

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for April 19, 2015

A Necessary Reminder
Jude 5-8

I. The Reminder (v. 5a)

- A. Before further describing ungodly men, Jude calls his reader's attention to the past.
- B. Reminders are necessary as seen elsewhere in the New Testament (2 Peter 1:12-13).

II. The Rebellious (vv. 5b-7)

A. Rebellious Israelites (v. 5b)

- 1. In terms of popularity, there was perhaps no Old Testament event that compared to the Exodus.
- 2. While some versions say "the Lord" brought the Israelites out of Egypt (NASB, NKJV, NIV), other versions say "Jesus" rescued the Israelites (ESV, NLT, NET).
- 3. Since Jesus is identified as the "angel of God" in Exodus 14:19, it is best to understand Jesus as the One who led the Israelites out of Egypt (1 Corinthians 10:4-5).
- 4. The generation of Israelites who were rescued out of Egypt were later destroyed due to unbelief (Numbers 14; Hebrews 3:18-19).

B. Rebellious Angels

- 1. The rebellion of the angels is referenced in Genesis 6 when they mixed and reproduced with mankind.
- 2. Since the angels did not keep their position of authority, God has kept them in darkness for the day of judgment.
- 3. Given the example of apostate angels, it is apparent that anyone can become

apostate (1 Corinthians 10:11-12).

C. Rebellious Nations

1. Sodom and Gomorrah were known for sins of sexual immorality and homosexuality (Genesis 19).
2. Due to their persistent sin, God displayed His judgment in destroying Sodom and Gomorrah as an example of the punishment that sin deserves (Jeremiah 23; Ezekiel 16).

III. The Reality (v. 8)

A. Jude gives four descriptions of the false teachers who had infiltrated the church:

1. They are dreamers
 - a. Although the false teachers knew God's Word intellectually, they did not know God's Word experientially.
 - b. These men made dreams and visions their authority.
 - c. The Church must examine and discern all that they hear using the Word of God (1 John 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:21).
2. They defile the flesh
 - a. Just as the angels and the residents of Sodom and Gomorrah defiled their flesh with immorality, so also the false teachers pollute their flesh with immorality (Jude 4; 2 Peter 2:18-19).
3. They disregard authority
 - a. The false teachers fail to submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ (Romans 3:18).
4. They denounce angels
 - a. In Jewish thought, angels were the mediators of the Mosaic Law (Acts 7:38, 53; Gal. 3:19; Heb. 2:2; *Jubilees* i:27-9).
 - b. The false teachers revile angelic majesties by rebelling against the Law of God.