

JUDE: Lesson 4

Verse 5: Remember What Happened to the Israelites

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Read verses 1 thru 8.

Jude gives three examples of people who believed, and then were judged (vss 5-7).

- The children of Israel whom God saved out of Egypt who were later destroyed in the wilderness because of their unbelief.
- The angels that kept not their first estate, now awaiting judgment.
- Sodom and Gomorrah who gave themselves over to fornication and went after strange flesh.
 - These all opposed the Lord God (vss 4-5). They didn't want God to run their lives.

We must contend with the ungodly men who creep into the church so that we don't become like them.

- They defile the flesh. They are dirty and unholy.
- They despise dominion. They hate being told what to do.
- They speak evil of dignities. They criticize anybody who is living right.

THE FIRST EXAMPLE: THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

"I will therefore put you in remembrance..." (vs 5). God wants believers to remember what happened to the children of Israel.

- They witnessed ten judgments (ten plagues) that fell upon the unbelieving Egyptians.
- **"Afterward destroyed them** (the Israelites who had been saved by God) **that believed not."**
- Christians today are saved concerning matters of eternity, but not matters of time.
 - Matters of eternity are secured forever. You can't lose your salvation.
 - If you (a believer) fail to believe God concerning matters of time, you will reap God's judgment in the here and now.

EXAMPLES TO REMEMBER / TEN JUDGMENTS ON THE ISRAELITE PEOPLE

1) **Numbers 11:1** When the Israelites complained (about God), **"it displeased the LORD... and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed them that were in...the camp."**

- They were part of the redeemed people (in the camp), on their way to the Promised Land, but God's fire burned them up for their unbelief.

2) **Numbers 11:4-10** The Israelites complained that they didn't have any flesh to eat. They were not happy that God took them away from their old life. Moses heard them complain and God's anger was kindled (vs 10).

11:30-34 They wanted flesh and God gave them flesh. God will not stop you if you want to sin. He'll let you go as deep into sin as you want to, but you'll regret it in the end.

And while the flesh was yet between their teeth...the LORD smote the people with a very great plague...they buried the people that lusted (vss 33-34).

3) **Numbers 12:1-12** **"Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses..."** Their familiarity with the preacher caused them to get their eyes off of the Lord and onto the transgressions of the preacher. This resulted in their own transgression (opposing God's chosen leader).

“⁹ And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them...¹⁰ and behold, Miriam became leprous...¹² as one dead.” Your sin will make you appear to be just as dead as an unsaved person who is *dead in trespasses and sins* (Eph 2:1).

4) Numbers 14:26-35 **“I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me.” “...ye shall not come into the land.” “...in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.”**

5) Numbers 14:37 **“...those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD.”**

- God’s warning here is to avoid people who contradict His promises.

6) Numbers 16:1-4 **“Korah...with certain of the children of Israel (250)...gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron...”**

16:23-24 God warned Moses to get away from those men who opposed His leadership.

16:29-33 **“The earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up...and they perished from among the congregation.”** (Notice they were IN the congregation. Jude’s warning is about those who creep INTO the congregation. God destroyed them in Moses’ day).

7) Numbers 16:35 **“And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.”** (See Numbers 16:16-18).

- They were redeemed by blood and saved out of Egypt, but their unbelief led to their destruction by God.

8) Numbers 16:41-49 **“The congregation...murmured.”** God told Moses, **“Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment.”** (vs 45). God sent a plague that killed 14,700 people.

9) Numbers 21:4-6 **“...the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way...the people spake against God, and against Moses.”** No water, no bread, we don’t like this bread. **“⁶ And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.”** Unbelief led to their death.

10) Numbers 25:1-9 **“...and the people began to commit whoredom... and bowed down to their gods...and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel...⁹ And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.”**

- God commanded Moses to kill all the idolators. **“Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun.”** A sword was used to accomplish this.
 - The weapons of our warfare are not carnal (2 Cor. 10:4), but we have a sword, the sword of the Spirit, the word of God. (Eph 6:17, Heb. 4:12).
 - When certain men creep into the church to do spiritual harm, we need to take our bible and quickly put an end to their devilment.
 - This will protect the rest of the congregation.
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