**Jude**

Yahudah

**Jude 1:1**  Yehuḏah, a servant of יהושע Messiah, and brother of Ya‛aqoḇ, to those who are called, set-apart by Elohim the Father, and preserved in יהושע Messiah:

Yahudah (Jude) was the brother of Ya’aqob (James) and is referred to in Mark 6 as the half-brother of Yahushua.

**Mar 6:3**  “Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Miryam, and brother of **Ya‛aqoḇ**, and Yosěph, and **Yehuḏah**, and Shim‛on? And are not His sisters here with us?” And they stumbled in Him.

He wrote his letter to “those who are called, set apart by Elohim the Father and preserved in Yahushua Messiah”, which would refer to all believers both, Native Born Yisra’eli and the Stranger (Gentile).

**Jude 1:2**  Compassion, and peace, and love be increased to you.

**Jude 1:3**  Beloved ones, making all haste to write to you concerning our common deliverance, I felt the necessity to write to you urging you to **earnestly contend** for the belief which was once for all delivered to the set-apart ones.

**Jude 1:4**  For **certain men** have slipped in, whose Judgement was written about long ago, **wicked ones perverting the favour of our Elohim for indecency, and denying the only Master** יהוה and our Master יהושע Messiah.

It was Yahudah’s (Jude’s) intention to write a letter about our salvation, but there was so much dissension and false teaching being spread out among the brethren that he was forced to write a warning instead.

His admonishment was that the believer should “earnestly contend for the belief which was once for all delivered to the set apart ones”.

**Earnestly Contend**: stg’s **#G1864** “epagōnizomai”, to struggle for; from two words meaning, (G1019) against and (G75) to compete for. Refers to a sincere struggle to overcome something (contextually, false doctrine).

There is a constant battle going on within the household of belief against the influence of lawless men (2 Peter 3:14-17) who would corrupt the truth of the Good News of Yahushua. Kepha (Peter), Sha’ul (Paul), Ya’aqob (James), in fact all the Messianic Writers, as well as Yahushua Himself, warned that this would happen.

Yahudah’s (Jude’s) use of the phrase “once for all” is meant to refer not just to what the Messianic Writings (New Testament) say about our salvation, but what the entirety of Scripture says concerning the matter. He is telling us that the complete understanding of what our salvation means and how we are to receive it, has now been revealed to us, “the set apart ones”.

He goes on to tell us in verse 4 that “certain men have slipped in” to the body of believers who were “perverting the favour of Elohim for indecency and denying the Master”, both the Father and the Son.

This terminology should be familiar to those of us who have studied the Messianic Writings.

**Act 15:1**  And **certain men** came down from Yehuḏah and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised, according to the practice of Mosheh, you are unable to be saved.”

**Act 15:2**  So when Sha’ul and Barnaḇa had **no small dissension and dispute with them**, they arranged for Sha’ul and Barnaḇa and certain others of them to go up to Yerushalayim, to the emissaries and elders, about this question.

Sha’ul (Paul) contended with these “certain men” concerning how we are saved, whether by belief or by works, and went on to write the book of Galatians to clarify the issue. In Galatians he had a few things to say about these “certain men”.

He called them “false brothers” who had snuck into the body of believers to “spy out our freedom” in the attempt to “enslave us” back into their religious man-made dogma (Galatians 2:4).

Yahudah (Jude) goes on to tell us that these “wicked ones” have “perverted the favour of Elohim for indecency”.

**Wicked Ones:** stg’s **#G765** “asebēs”, meaning irreverent, impious, wicked; from (G1) no or not and (4576) to revere. Refers to someone that has no reverence or fear (respect).

**Perverted**: stg’s **#G3346** “metatithēmi”, meaning to transfer, transport, exchange, change sides, pervert; from two words, that in this context, mean (G3326) against and (G5087) what is proper. Refers to something that is contrary to what is right, something twisted.

**Indecency**: stg’s **#G766** “aselgeia”, meaning licentiousness; from (G1) no and (selgēs) self-restraint. Refers to a person who has no self-control and lives a life without restraint, disobedient (Romans 1:18-32).

Yahudah (Jude) is telling us that certain people, who do not revere YHWH, have come into the congregation, whose hearts are not surrendered to serving YHWH, through His Son, Yahushua Messiah. These people are going around teaching the brethren that they can live anyway they want, without self-restraint.

They were, in essence, telling the people that their belief in Yahushua Messiah meant they no longer had to obey the instructions (Torah) laid down by YHWH for His people to live by. He says that this, “grace as a license to sin”, attitude as one that “denies the Master”, both the Father and the Son.

Now, comes something we very much need to understand concerning, not just this writing by Yahudah (Jude), but all the Messianic Writings. All the Messianic Writers use the teachings of the Tanak (OT) as shadow pictures of principles that are **STILL TRUE TODAY!**

**Jude 1:5**  But I intend to remind you, though you once knew this, that יהוה, **having saved a people out of the land of Mitsrayim**, **afterward destroyed those who did not believe**.

This is a **HUGE** principle because it expresses to us that it is possible to be destroyed for our unbelief **AFTER** we’ve been saved.

**Believe:** stg’s **#G4100** “pisteuō”, meaning to have faith (belief); from G4102 (pistis) persuasion (from G3982 {peitho} to be convinced).

(In the context of verse 5, it refers to a person who is no longer convinced that what he believes is true).

What’s important here is to understand why YHWH destroyed some of the Children of Yisra’el,

**AFTER** He had delivered them from the death Angel, through the blood of the Passover Lamb (Messiah), and from the land of Egypt (authority of this world).

**REMEMBER,** YHWH had sent spies into the Promise Land and when the spies returned they gave a negative report to the people, which caused the people to rebel. Even though YHWH had commanded them to trust Him and enter the land, and that He had promised to deliver them, they refused to enter out of fear and grumbled against Him for bringing them out of Egypt to die in the wilderness.

It is for this act of defiance (disobedience) that YHWH condemned that generation of the Children of Yisra’el to die in the wilderness and not enter the Promised Land.

So, it was their lack of trust in the promise of YHWH to deliver them and establish them in the land that caused them to act in disobedience to His command. Throughout the entire Scripture, disobedience is a sign of unbelief.

This is why Yahudah (Jude) uses a shadow picture immediately after the warning in verses 3 and 4. There he warned us about people who were turning the favor (grace) of YHWH into indecency, teaching that YHWH’s favor, which we receive through belief in Yahushua, gives us the liberty to live anyway we want (grace as a license to sin).

Immediately after this teaching, (that we can disobey now) he uses this shadow picture of those who had been SAVED from Egypt and yet did not obey the command of YHWH to enter the Land, being destroyed for their unbelief and never entering the Promised Land. The Promise Land is a shadow picture of the Messianic Kingdom that all believers are waiting for, at Messiah’s return.

This warning and the use of this shadow picture is Yahudah’s (Jude’s) way of telling present-day believers that if we allow people to tell us we no longer have to revere YHWH through obeying His Torah, it is evidence of our unbelief and we will die in the wilderness of this life and never inherit The Kingdom of Yahushua

**Jude 1:6**  And the messengers who did not keep their own principality, but left their own dwelling, He has kept in everlasting shackles under darkness for the Judgment of the great day.

This is a reference to the angelic host that defiled themselves with the daughters of men in Genesis 6:1-8 (referred to by Kepha in 2 Peter 2).

**Jude 1:7** Even as Seḏom and Amorah and the cities around them in a similar way to these, having given themselves over to whoring and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, undergoing Judeicial punishment of everlasting fire.

Now he is using the shadow pictures of Sodom and Gomorrah to explain what happens to people like those mentioned above, who take the favor of YHWH for granted and continued disobeying Him. He considers this an act of defiance and unbelief, an act of trampling the blood of Yahushua under your feet and calling it common or unclean (Hebrews 10:26-31).

Notice in verse 4, he says that their “judgment was written long ago”, referring to the Torah, which declares judgment on the disobedient and the irreverent. He tells us in verse 7 that their judgment will be just like that of Sodom and Gomorrah, for they were an example of the punishment of “everlasting fire”, in the Lake of Fire, that awaits all the unbelieving and disobedient.

**Jude 1:8**  **In the same way**, indeed, these dreamers **defile the flesh**, and **reject authority**, and **speak evil of esteemed ones.**

**Jude 1:9**  But Miḵa’ěl the chief messenger, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Mosheh, presumed not to bring against him a blasphemous accusation, but said, “יהוה rebuke you!”

**Jude 1:10**  But these **blaspheme that which they do not know**. And that which they **know naturally, like unreasoning beasts, in these they corrupt themselves**.

“In the same way” is a clear comparison of these corrupt people and the people of Sodom and Gomorrah who do three things.

1. Defile flesh
2. Reject authority
3. Speak evil of Esteemed Ones

Yahudah (Jude) is talking about three specific things here, things he is going to elaborate on further.

“Defiling the flesh” has to do with people walking in disobedience to the Torah, doing their own thing. According to Sha’ul (Paul), those of us who continue “walking according to the flesh” shall die (Romans 8:13).

“Rejecting authority” is a very specific reference to the Torah as it was given through Mosheh (Moses) at Mount Sinai. Christianity today has rejected the authority of Mosheh, teaching that our belief in Yahushua Messiah allows us to ignore the commands of the Torah.

“Speaking evil of esteemed ones” is a reference to those who speak out against the teachers and leaders within the congregation, without cause. These are the back biters, those who cause dissension.

He says that they “blaspheme that which they do not know”,

**Blaspheme**: stg’s **#G987** “blasphēmeō”, meaning to vilify; from a word meaning (G989) to speak against (to harm or hinder). Refers to speaking out against something or someone with the intent of causing harm to them or to hinder it.

Once again, Yahudah (Jude) is referring to the Torah. We know this because of what he says next, i.e. “and that which they know naturally”. This is a very specific reference to our physical or fleshly mind.

**Naturally**: stg’s **#G5447** “phusikōs”, meaning physically, that is instinctively. Refers to someone that thinks or makes choices based purely on their instincts or feelings.

**Unreasoning**: stg’s **#G249** “alogos”, from (G1) no or not and (G3056) something said or thought. This refers to a mindset or attitude that is not based on anything concrete, like laws or rules.

**NOTE:** “logos” is the Greek word translated as “word” and is used to refer to both Yahushua, as the living Word, and the Torah, as the written Word. The Greek word “alogos” would then mean “no word” and would refer to someone that thinks or makes choices that are based on their emotions instead of concrete facts. More specifically, it would be someone who is not founded in the Torah of YHWH and lives, and makes choices, contrary to it.

**REMEMBER**, Yahudah (Jude) has already stated that these people pervert the favor of YHWH and that they defile the flesh. By definition, a fleshly person is one who does not subject themselves to the Torah of YHWH, nor can they (Romans 8:7).

It is **VITALLY IMPORTANT** that we understand what is being said here, because it goes right in line with everything Sha’ul (Paul) teaches in Romans 7 and 8.

There is a distinction between the spiritual man (the reasoning man) and the physical/natural man (the instinctual man). The physical man is no better than the animals, for he makes all of his choices based on his emotions and according to his physical senses.

Animals cannot act contrary to their instincts, unless they have been taught to do so, and even then, there only doing what they’re taught, they do not understand the **WHY** of it.

Man however, is spiritual, having the capacity to reason beyond his instincts, to weigh the facts of any given situation and make the right, rational choice to act against his instincts if they are not based in truth. This is the distinction in the Scripture between spiritual man and physical man.

The Torah of YHWH is spiritual (Romans 7:14) and the spiritual man lives and makes his choices based on the Truth of the Torah of YHWH. The spiritual man **DOES NOT** live and make choices based on his physical, fleshly instincts (emotions).

This is what brother Sha’ul (Paul) is referring to when he says:

**Rom 8:1**  There is, then, now no condemnation to those who are in Messiah יהושע, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Believers will not come under the condemnation of death because of sin, **IF** they walk according to the spirit man, in obedience to the Torah, and **NOT** according to the flesh, physical, instinctual man, who does not subject himself to the Torah of YHWH, nor can he (Romans 8:7).

**Jude 1:11**  Woe to them! Because they have gone in the way of Qayin, and gave themselves to the delusion of Bil‛am for a reward, and perished in the rebellion of Qoraḥ.

(Jude 1:7-11; compare with 2Pe 2:6-15)

Three things are mentioned here:

1. Way of Qayin (Cain)
2. Delusion of Bil’am (Balaam)
3. Rebellion of Qorah (Korah)

Consider what is said about these individuals in the Scripture.

Qayin (Cain): He offered an unacceptable offering to YHWH and was rejected. He then turned around and killed his brother (Gen 4).

The “Jews” (religious leaders) in the time of Messiah had been worshiping YHWH according to their own way and their own understanding. Of them, the prophet YeshaYahu (Isaiah) and spoken:

**Isa 29:13**  And יהוה says, “Because this people has drawn near **with its mouth**, and **with its lips** they have esteemed Me, and it has **kept its heart far from Me**, and their fear of Me has become **a command of men that is taught**!

These religious leaders were no longer teaching the people to adhere to the Torah of YHWH in its purity but had added hundreds and even thousands of their own man-made religious commands, thereby nullifying the Word of YHWH according to Messiah (Matthew 15:8-9; Mark 7:6-7).

Because they, like Qayin (Cain), had went their own way and offered up worship that was not acceptable to YHWH, He rejected them, leaving them under the authority of their Gentile enemies, and so when the Good Son, Yahushua, came to them, they murdered Him.

This will be fulfilled in this totality in the Last Day, when the Christian church, who claims to be of YHWH but is not, shall kill those of us who have lived according to the truth of Yahushua in the Torah.

Bil’am (Balaam): He was a prophet during Yisra’el’s exodus from Egypt, to whom the king of Moab, Balaq, came offering wealth if he would curse the Children of Yisra’el (Num 22-24; Deut 23:4-5; Joshua 13:22; 24:9-10; Nehemiah 13:2;

Micah 6:5; 2Pet 2:15; Rev 2:14).

He had been told by YHWH that he was not to go to Balaq to curse Yisra’el but when the king’s money men came back offering him more wealth and influence, Bil’am went back and asked YHWH a second time if he could go.

This time YHWH allowed him to go with the admonishment that he could only speak the words that YHWH would give him to speak. Interestingly, along the trip to Balaq, YHWH sent a messenger to kill Bil’am, and it was only due to the actions of his donkey that he was not killed.

Why did YHWH allow him to go then send a messenger to kill him?

Scripture clearly teaches that once YHWH states something, He does not change His mind. In this case it was not Bil’am’s second request that caused his problem as much as it was why he asked a second time.

Bil’am’s motivation for asking YHWH a second time was the extra wealth and influence he had been offered by Balaq, i.e. personal gain.

**Eph 5:5**  For this you know, that no one who whores, nor unclean one, **nor one greedy of gain**, **who is an idolater**, has any inheritance in the reign of Messiah and Elohim.

When Bil’am attempted to curse Yisra’el he found that he could not and ended up blessing them instead. Not wanting to lose his payment he taught Balaq how to get YHWH to destroy Yisra’el for him.

**Rev 2:14**  “But I hold a few *matters* against you, because you have there those who adhere to the teaching of Bil‛am, **who taught Balaq to put a stumbling-block before the children of Yisra’ěl,** to eat *food* offered to idols, and to commit whoring.

This act of defiance by Bil’am is not mentioned in Numbers 22-24 but is referred to in chapter 31 (16). He taught Balaq that if he could get Yisra’el to break their covenant with YHWH by getting them to participate in idolatry, YHWH would destroy them Himself.

And that turned out to be the case. In Numbers 25:1-9, we see that Yisra’el defiled itself with the daughters of Moab, eating things offered to idols and whoring, for which 24,000 Yisra’elis died.

If it had not been for the zeal of “Pineḥas, son of El‛azar, son of Aharon the priest”, all of Yisra’el may have died there.

Qorah (Korah): He convinced others to rebel against the authority of Mosheh (Moses)and Aharon (Num 16).

**Num 16:1**  And Qoraḥ, son of Yitshar, son of Qehath, son of Lěwi, took both Dathan and Aḇiram the sons of Eliyaḇ, and On, son of Peleth, sons of Re’uḇěn,

**Num 16:2**  and they rose up before Mosheh with some of the children of Yisra’ěl, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, called ones of the meeting, men of name.

**Num 16:3**  And **they assembled against Mosheh and against Aharon**, and said to them, “Enough of you! For all the congregation is set-apart, all of them, and יהוה is in their midst. Why then do you lift up yourselves above the assembly of יהוה?”

This rebellion cost Qorah and all those still living in his house to die when the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up. Those other that had joined him in his rebellion were destroyed by fire.

So, what are these three men guilty of?

1. Qayin is guilty of offering worship to YHWH according to his own thoughts and desires instead of worshiping Him according to the Way He requires,
2. Bil’am is guilty of teaching corruption (sin) for personal gain,
3. Qorah is guilty of rebelling against the authority of Mosheh and Aharon (the Torah).

The Christian church today is guilty of all three of these. Their leaders teach them to worship YHWH in ways that are contrary, and in some cases direct violations of, the Way He set froth that His people are to worship Him.

Their leaders are more concerned about the size of their congregations and the size of the weekly tithe than they are about leading the people into the true worship.

Their leaders teach them to dishonor the Torah (authority of Mosheh and Aharon), because, they say, their “faith” in Messiah has set them free from the requirement to obey it.

As Yahudah has said, “their judgment was written about long ago” for they “defile the flesh, and reject authority, and speak evil of esteemed ones”, they “blaspheme that which they do not know. And that which they know naturally, like unreasoning beasts, in these they corrupt themselves”.

**Jude 1:12**  These are rocky reefs in your love feasts, feasting with you, feeding themselves without fear, waterless clouds borne about by the winds, late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots,

**Jude 1:13**  wild waves of the sea foaming up their own shame, straying stars for whom blackness of darkness is kept forever.

Wow, Yahudah (Jude) does not pull any punches in condemning the actions of these types of

people.

“…rocky reefs in your love feasts…” refers to those who cause decentions and disruptions in the Mo’edim (Feasts/Appointed Times) celebrations.

Christianity has completely rejected the Mo’edim of YHWH (Lev 23) that He commands all His people to keep. Instead, they have set up their own holy days (holidays) in place of His, namely Christmas, Easter, Valentine’s Day, etc. All of which are rooted in pagan idol worship, a thing that YHWH abhors.

“…feasting with you, feeding themselves without fear…” is a reference to two things mentioned by Sha’ul (Paul). The first is eating from the table of demons and the table of Yahushua in 1Cor 10:14-22. By participating in the pagan feasts mentioned above and calling it honoring to YHWH is to defile the very blood that redeemed them.

The second reference is about eating of the “Lord’s supper” unworthily, as taught in 1Cor 11:17-34. The church has totally misunderstood the meaning of this passage, which is referring to eating of it selfishly. Participants should have Yahushua’s heart when eating this meal, willingly providing for others even if they must do without.

This meal is about self-sacrifice for the good of others and one must never use it as an opportunity to fill one’s own belly at the expense of others. This is what Yahudah (Jude) means by “feeding themselves without fear”.

Sha’ul’s (Paul’s) warning in 1Cor 11 says, “Because of this many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep (are dead)”.

“…waterless clouds borne about by the winds…”, refers to people that do not have the Spirit (water) and are tossed to and fro on winds of false doctrine (Eph 4:14).

“…late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots…”, refers to those who claim to be in Messiah but have not produced the “fruit” of righteousness that is required of His servants.

**Joh 15:1**  “I am the true vine, and My Father is the gardener.

**Joh 15:2**  “**Every branch in Me that bears no fruit He takes away**. And every branch that bears fruit He prunes, so that it bears more fruit.

**Joh 15:3**  “You are already clean because of the Word which I have spoken to you.

**Joh 15:4**  “Stay in Me, and I *stay* in you. **As the branch is unable to bear fruit of itself, unless it stays in the vine, so neither you, unless you stay in Me**.

**Joh 15:5**  “I am the vine, you are the branches. **He who stays in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit. Because without Me you are able to do naught!**

**Joh 15:6**  “**If anyone does not stay in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up. And they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned**.

Contextually (Ch. 14), the fruit referred to here is that of obedience, which is righteousness. Those that do not bear this fruit will be “taken away” and is “thrown away as a branch and dries up”, which they (the messengers – Mat 13:36-43) “gather…and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.”

This is what Yahudah (Jude) means when he says they are “twice dead”. They had been “born again” in the inner-spirit-man but did not bring the outer-physical-man into subjection to the Torah of YHWH (obedience/righteousness-Deut 6:24-25) and therefore rebuilt upon themselves the condemnation of death for sin that they had once overcome by belief in Yahushua Messiah (Gal 2:17-18), thus they will suffer the “Second Death”.

“…wild waves of the sea foaming up their own shame…”, refers to how their rebellious behavior is building up against them on the day of judgment, to their shame.

“…straying stars for whom blackness of darkness is kept forever.” Refers to what happens to those who were once counted among the belief (stars) but have strayed. The end of them is worse than that of an unbeliever (Heb 10:26-31) in the Lake of Fire.

**Jude 1:14**  And Ḥanoḵ, the seventh from Aḏam, also prophesied of these, saying, “See, יהוה comes with His myriads of set-apart ones,

**Jude 1:15**  to execute Judgment on ‘all, **to punish all who are wicked among them concerning all their wicked works which they have committed in a wicked way, and concerning all the harsh words which wicked sinners have spoken against Him.”**

REMEMBER, the “them” referred to here are those who were among the belief but have strayed. Yes, He is coming to pass judgment on all who have not believed; however, a close study of end time events shows that at the time of His return there will be three types of people on the earth.

1. Those who have believed in Yahushua and have strived diligently to walk in obedience to the Torah of YHWH with all their heart. These will be taken up at the resurrection of the Just when He appears.
2. Those who have worshipped the Beast or taken his mark. These will be destroyed at the battle of Armageddon.
3. Those who had not believed but had not taken the mark of the beast or worshipped him. These will have to endure the Wrath of YHWH along with the others but if they survive the Wrath, they will enter the Kingdom in their fleshly body.

NOTE: It is possible that among the latter group will be those who had believed in Messiah from a pure heart, according to the Christian error and did not walk in obedience to the Torah because of the corruption of man-made dogma. It is possible that these will find mercy on that day and not be destroyed among the wicked, however, it is likely that they will be among those who must endure the Wrath of YHWH.

**Jude 1:16**  These are grumblers, complainers, who walk according to their own lusts, and their mouth speaks proudly, admiring faces of others for the sake of gain.

“…grumbler, complainer, who walk according to their own lusts…”, are those who can never find contentment in obedience because their hearts are still focused on the things that please their own flesh and not the things that please YHWH, so their worship of Him is filled with grumbling just as was that of Yisra’el in the wilderness, whose end they will share.

“…their mouth speaks proudly…”, just as did Qorah, who thought he deserved as much honor as Mosheh and Aharon.

“…admiring faces of others for the sake of gain.” Refers to those who puff up others in the hope of getting something in return. Their admiration and compliments are not given from a sincere heart but one seeking personal recognition.

Jude 1:17  But you, beloved ones, remember the words spoken before by the emissaries of our Master יהושע Messiah,

Jude 1:18  because they told you that there would be mockers in the last time **who would walk according to their own wicked lusts**.

**Mockers**: stg’s **#G1703** “empaiktēs”, from G1702; a derider, that is, (by implication) a false teacher: - mocker, scoffer. Refers to someone who speaks against the true teaching or against the servant of YHWH that is teaching the Truth.

Notice that these “mockers” don’t have anything against the servants of YHWH because of

some error on the part of the servant, but their issues exist because they (the mockers) wish to

do their own thing instead of obeying the Truth.

**Jude 1:19**  These are the ones who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

That is self-explanatory, however, it is important to emphasize that it is those who “walk

according to their own wicked lusts” and not according to the Torah or YHWH that cause

divisions, not the righteous.

**Jude 1:20**  But you, beloved ones, building yourselves up on your most set-apart belief, praying in the Set-apart Spirit,

**Jude 1:21**  keep yourselves in the love of Elohim, looking for the compassion of our Master יהושע Messiah unto everlasting life.

“…building yourselves up on your most set-apart belief…”, refers to making sure that our belief is founded in what is set-apart. This is a reference to Yahushua, but it is also a reference to the Torah/Word of YHWH. Yahushua is the Word/Torah in the flesh, and it is impossible to separate it from Him.

“…praying in the Set-Apart Spirit…”, does not, necessarily, refer to speaking in tongues because not everyone has that gift. However, praying in the Spirit is something every believer can do because it refers to communicating to His Spirit through our renewed spirit man, with sincerity and trust that He hears our prayer and is waiting to answer.

It must be noted that praying with tongues is a way to pray “in the Spirit”, however, it still is a communication between our renewed spirit man and His Spirit, and it must be done with sincerity and trust.

**Jude 1:22**  And show compassion toward some who are doubting,

It is imperative that we never lose sight of the fact that we all started out with doubts and fears, and it was only through trials and the love of YHWH and His servants that we found the truth. It is required of us to have the same compassion and patience for others that He showed toward us.

**Jude 1:23**  but others save with fear, snatching them out of the fire, hating, even the garment defiled by the flesh.

Unfortunately, some of us who know the truth, still have troubles living in it consistently throughout the course of time and it is our duty as servants of YHWH and brethren together to do all we can to keep all the sheep, not losing one.

Sometimes this requires some hard love, where we need to rebuke a brother or even eject them from among us (1Cor 5) that we might receive them again (2Cor 2:5-11).

**Jude 1:24**  And to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you blameless before the presence of His esteem with exceeding joy,

**Jude 1:25**  to the only wise Elohim, our Saviour, be esteem and greatness and might and authority, both now and forever. Aměn.

How is He able to “keep you from stumbling, and to present you blameless” without violating our own free will?

His ability to “keep” us is intrinsically connected to our submission to Him. If we truly and whole heartedly surrendered our heart and mind and will, to His Torah, He is free to act on our behalf, even contrary to our own choices.

While in this fleshly body, even with a heart that is totally submitted, we are continually in danger of succumbing to our instincts, which will lead us into disobedience. A totally submitted heart can be protected and cleansed because it has forfeited its freewill and granted the Father complete access to its life.

We must always strive diligently to assure that our hearts are pure and devoted to serving the One who can preserve us.

Shalom, Bro Mitch