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FALSE LOVE AND THE IRON YOKE

Jude 5-7

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Jude 3

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Jude 4

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.

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Jude 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.

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Jude 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 —

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Jude 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.

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“Whole churches have shifted their focus from the clear teachings of Scripture to the felt needs of sinners. They want to make the church service comfortable and non-confrontational. As a result, the messages they champion are theologically weak, and the people they serve are doctrinally naïve.”

John MacArthur

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John 15:18

If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.

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Matthew 10:22

And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

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James 4:4

You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

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We don't let the demands of the world dictate how we interpret Scripture.

Instead, we let the demands of Scripture dictate how we interact with the world.

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V. 5 - “destroyed those who did not believe.”

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V. 7 - “undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.”

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Jeremiah 28:2-3

“Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. Within two years I will bring back to this place all the vessels of the Lord's house, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place and carried to Babylon.”

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Jeremiah 28:4

I will also bring back to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and all the exiles from Judah who went to Babylon, declares the Lord, for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.”

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Jeremiah 28:5-6

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet... “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles.

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“God so influenced the minds and hearts of his servants, that they were not cruel or barbarous; and yet they were not made soft and pliable through the influence of humanity, but boldly declared what God had commanded them.”

John Calvin

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Jude 2-3

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

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“There is no contradiction between being a loving Christian and engaging in the combat of apologetics.”

Voddie Baucham

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“Truth without love is dogma that does not touch the heart. Love without truth is sentimentalism that does not challenge the will. When truth is spoken with love, God’s Spirit can use it to change another’s mind.”

David Roper

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Jeremiah 28:10-11

Then the prophet Hananiah took the yoke-bars from the neck of Jeremiah the prophet and broke them. And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, "Thus says the Lord: Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all the nations within two years."

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Jeremiah 28:12-13

Sometime after the prophet Hananiah had broken the yoke-bars from off the neck of Jeremiah the prophet, the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: "Go, tell Hananiah, 'Thus says the Lord: You have broken wooden bars, but you have made in their place bars of iron.

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Jeremiah 28:14

For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: I have put upon the neck of all these nations an iron yoke to serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and they shall serve him, for I have given to him even the beasts of the field.’”

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Jeremiah 28:15-16

And Jeremiah the prophet said to the prophet Hananiah, “Listen, Hananiah, the Lord has not sent you, and you have made this people trust in a lie. Therefore thus says the Lord: ‘Behold, I will remove you from the face of the earth. This year you shall die, because you have uttered rebellion against the Lord.’”

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Jeremiah 28:17

In that same year, in the seventh month, the prophet Hananiah died.

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Ezekiel 33:7-8

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand.”

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"To throw off legitimate authority is to bind on a worse tyranny. To some kind of yoke all of us must bend our necks, and if we slip them out we do not thereby become independent, but simply bring upon ourselves a heavier pressure of a harder bondage."

Alexander MacLaren

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John 8:34

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.

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Galatians 6:7

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

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Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.

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Galatians 3:13

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.”

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*He ran thus till he came to a place
somewhat ascending; and upon that place
stood a cross, and little below in the
bottom, a sepulchre. So I saw in my dream,
that just as Christian came up with the
cross,*

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*his burden loosed from off his shoulders,
and fell from off his back; and began to
tumble, and so continued to do so until it
came to the mouth of the sepulchre,
where it fell in, and I saw it no more.*

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***Thus far did I come laden with my sin,
Nor could aught ease the grief that I was
in, Till I came hither. What a place is this!
Must here be the beginning of my bliss?***

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***Must here the burden fall from off my back?
Must here the strings that bound it to me,
crack? Blessed cross! Blessed sepulchre!
Blessed rather be The Man that there was
put to shame for me.***

John Bunyan

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