude to the end times those which we are living in. He promotes the advice given to us by Christ Himself in how to deal with these times.

A Call to Persevere

(Hebrews 10:19-39)

17But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; 18How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. 19These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

The sin that seems to be the catalyst for many other sin's rests in unbelief. Unbelief in our Creator God and His Son who died to save us. Instead, the world is self-aggrandizing, self, self, self. When our view is inward, concerned only on our own life how can we see what is of need on the outside.

20But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, 21Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. 22And of some have compassion, making a difference: 23And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Our only look inside should be of self judgement. Examining ourselves in light of God's Word, the Truth.

1 Corinthians 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

It should not be to build ourselves up but to realize how far short we fall from the Glory of God. If you want to be "woke" look to Christ and He will wake you to the Truth, not to the lies of self and Satan and the lies of evil man.

Doxology

(Romans 11:33-36; Romans 16:25-27)

24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his

glory with exceeding joy, <u>25</u>To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

It is Christ plus nothing else that is our HOPE for eternity with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. As our lives come to a conclusion, either through death of old age or any means God deems appropriate to take us home we must place our Faith in Him, The One Who Died for us. He is our Redemption and our Joy.