

# RESISTING CULTURE | JUDE (ESV)

## GREETING

<sup>1</sup> Jude, a servant[a] of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup> May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

## JUDGMENT ON FALSE TEACHERS

<sup>3</sup> Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to

the saints. <sup>4</sup> For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

<sup>5</sup> Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. <sup>6</sup> And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has

kept in eternal chains under gloomy  
darkness until the judgment of the great  
day—<sup>7</sup> just as Sodom and Gomorrah and  
the surrounding cities, which likewise  
indulged in sexual immorality and  
pursued unnatural desire, serve as an  
example by undergoing a punishment  
of eternal fire.

<sup>8</sup> Yet in like manner these people also,  
relying on their dreams, defile the flesh,  
reject authority, and blaspheme the  
glorious ones. <sup>9</sup> But when the archangel  
Michael, contending with the devil, was

disputing about the body of Moses,  
he did not presume to pronounce  
a blasphemous judgment, but said,  
“The Lord rebuke you.”<sup>10</sup> But these  
people blaspheme all that they do not  
understand, and they are destroyed by  
all that they, like unreasoning animals,  
understand instinctively.<sup>11</sup> Woe to them!  
For they walked in the way of Cain and  
abandoned themselves for the sake of  
gain to Balaam’s error and perished in  
Korah’s rebellion.<sup>12</sup> These are hidden  
reefs at your love feasts, as they feast

with you without fear, shepherds  
feeding themselves; waterless clouds,  
swept along by winds; fruitless trees  
in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted;  
<sup>13</sup> wild waves of the sea, casting up the  
foam of their own shame; wandering  
stars, for whom the gloom of utter  
darkness has been reserved forever.

<sup>14</sup> It was also about these that Enoch,  
the seventh from Adam, prophesied,  
saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with  
ten thousands of his holy ones, <sup>15</sup> to  
execute judgment on all and to convict

all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”<sup>16</sup> These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.

## **A CALL TO PERSEVERE**

<sup>17</sup> But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> They said to you,

“In the last time there will be scoffers,  
following their own ungodly passions.”

<sup>19</sup>It is these who cause divisions, worldly  
people, devoid of the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>But you,  
beloved, building yourselves up in your  
most holy faith and praying in the Holy  
Spirit, <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of  
God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord  
Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

<sup>22</sup>And have mercy on those who doubt;

<sup>23</sup>save others by snatching them out  
of the fire; to others show mercy with  
fear, hating even the garment stained

by the flesh.

## **DOXOLOGY**

<sup>24</sup> Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup> to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.