

## Translation of Jude by Tony A. Bartolucci

**1** Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who have been called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: **2** May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.

**3** Beloved, although I was making every effort to write to you concerning our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. **4** For certain men have slipped in, those whose judgment was written about long ago, ungodly [men] who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

**5** Now I wish to remind you, although you know all things, that the Lord having once saved a people out of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe. **6** And the angels who did not keep their own domain, but deserted their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day. **7** Just as Sodom and Gomorrah, and those cities around them, in like manner as these, indulged in sexual immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire. **8** Yet in the same way, these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and blaspheme majestic beings. **9** But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the Devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a reviling judgment, but said, "the Lord rebuke you!" **10** But these men revile all that they do not understand; and all that they know by instinct, like animals without reason, by these things they are destroyed. **11** Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain and for wages they have abandoned themselves to the error of Balaam and have perished in the rebellion of Kora. **12** These are those who are reefs in your love [feasts] when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried away by winds, autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, uprooted; **13** wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam, wandering stars for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever. **14** And it was also about these men that Enoch prophesied in the seventh [generation] from Adam, saying: "Behold, the Lord came with ten thousand of His holy ones, **15** to execute judgment upon every soul, and to convict all the ungodly of all of their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." **16** These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their own lusts; and they speak arrogantly, flattering others for the sake of gaining an advantage.

**17** But you, beloved, must remember the words spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, **18** that they were saying to you, "In the last time there will be mockers pursuing their own ungodly passions." **19** These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly, without the Spirit. **20** But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, **21** keep yourselves in God's love while waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. **22** And have mercy on those who are doubting; **23** but save others by snatching them out of the fire. And on some have mercy with fear while hating even the garment which is polluted by the flesh.

**24** Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, **25** to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen!