**The Study of Jude: Contend for the Faith**

**The Judgment of False Teachers, Part 1 - Jude 1:5-7**

**Hermeneutics, Progressive Revelation:**

**Progressive Revelation**: Progressive revelation is the concept that the later writings of scripture contain a fuller revelation than the earlier writings. Progressive revelation should not be confused with progressive inspiration, which falsely holds that the newer writings are more inspired than, the older ones.

**Jesus created all things:**

*"15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together."*

(Colossians 1:15–17)

**Jesus saved the people from Egypt:**

*"5 Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt…”* (Jude 1:5)

**Three examples of judgment:**

*"5 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. 6 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 7 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."*

(Jude 1:5–7)

1. **God punished unbelievers. (**Saved from Egypt but didn’t enter the promised land**)**

*"16 For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? 17 And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? 19 So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief."* (Hebrews 3:16–19)

1. **God punished angels. (**Angels left their first estate.)

*"1 When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, 2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. 3 Then the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.” 4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown."* (Genesis 6:1–4)

*"18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, 20 because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water."* (1 Peter 3:18–20)

1. **God punished Sodom and Gomorrah’s immorality.** (Unnatural sexual desire)

The terrible scene in Genesis 19 where the men in the city clamored to have sex with the messengers from God. And God judged the city for the people’s pervasive wickedness.

**Jude’s point is clear, these false teachers, “…*who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality…”* (v. 4), will be judged harshly for their perversion of the faith.**