

MARKED OUT FOR CONDEMNATION

The purpose of the Book of Jude is to encourage spiritually advancing believers to “**contend earnestly for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.**” (Jude 3b)

Jude used the Greek Olympic word epagonizomai (contend earnestly) to describe the intensity and agony associated with contending for the Christian faith.

We will study three important factors of **how Jude was able to identify or mark out** “those who were long beforehand **mark out** (prographo / perf.p.ptc.nplm) [foretold in writing] **for this condemnation.**” (Jude 4a)

1. In verses 4 and 16, Jude gives six points for identifying “those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation.”

- (Jude 4a) Crept in unnoticed
- (Jude 4b) Condemnation of ungodly
- (Jude 4c) Corrupting grace by licentiousness
- (Jude 4d) Contradicting the person and/or work of Jesus Christ
- (Jude 16a) Complainers against the promises of God
- (Jude 16b) Conceited, prideful with a haughty spirit (2 Tim.3:1-12)

2. In verses 5 – 15, Jude gives eight biblical illustrations that serve as examples of those marked out for this condemnation. (Woe to them!) (Jude 11a)

- (Jude 5) Reversionistic Exodus generation (Heb.3-4)
- (Jude 6) Fallen angels of days of Noah (2 Pet.2:1-5)
- (Jude 7-8) Perversion of Sodom and Gomorrah (2 Pet.2:6-9)
- (Jude 9-10) Dispute with Devil over body of Moses (2 Pet.10-12)
- (Jude 11a) Way of Cain (1 John 3:11-14)
- (Jude 11b) Error of Balaam (2 Pet.2:15-16; Rev.2:14)
- (Jude 11c-13) Rebellion of Korah (Num.16)
- (Jude 14-15) Condemnation of ungodly of Antediluvian world (Heb.11:5-6)

3. As custodians of the Word of God and Evangelism, we must be students of the Scriptures and contenders for the faith (Jude 3, 17).

It is important to study categorical Bible doctrine to fight heresy of angelic conflict (Matt.4:1-11) (Rev.13:11-18)

We are instructed:

- To know the enemy (1 Pet.5:8; 2 Cor.2:11; 4:3-4; Matt.16:21-23)
- To know our spiritual armor
- To know how to wear it
- To know how to fight with it (Eph.6:11-17).