

# Jude 10 - Ignorant Blasphemers

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Jude 9-10

# Prologue: False Teachers - Following Their Own Religion

- ▶ Jude brings together his Three Examples of Sin in False Teachers' outward behaviors exemplifying their inward character (Mk 2:9-12)
- ▶ False Teachers' behaviors based on sensual religion(s) *personal experience* (Ge 3:5)
  - ▶ {ἐνυπνιάζομαι, enypniazomai} - denotes religious visions which as Eliphaz writes, are not clear easily allowing personal interpretation {Allegory} (Job 4:12-21)
  - ▶ God's vision are clear, unambiguously conveying His meaning to the recipient in a manner he-she can clearly understand {Jacob (Ge 28:10-19); Paul (Ac 16:9-10)}
  - ▶ God only speaks through His Logos, Jesus-Bible, since Jesus (Jn 1:1-5; Ro 10:9-17; He 1:1)
- ▶ False Teachers preach their own gospel which seems different but comes from Satan in many forms (Ga 1:6-10)
  - ▶ Based on works to assuage the Flesh apart from Christ's message of Life

# Prologue: Basis of False Religion - World Without God

- ▶ Adam wanted a world over which he would rule without God; instead, he became Satan's slave who wished the same but was himself enslaved to sin (Ge 1:26-30; Jn 8:34, 44; Ro 6:16; 1Ti 2:14)
  - ▶ They promise a world without God, asebeia-ungodly, which degrades (Ro 1:18-28)
  - ▶ Lost do not seek or understand God resulting in violence and death (Ro 3:10-18)
- ▶ Christ gives them up to form a world without Him, like False Teachers so are the People: Leanness to their souls (Nu 11:31-34; Ps 106:13-15; Hos 4:6-14)
  - ▶ People in *Last Days* reject truth, love self and seek pleasure; they want a form of *godliness* while denying *Christ*; they flock to False Teachers: Symbiosis (2Ti 3:1-5)
  - ▶ People actively embrace the sensual siren *myths* of False Teachers (2Ti 4:3-4)
- ▶ The outward forms, religion-philosophy-psychology, always have the same core even if they use Jesus' name or the Bible {Jews} (Mt 23; 1Ti 4:1; 6:3-5; 2Pe 1:20-21; 2:1)

# Prologue: Outward Behaviors - Blaspheme the Glorious Ones

- ▶ Difficult phrase to interpret as Jude, and his readers, understood whom this referenced {δόξα, doxas; glory} but has since been obscured by time
  - ▶ Some believe it applies to angels, but angels do not have glory; they are slaves of God ministering to those receiving salvation {Christians} (He 1:14)
  - ▶ Could refer to Trinity since they do have inherent glory and Christ prayed for return of His glory after His coming death (Lk 9:28-35; Jn 17:1-5)
  - ▶ May also refer to Saved who share in Christ's glory as *adopted* sons (Jn 17:20-23; Ep 1:3-6)
- ▶ Emphasis is reaction of sinners, False Teachers, who blaspheme, scoff {sarcasm} against the glorious ones; elevating themselves above God (Ro 2:1-7)
  - ▶ They seek to delegitimize or eliminate those who believe and thus testify against their false religion simply by existing (Mt 5:11-12; 1Pe 4:14)
  - ▶ How can they *love* God whom they cannot see when they hate Christians whom they can see? Christians become the proxies for hatred of God (1Jo 1:5-6; 4:20-21)

# Understanding Blasphemy: Not Just Heresy

- ▶ People associate blasphemy with heresy; believing, speaking or writing obvious error against the Bible: Father, Christ, Son and the Gospel
- ▶ Blasphemy {βλασφημέω, blasphemēō} refers to **any** disparagement of **anyone** by defamation, slander, libel, and sarcasm {comedy}; even speaking factually from a rebellious spirit conflates the Gospel with Satan; examples:
  - ▶ Christ cast out demons but would not permit them to identify Him which would conflate Christ with Satan in people's minds {Beelzebub} (Mk 1:21-34; Lk 11:14-20)
  - ▶ Woman prophesizing identifies Paul as Christ's apostle; when he ordered demon to leave her, her masters had Paul beaten and imprisoned illegally at Philippi (Ac 16:16-24)
  - ▶ Satan blasphemes God accusing Him of bullying-bribing Job into worshipping Him; Job blasphemes that wicked rich do not suffer: Empirical knowledge ignores God's mercy and long-suffering encouraging repentance (Job 1:8-12; 21:9-15; Ro 2:1-11)

# Blasphemy: Reveals One's Character

- ▶ False Teachers defame *glorious ones* is blasphemy, defamation; shows they do not *outwardly fear* God but walk in pride (Is 2:12; Ro 3:10-18; 2Pe 2:10)
- ▶ Jude and Peter contrasts False Teachers with Angels for our benefit (2Pe 2:10-12)
  - ▶ Angels, as spirit beings, know Truth of Trinity and sinner's spiritual corruption but it is not their place to judge sinners: Christ's alone (He 1:14; 10:26-31)
  - ▶ False Teachers have no Truth as they follow their own religion based on lying spirits and visions building worldviews without God
- ▶ Jude's example: *Assumption of Moses*, non-canonical writing
  - ▶ Refers to Moses' death by God in Moab for his blaspheming God at Meribah (Nu 20:1-13; De 34:1-12)
  - ▶ Satan wanted to reveal Moses' body to the people who would have embalmed and worshipped him as they did his brazen serpent {idols}; Michael sent to prevent this {Joseph's sarcophagus being carried by them} (Ge 50:22-26; Ex 13:18-19; Nu 21:4-9; 2Ki 18:1-4; Jo 24:3)

# Michael: Refuses to Blaspheme Satan

- ▶ Michael, considered the patron angel over *True Jews*, did not rebuke Satan as it is for God to judge at His determined time (Da 10:12-13; 12:1; Re 20:7-10)
  - ▶ Archangel {ἀρχάγγελος,, archaggelos} refers to only one position
  - ▶ God appointed Michael to Satan's position when the latter sinned (Ez 28:12-17)
  - ▶ When given the charisma Michael did remove Satan, and his demons, from Heaven which was now hallowed by Christ's propitiation (Jn 12:31-32; Ro 3:21-26; He 10:23-28; Re 12:7-12)
- ▶ Angels, and Christians, must only act within the limits of their specific mandate lest they become guilty of Blasphemy
  - ▶ Christ did not rebuke Satan but said, God rebuke you *at proper time* (Ze 3:1-5; Re 20:7-10)
  - ▶ Christian mandate during *First Fruits* Dispensation: Stand {Hypomene} (Ep 6:10-18a)
  - ▶ If you act apart from your mandate, you disobey God and are in danger of blaspheming: defaming Him while improperly cursing Satan (1Co 9:24-27; 2Co 10:3-5)

# False Teachers: Pride in Ignorance

- ▶ Only knowledge of spiritual, non-empirical, comes from the Bible, *breathed out by God* and of no private interpretation (2Ti 3:16-17; 2Pe 1:20-21)
  - ▶ The Lost, guided by False Teachers, build from their imaginations of empirical Creation based on their spiritual *visions* justifying their themselves (Ro 1:18-28; Jude 8)
  - ▶ They can have no understanding of God or His Truth, Gospel, as it is foolishness to them; they are proud they do not been Christ (1Co 1:18-21; 2:14; 2Co 4:3-4)
  - ▶ Being dead in sin they reject being in God's image and act from fleshly instinct like animals who act from impulses; saved who fall prey to False Teachers can revert to this mindset {Do not lose their salvation} (Ps 73:21-28; Ep 2:1-3; 2Pe 2:20-22)
  - ▶ Lost and False Teachers cling their own thoughts, words and deeds as proof of their *goodness* even though these testify against them (Re 20:11-15)



# Claiming Wisdom: They are Fools

- ▶ Revelation's Church Letters shows most churches will fail following false doctrines; church history evidences this ongoing apostasy (Re 2-3)
  - ▶ Only the two *weakest* churches remain in Christ showing truthfulness of how one falls in self-strength but the humble prevail (Mt 5:2-12; 1Co 10:6-12)
  - ▶ Scriptures written as examples to people to understand sin but the sinful mind rejects the Bible and the immature do not study it to gain maturity (He 5:11-14)
- ▶ False Teachers are rampant today as people demand to follow their sensual instincts acting as brute beasts while professing to be *wise* {*Charismatic*}
  - ▶ People of the Way are blasphemed as ignorant, hateful and unloving
  - ▶ Many False Teachers blasphemously claim visions of Christ; they blaspheme His holiness: They confirm each other's lies as truth {*Health, Wealth & Prosperity*}
  - ▶ Only by prayerful tutelage under Holy Spirit can one avoid lies of False Teachers lest **you** become their ally ensnaring others for Satan: *Wrong Gospel* (Ga 1:6-10; 2:11-14)