

How to Read and Study Your Bible

Lesson 5 – October 9, 2011

Step 1: What did the text mean to the biblical audience?

a. Read seriously and observe the text. What does the text say?

i. Words, Phrases, and Sentences

ii. Sentences, Paragraphs, Chapters, and Episodes

b. Break the passage into manageable parts.

i. Find the beginning and the end of the passage.

1) Major shifts in the topic of discussion

2) Shifts in audience

3) Shifts of other types, such as moving from describing what Jesus did to relating what he is teaching

4) Changes in key words and repeated themes

5) Transitional phrases

ii. Identify the Sections

iii. Identify the Phrases

iv. Identify the Main Phrase(s) and Modifying Phrases

Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. 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. 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. 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. 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 — 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.

Salutation

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

Reason for Writing

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. 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.

Description and Condemnation of the Troublemakers

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. 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— 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.

Salutation

Jude,

a servant of Jesus Christ and
brother of James,

To those

who are called,

beloved in God the Father and
kept for Jesus Christ:

May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

Reason for Writing

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.

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.