

JUDE 1:5-7
PAST JUDGMENT!

Please turn in your Bibles this morning to Jude as we continue our in-depth study of this short but very powerful and very beneficial book in the day's we are living in.

Remember how Jude started out this letter, what he wanted to write about. He wanted to write about the common salvation we have in Jesus Christ.

But, as he began to write the Holy Spirit redirected him to write about the false teachers, the pretenders within the church and how we must earnestly contend for the faith, for the truths of God found in the Word of God!

And Jude went on to say, the warning and the admonishment you might say, **“Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.”** Jude 1:3-4.

The warning is simple. False teachers, with their false doctrine are no longer outside the church but they have crept into the church unnoticed to spread their doctrines of demons.

The admonishment is also simple. We are to fight against what they are doing, take a stand and with all our might, in the power of God, fight for the faith that has been entrusted to us!

Listen to what Warren Wiersbe has to say about contending for the faith because it is something that I think the church, Christians have become weak in doing. He wrote,

What does it mean to “contend for the faith”?

The Greek word is an athletic term that gives us our English word agonize. It is the picture of a devoted athlete, competing in the Greek games and stretching his nerves and muscles to do his very best to win. You never fight the Lord’s battles from a rocking chair or a soft bed!

Both the soldier and the athlete must concentrate on doing their best and giving their all. There must also be teamwork, believers working together to attack and defeat the enemy.

Sometimes you hear well-meaning people say, “Well, it’s fine to contend for the faith, but don’t be so contentious!” While it is true that some of God’s soldiers have been the cause of quarrels and divisions, it is also true that some of them have paid a great price to defend the faith.

As Christian soldiers, we must not fight each other or go around looking for trouble. But when the banner of Christ is in danger of being taken by the enemy, we cannot sit idly by, nor can we ever hope to win the victory by wearing kid gloves.

Charles Spurgeon once said that “the new views are not the old truth in a better dress, but deadly errors with which we can have no fellowship.”

False doctrine is a deadly poison that must be identified, labeled, and avoided, Spurgeon also said, “I cannot endure false doctrine, however neatly it may be put before me. Would you have me eat poisoned meat because the dish is of the choicest ware?”

We must always speak the truth in love, and the weapons we use must be spiritual. At the same time, we must dare to take our stand for “the faith” even if our stand offends some and upsets others.

We are not fighting personal enemies, but the enemies of the Lord. It is the honor and glory of Jesus Christ that is at stake. “Fight the good fight of faith” (1 Tim 6:12).

- Warren Wiersbe, The Wiersbe Bible Commentary – NT, p. 1024

And yes, these apostates, these false teachers have crept into the church, and we see that clearly today. And as much as they can fool man, they can't fool God and thus, God is going to judge them.

I know that people don't like to talk about the judgment of God, but make no mistake about it, Jude's warning is that God's judgment is coming upon these apostates who have crept into the church with their destructive doctrines. And to show that they will not escape this judgment, Jude is now going to give us three examples of what happens when you turn from God.

Now some may be wondering what the big deal is. Why don't we all just get along with each other. We may not agree, but is it really such a big deal?

This is a big deal, and the Holy Spirit got hold of Jude to write about this so no one could say that they didn't know, that they weren't warned of these apostates. And for the apostates, they too are warned of what is coming upon them, the judgment of God!

Why is this so bad?

Listen to what Jude said about these ungodly men and what they are doing. He wrote that these men, “**... turn the grace of God into licentiousness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.**” Jude 1:4.

In other words, they pervert the grace of God, and they use it as a license to sin! Look at the churches today who have caved in and accept the homosexual and transgender and the like lifestyles. They are doing what Jude is warning about here!

The idea behind the ancient word “**lewdness**” or “**licentiousness**” is that this is speaking of “*sin that is practiced without shame, without any sense of conscience or decency.*”

Most of the time this word is speaking of sexual sins, sexual immorality. But it can also be used in the sense of brazen anti-biblical teaching. They deny the truth and twist the Scriptures to make them say what they want it to say, and they speak forth these lies without shame!

And it would seem that Jude has both ideas here with this word because as we will see as we go through this letter, these men, these apostates had both moral problems and doctrinal problems. And that is usually what happens. You get off on the Word of God, and your moral life will also be off!

One writer put it like this. He wrote, “*Throughout the history of the Church, there have always been heretics who have taught that Jesus’ blood shed on Calvary’s cross didn’t atone for our sins (or only partially atoned for them and now we have to finish the work of atonement in our lives through our works).*”

By denying the true gospel (the way of the cross - the narrow way), and in its place preach a false gospel - a tolerant, inclusive ‘broad way’ gospel of being a good person, helping others (social gospel), believing whatever you want as long as you’re sincere and doing other good works to please God and get into heaven.”

Make no mistake about it, we are in a battle for the faith. And Jude has told us that very thing. That we need to “**. . . contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.**” Jude 1:3.

I like the way one writer puts it. He looks at the idea of how the people of the past seem to keep showing up in the present. Let me show you what I mean. We are told,

Thomas Mann, in his masterwork *Joseph and His Brothers*, pauses occasionally to consider history and time. Especially enchanting is Mann's way of expressing the connections between the past and the present. He shows how the great distance separating the ancient world from our own is at times transparent.

He writes:

History is that which has happened and that which goes on happening in time. But also it is the stratified record upon which we set our feet, the ground beneath us; and the deeper [we] go down into the layers that lie below and beyond . . . in our moments of less precision we may speak of them in the first person and as though they were part of our flesh-and-blood experience.

Did you catch Mann's sense? People from long ago can be said to rise up again in the present. Each of us can imaginatively step back in time and find a connection with someone whose situation not only mirrors our own but permits us to call it our own. We pull the past into the present; we push the present into the past. We can read history and at moments find ourselves present. On this enchanted ground all centuries become one.

The mesmerizing inference from Mann's creative genius is this: ancient archetypes, men and women who lived long ago, are today walking around in our world. They have come to life again, as it were, only under a different name.

- David R. Helm, 1 & 2 Peter and Jude, p. 303

These false teachers with their false doctrines have been around for a long time and they will continue to be around but make no mistake about it, judgment is coming for them, and Jude is going to give to us examples from the past of how God dealt with false teachers as a warning in the present day!

I have called our study this morning – ***PAST JUDGMENT!***

And what Jude is going to do is show us that God will judge nations, angels, cities, anyone who comes against Him and rejects Him. And that will lead to the judgment of false teachers, apostates. They will not get away with anything!

I have broken down these verses into the following three points that deal with these judgments of God. They are,

ISRAEL JUDGED – JUDE 1:5

ANGELS JUDGED – JUDE 1:6

SODOM AND GOMORRAH JUDGED – JUDE 1:7

With that as our introduction, let's begin reading in Jude chapter 1, beginning in verse 5 and let's see what the Lord has for us as we study through His Word, and we look at what God has done – ***PAST JUDGMENT!***

JUDE 1**VERSE 5**

Notice how Jude starts out here. He says, “**But I want to remind you . . .**” In other words, they knew these truths and what Jude was going to share with them was not new to them, but it seems like they had forgotten them or not thought much about these truths, these lessons of faith.

You see, they not only needed to hear what Jude was saying but they needed to take it to the next level and apply it to their lives, to apply it to their present situation with these false teachers, these apostates and learn that God is going to judge!

Now for us, this little letter can be a problem.

Why is that?

Because Jude uses these examples from the Old Testament with the idea that you already know these stories, that they are very familiar to you. That is why he doesn't fill in a lot of details but gives us an overview of what took place.

Now let me be blunt. If you don't know what he is talking about, it can be confusing. And if you don't know these examples, maybe the Lord is telling you that you need to get into the Word of God more, you need to deepen your understanding of the Bible.

Spurgeon wrote, “*As for the root facts, the fundamental doctrines, the primary truths of Scripture, we must from day to day insist upon them. We must never say of them, ‘Everybody knows them’; for, alas! everybody forgets them.*”

And Calvin said, *“The use of God’s Word is not only to teach what we could not have otherwise known, but also to rouse us to a serious meditation of those things which we already understand, and not to suffer us to grow torpid [lethargic] in a cold knowledge.”*

So it is important for us to read the Word of God, study the Word of God, apply the Word of God and to be reminded of the things in the Word of God!

We see here that the first example is of the children of Israel and their deliverance from their bondage in Egypt and the end point is – ***ISRAEL JUDGED!***

They saw how God brought them out of their bondage in Egypt, over two to three million people.

They saw how God allowed them to cross through the Red Sea on dry land and yet as the Egyptians came after them, the Egyptians were drowned in the Red Sea as the waters came down upon them.

They saw how God provided food and water for them and-so-on.

Then what was the problem for the children of Israel?

The problem was simple – ***UNBELIEF!***

Remember what happened to them. As they came to the boarder of the Promise Land, as they came to Kadesh Barnea, the twelve spies returned with their report of this land that God had given to them.

Make no mistake about it, the land that God had for them was great! In fact, that is how their report started out. In Numbers 13:26-27 we are told, **“Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. Then they told him, and said: ‘We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.’”**

If they would have stopped there, that would have been great. Everything that they said was true. But they didn’t stop there, and they went on to say, **“Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan.”** Numbers 13:28-29.

That word **“Nevertheless”** is not a good word. They knew the truth and yet, went against what God had told them. And what we see here is that these ten of the twelve spies allowed fear to get them to lose their focus and their promise that God had given to them, that this was their land and all they had to do was go in and take possession of it! In other words, walk by faith!

But again, ten of the spies said that there are giants in the land, the people are great, the cities are fortified, and they would be destroyed if they tried to enter in.

Thus, these ten spies discouraged the nation from entering in even though the other two spies, Joshua and Caleb tried to encourage them to enter the land that God had given them, but they refused to listen.

Listen to what took place as men of faith, Joshua and Caleb are trying to get the people to focus back on God and these other ten spies, these men who did not have faith, were discouraging them from going forward.

In Numbers 13:30-33 we see this battle take place as we are told, **“Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, ‘Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.’ But the men who had gone up with him said, ‘We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we.’ And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, ‘The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.’”**

Keep in mind that they have seen the power of God delivering them from Egypt, crossing the Red Sea, drowning the Egyptian army in the Red Sea, providing food and water for them and yet they did not trust the Lord and His promise to them!

And because of that, God was going to judge them! We see that in Numbers 14:22-23 where we are told, **“because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice, they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it.”**

Also, in Psalm 95:10-11 we are told, **“For forty years I was grieved with that generation, And said, ‘It is a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.’ So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’”**

Thus, all those who were twenty years old and up died in the wilderness because of their unbelief, except for Joshua and Caleb who walked by faith believing in the promises of God.

And the point is this. Just as the unbelieving children of Israel were judged by God, so too will these men who have crept into the church with their doctrines of demons, these pretenders. They will not get away with what they are doing!

Does that mean all those people who died in the wilderness were not saved?

I don't believe so, but they were judged. They did not finish strong. But there were those who did die apart from the God of Israel due to their unbelief.

Keep in mind that there were three groups of people that came out of Egypt.

The first group were those who were saved, they were strong in the faith.

The second group were also saved but they were weak in their faith, you might call them carnally minded.

And the last group who left with the children of Israel out of Egypt were the mixed multitude. And this group was made up of both Jews and Gentiles. These Gentiles left with the Jews after they saw all that was happening in Egypt, the devastation that was taking place. And these are unbelievers who maybe knew about the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob but they were not saved.

One writer put it like this regarding this mixed multitude. He wrote,

This mixed multitude joined the ranks of Israel after the overthrow of Pharaoh. They were unbelievers who knew nothing about redemption by the blood of the Passover Lamb.

The truth of God was all around them, but they were blind to it. God's faithful dealings with His own was a part of everyday life, but they did not recognize it as such.

They were worldly, carnal, rebellious, and self-willed.

Worse still, they infected the true people of God, until, at last, at Kadesh-barnea, God's patience was utterly exhausted, and He pronounced the death sentence.

When they heard about the giants of Canaan, they cried, "Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!" (Num. 14:1–2).

Instantly, God answered their prayer. "Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness," He said (Num. 14:28–29).

Because they were so infected by the unbelieving attitude of these apostates, the sentence fell on all who were twenty years of age and upward. Only Joshua and Caleb escaped to enter Canaan. There are two classes of people and two kinds of death.

The apostates perished eternally; the backsliders (those who were genuinely saved by the blood of the lamb) perished physically.

For the apostate in all ages, the solemn lesson is one of sure and certain judgment to come. At any moment, the unseen line might be crossed and the dread sentence be pronounced, although its actual date of execution be delayed.

For the backsliders, the solemn lesson is that it is possible to have a saved soul but a lost life.

- John Phillips

Let's think about this for a minute. I think that most if not all of you are saved, you have come to Jesus and repented of your sins and asked Him to be Lord and Savior of your life.

And yet how often do we struggle with trusting Him with our everyday life!

Think about it, you are trusting Him with your eternal life and yet, you can't trust in His promises to you as you live out your life? I think when we look at it like that it becomes a wake-up call to us, at least it should be.

I think we all want to finish strong in this race of faith that we are in.

Remember what Paul wrote Timothy as Paul was getting ready to die for his faith. He was placed in the Mamertine prison in Rome by Nero and this time Paul knew his departure was coming, he was going to be martyred for his faith!

And in II Timothy 4:7-8 he summed up his race of faith like this, **“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”**

May we keep our eyes upon the Lord, trust in His promises to us and run this race of faith to win!

But here with Israel, it was a rebellion against what the Lord had promised them and Warren Wiersbe sums it up like this for us,

This was rebellion against the will and the Word of God, and God cannot tolerate rebellion. As a result, everybody in the camp twenty years and older was destined to die at some time in the next forty years. Their unbelief led to their extermination.

Keep in mind that Jude was using a historical event as an illustration, and we must not press every detail.

The entire nation was delivered from Egypt, but that does not mean that each individual was personally saved through faith in the Lord.

The main point of the account is that privileges bring responsibilities, and God cannot lightly pass over the sins of His people.

If any of Jude's readers dared to follow the false teachers, they too would face the discipline of God. "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor 10:12).

- Warren Wiersbe, The Wiersbe Bible Commentary – NT, p. 1024

Again, the point here is that God will judge these apostates, these false teachers, just look at the example of Israel in the wilderness! Out of one to maybe 2 million people above the age of twenty, only two made it into the Promise Land, Joshua and Caleb! **UNBELIEF!**

Thus, as we have seen – **ISRAEL JUDGED!**

And the warning is this. Apostates, these false teachers will be judged, they will not get away with anything.

The next example we will be looking at is this – **ANGELS JUDGED!**

VERSE 6

Here is the second example that Jude gives to us regarding the judgment of these apostates, and I don't know about you, but for me, this is a strange one.

And not only strange, but it is also very controversial!

Again, to understand this we have to go back to the Old Testament and in Genesis chapter 6 we see this spoken of. I think this is exactly what Jude is speaking of.

We are told, **“Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.”**

Genesis 6:1-2.

So here is the big question. *“Who are the sons of God and who are the daughters of men that are spoken of here?”*

There are two main views on this, and I will share with you both views, but I believe, as you look at the Scriptures, there is only one view that is supported by the Bible.

Now you may not agree with me and that is fine. My challenge to you is to look at what is being said here and see what really makes sense.

The first view is simple and is probably the least controversial.

In this view they believe that the sons of God are the godly line of Seth, and the daughters of men are the ungodly line of Cain.

That sounds good and is the least controversial as I have said, but there are some problems with that, big problems.

And I think it is important we ask these questions and not ignore them. And as we ask ourselves these questions, it may cause us to think differently, and that may make you feel uneasy! But we are interested in the truth and not our feelings.

First of all, when you look at the lineage of Seth, were they all godly?

Absolutely not! And for the most part they were not godly.

You see, at this point in time, from the line of Seth there was only one family that was godly, and that was Noah and his family. So that can't be it.

Not only that, but why were only the sons of Seth believers and only the daughters of Cain unbelievers? What about the daughters of Seth and the sons of Cain?

Here is another one we need to think about. Why would believers marrying unbelievers make God angry enough to wipe out almost all the earth's population except for eight people?

That does not make sense to me.

Now some would like to say that in the New Testament that term "**sons of God**" is used for believers, so why not here? (Matthew 5:9, Luke 20:36, Romans 8:14, Romans 8:19, Galatians 3:26)

Because that term, "**sons of God**" is never used in the Old Testament for believers.

We do see it spoken of three times in the Old Testament, but again, this is not referring to believers and I will show you what it speaks of in a few minutes. (Job 1:6, Job 2:1, Job 38:7)

I do want to deal with some of the arguments that speak of these being people, just human beings coming together and having this ungodly offspring.

To do this they will go to Luke 3:38, which says, "**the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.**"

And the point here is that Adam was called "**the son of God**" and thus, this must be speaking of people, right?

No, that is not exactly right!

Let me ask you this. Why is Adam and for that matter angels, called "**sons of God**"?

Because they were created by God!

That is what Luke is speaking about here.

If that is true, and it is, then why are we called "**sons of God**"?

Because, as believers, we are a direct creation of God through the new birth, being born again by the Spirit!

That is what Paul said in II Corinthians 5:17, **“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creatin; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”**

One more point showing that this could not be speaking of the godly line of Seth and the ungodly line of Cain.

Just think about this one for a minute. Just because a believer and an unbeliever have children, it does not mean that they will produce some kind of ungodly offspring or Nephilim in the Hebrew.

Yes, God says we are not to unite with unbelievers, but just because they come together it surely doesn't mean they will produce some kind of unnatural offspring, that just does not make sense!

Not only that but as you look at the Old Testament you see godly Kings have some very wicked children and you see some very wicked Kings have some very godly children.

So to say that this is speaking of the godly line of Seth, these sons of God; and the ungodly line of Cain, the daughters of men, just is not supported by the Scriptures.

Warren Wiersbe holds to this view of the godly line of Seth marrying the ungodly line of Cain and wickedness was produced. I don't agree with him but listen to what he has to say.

It is good to hear what others think of this verse.

He wrote,

Some interpreters view 6:1-7 as an invasion of fallen angels who cohabited with women and produced a race of giants. But as interesting as the theory is, it creates more problems than it solves, not the least of which is the union of sexless spirit beings with flesh and blood humans.

Even if such unions did occur, could there be offspring and why would they be giants? And how did these “giants” (Nephilim, “fallen ones”) survive the Flood (v. 4; Num 13:31-33), or was there a second invasion of fallen angels after the Flood?

The term “sons of God” does refer to angels in Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7; but these are unfallen angels faithfully serving God. Even if fallen angels could make themselves appear in human bodies, why would they want to marry women and settle down on earth?

Certainly their wives and neighbors would detect something different about them and this would create problems.

Furthermore, the emphasis in Gen 6 is on the sin of man and not the rebellion of angels. The word “man” is used nine times in verses 1-7, and God states clearly that the judgment was coming because of what humans had done. “And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth” (v. 5).

- Warren Wiersbe, *The Wiersbe Bible Commentary – OT*, p. 36

Again, we have looked at the evidence and I believe there is a better explanation than that and the Scriptures do support it even though many don’t want to believe it.

I believe that this phrase, “**sons of God**” or *BEN ELOHIYM* refers to angels, and in this case, fallen angels, demons.

Where is my support for that? Hold on.

We see this in Job 1:6 where we are told, “**Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.**” (See also Job 2:1, 38:7).

In fact, the translators of the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament Scriptures, which took place in around 250 B. C., translated the phrase “**sons of God**” here in Genesis 6:2 as angels! They understood what was being said and we just don’t want to even think about it because it is like some kind of bad horror movie.

Also, from the book of Enoch, which of course is not an inspired book but may give us some accurate historical information, we are told, *“And it came to pass that the children of men had multiplied that in those days were born unto them beautiful and comely daughters. And the angels, the children of heaven, saw and lusted after them, and said to one another: ‘Come, let us choose us wives from among the children of men and beget us children . . . [They] took unto themselves wives, and each chose for himself one, and they began to go unto them and to defile themselves with them, and they taught them charms and enchantments . . . And they became pregnant, and they bare great giants . . . And there arose much godlessness, and they committed fornication, and they were led astray, and became corrupt in all their ways.”*

We may not like it but that is what this is saying.

But isn’t there problems with believing that these fallen angels cohabitated with women and had offspring?

Not really.

I do realize that some point to what Jesus said in Matthew 22:30 and say that angels can’t have sex, but that is not what the text says.

Jesus said, **“For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.”**

Henry M. Morris gives us this insight to what Jesus was saying. He wrote, *“When Jesus said that the angels in heaven do not marry, this does not necessarily mean that those who have been cast out of heaven were incapable of doing so.”*

Keep in mind that when angels are spoken of in the Scriptures, it is always with a masculine pronoun, “**he**” and they are always, always described as men. That is why they are called “**the sons of God.**”

And keep in mind that the angels we are talking about here in Genesis chapter 6 are fallen angels.

Let me show you how this all plays out and I think you will clearly see this has to be speaking about angels!

Let me read to you Jude 1:6-7 where we are told, **“And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”**

First of all, we are also told by Jude that these fallen angels are chained!

Are all fallen angels chained?

Obviously not! They are out doing the work of Satan and we see the evidence for that today!

So, not all of these fallen angels are chained, but some are. And I believe it is these angels who committed this sexual sin with the daughters of men that God has chained and one day will release during the Tribulation Period to bring about one of His judgments, the fifth Trumpet Judgment spoken of in Revelation chapter 9.

I believe these fallen angels cohabitated with women and produced “**giants**” or the fallen ones.

You see, it had to be sexual sin, they left their proper domain, the boundaries that God has set.

And in Jude 7, as he speaks of the sexual sin of Sodom and Gomorrah, he says that their sin was similar to these angels, why?

Because they too left their proper domain or the boundaries that God had set, they went after strange flesh, men having sex with men and women with women, these cities were filled with this sin.

And when Jude tells us that they went after “**strange flesh**” the Greek word for “**strange**” is HETEROS and it means that they went after something that was not natural to fulfill their lustful desires, to satisfy the flesh!

Thus, these angels are bound until Judgment Day, and like I have said, I believe they are going to be released from the bottomless Pit, part of the fifth Trumpet Judgment spoken of in Revelation chapter 9, those demon locusts!

Listen to how The Living Bible puts these verses here in Genesis 6:1-2. It reads, “**Now a population explosion took place upon the earth. It was at this time that beings from the spirit world looked upon the beautiful earth women and took any they desired to be their wives.**”

I think that is the correct way to look at these verses.

Obviously this is speaking of the fallen angels or demons!

Now, why did they do this?

Keep in mind that God told Adam and Eve that it would be through the seed of the woman that salvation would come to man and death to Satan.

Thus, Satan influences Cain to kill his brother Abel, but God's plan was going to go through Seth and not Cain or Abel!

And here he is trying to pollute the genetic pool or making it so the Messiah could not be born.

And he came very close to succeeding!

Boice tells us, *“The Savior could not be born of a demon-possessed mother. So if Satan could succeed in infecting the entire race, the deliverer could not come.”*

So you can agree with me or not, but I think the point that is being made here is that these fallen angels cohabitated with women to produce the fallen ones!

But the gene pool of Noah was not infected or as we are told in Genesis 6:9, **“This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.”**

Thus, judgment came upon the entire world, except for Noah and his family. And yes, these fallen angels were judged, they are chained awaiting that Day of Judgment and then they too will be cast into the Lake of Fire.

So these fallen ones, who I believe were half human and half demons, a kind of hybrid creature, were destroyed in the flood.

What is interesting to me is that in Genesis 6:4 we are told, **“There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.”**

We don't tend to think too much about what is said in that verse but what the Lord is telling us is that these giants were on the earth before the flood, and they also were on the earth after the flood. Listen again to what we are told, **“There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. . . .”**

Is there evidence for this in the Scriptures?

I believe that there is. I believe that these giants or fallen ones included Goliath and his brothers.

We are also told of races of giants or fallen ones like the Anakim and the Emim and others. They lived in the land of Canaan. (Deuteronomy 1:28, 2:10)

And maybe a portion of the people of Canaan had been infected with this demon seed and thus, the Lord tells Joshua to utterly wipe out the people living in Canaan.

I know that this is a lot to handle here and yet Jude just shares this information like it should be well known to us.

Let me say this. The point here is that if God judged these angels who sinned, He will certainly bring judgment upon those who come into the church with their false doctrine, these apostates, leading people away from God!

So we have seen – ***ANGELS JUDGED!***

As we finish up this morning we will be looking at – ***SODOM AND GOMORRAH***
JUDGED!

VERSE 7

The third point that Jude makes regarding the judgment of these apostates and how God has judged sinners in the past, is that of Sodom and Gomorrah!

You can read of the moral depravity of Sodom in Genesis chapter 19, but their main but not their only sin was that of homosexuality.

We know that from Genesis and Jude tells us that they went after “**strange flesh**” and the Greek word for “**strange**” is HETEROS and it means that they went after something that was not natural to fulfill their lustful desires, to satisfy the flesh, as I have said!

A natural relationship is between a husband and a wife, a man and a woman, but this is “**strange flesh**”, and it carries with it the idea of homosexuality and even bestiality, because it is not natural, it is strange!

And look at our nation and look at even many churches and church denominations today and how they are not only supporting these abominations, but they are even ordaining pastors who are gay as well as doing weddings for gay couples.

How did this happen?

Because when you reject God, He then will give you over to do what is in your heart and that is not a good thing.

Now some may be offended by that, by what I said. I hate to tell you, I didn't say it, Paul said it under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. So if you are mad that I said this, you are not mad at me, but you are mad at God and that is a bigger problem for you!

Listen to what Paul said of those who reject God in Romans 1:26-27, **“For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.”**

God gave them up to do the vile passions that were in their heart and thus, we see the consequences of people and a nation that has turned from God, and it is not pretty!

Yes, they had a short time of pleasure but suffered an eternity in the fires of Hell, the judgment of God will come upon them.

What evidence do we have of God’s judgment?

Keep in mind that we are dealing with Sodom and Gomorrah, and you can see the reality of this judgment today. You see, the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and the others were completely destroyed by God’s judgment, all of the people and you can’t even find a trace of those cities today! They believe that it is under the dead sea but the area around the dead sea is a barren wilderness!

Now, as bad as that was, the eternal judgment of God is far worse.

You see, these men with their false doctrines may enjoy fame and fortune for a time, but they will not escape God’s judgment, you can’t live in sin, rebellion against God and survive!

Look at what we have seen.

ISRAEL JUDGED – UNBELIEF!

ANGELS JUDGED – REBELLION AGAINST AUTHORITY!

SODOM AND GOMORRAH JUDGED – SEXUAL INDULGENCE!

These were the sins of these false teachers, and the conclusion is simple – ***THE APOSTATES WILL BE JUDGED!***

As we read on next time, we will see Jude speak of the characteristics of these false teachers, what is manifested in their lives!

As I close, let me share with you these words from Warren Wiersbe. Words that are admonishing us and encouraging us to stand strong in the faith! He wrote,

What can we do practically to oppose the enemy and maintain the purity and unity of the church? For one thing, we must know the Word of God and have the courage to defend it. Every local church ought to be a Bible institute, and every Christian ought to be a Bible student. The pulpit needs to declare positive truth as well as denounce error.

Second, we must “watch and pray.” The enemy is already here and we dare not go to sleep! Spiritual leaders in local congregations need to be alert as they interview candidates for baptism and church membership. Committees need to seek the mind of Christ as they appoint Sunday School teachers, youth sponsors, and other church leaders. Congregations must exercise discernment as they select officers.

Third, congregations and members must be careful where they send their money. “Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the Lord?” (see 2 Chron 19:2)

Finally, we must have the courage to maintain a position of biblical separation from those who deny Christ and the fundamental doctrines of the Word (Rom 16:17-20; 2 Tim 2:15 ff, 2 John 6-11). This does not mean that we separate from fellow believers over minor doctrinal differences, or that we practice “guilt by association.” God’s true army needs to stand together in the battle for truth.

Have you heeded the call to arms?

- Warren Wiersbe, The Wiersbe Bible Commentary – NT, p. 1026

May we earnestly contend for the faith that has been entrusted to us!