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The Tradition of Jude

Chapter One

Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, to those who are beloved in Godde the Mother, and kept safe by Jesus Christ: ²May mercy, peace and love be multiplied to you.

³Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about the life we share in common, I felt the need to write and urge you to maintain the faith which once and for all was given to the holy ones, ⁴because certain people have crept in secretly. Their judgment was written about long ago: They're corrupt, turning our Godde's grace into lewdness and denying our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

⁵Even though you already know all this, I want to remind you that after the Lady rescued a people from the land of Egypt, she destroyed those who didn't trust. ⁶And she has kept in eternal imprisonment under darkness for the judgment of the great day those angels who didn't keep their own position but deserted their proper place. ⁷Similarly Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns indulged in promiscuity and perversion. They're an example of being taken out with the trash and incinerated.

⁸In the same way these dreamers disgrace the flesh, reject authority, and slander celestial beings. ⁹Even when the archangel Michael disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, he didn't dare to make a slanderous accusation, but said, "The Lady rebuke you!" ¹⁰But these people slander what they don't understand. What they know instinctively, like wild animals, they're destroyed by. ¹¹How awful for them! They've gone the way of Cain, hurried into Balaam's error for money, and died in Korah's rebellion. ¹²They're blemishes on your love feasts, shamelessly eating with you, feeding only themselves. They're clouds without rain, blown along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, twice dead and uprooted; ¹³wild sea waves, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the deepest darkness has been reserved forever.

¹⁴In the seventh generation from Adam, Enoch prophesied about them:

"Look, the Lady came with myriads of her holy ones,
¹⁵to bring justice to all,
and to convict every soul
for their corrupt deeds
which they have done in a corrupt way,
and for all the harsh things
which those who are corrupt outsiders
have spoken against her."

¹⁶They're grumblers and complainers, following their own desires; they're big talkers, flattering others for their own benefit.

¹⁷But you, beloved, remember the words previously spoken by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁸They told you, "In the last time there will be scoffers who follow their own corrupt desires." ¹⁹These are the ones who create divisions, ordinary unspiritual people. ²⁰But you, beloved, keep building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit. ²¹Keep yourselves in Godde's love. Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ for eternal life. ²²Have mercy on those who doubt; ²³rescue others, snatching them out of the fire; and have mercy on others with fear, hating even clothes stained by the flesh.

²⁴Now to the one who is able to keep you from stumbling and to establish you without fault before the presence of her glory in great joy, ²⁵to Godde our Life-Giver through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory and majesty, power and authority, before all time, now, and forever! Amen.