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B1 The Salutation of the Letter 1-2

- C1 The writer 1
- C2 The recipients
- C3 The blessing 2

B2 The Purpose of the Letter: Contending for the Faith 3

- C1 The writer's perception of the recipients: "beloved ones"
- C2 His original purpose: To write them concerning the salvation which all Christians share
- C3 His emerging purpose: To write them to contend for the faith

A2 THE WARNING ABOUT EVIL INFILTRATORS 4-19

B1 The Presence of Evil Infiltrators 4

- C1 Their stealth: They have crept in
- C2 Their doom: Their judgment has been written down from ancient times
- C3 Their character: Unworshipful
- C4 Their agenda: Making God's grace a pretext for loose, promiscuous living (lasciviousness)
- C5 Their effect: denying our only Master and Lord--Jesus Christ

B2 God's Judgment of Rebels in the Past 5-7

- C1 The Israelites in the wilderness: After His saving them from Egypt He destroyed those who didn't believe 5
- C2 The angels who abandoned their domain are being kept for judgment 6
- C3 The homosexuals of Sodom and Gomorrha: After their having committed fornication similarly to the angels, their judgment sets them forth as an example of those undergoing the judgment of eternal fire 7

B3 The Description of Evil Infiltrators: The Rebellion of Those Who Have Crept into the Church 8-16

- C1 The characterization of the infiltrators as dreamers acting similarly to the homosexuals 8
- C2 The faults of the infiltrators: Flesh-defiling rejection of authority
- C3 The contrast of the infiltrators with the archangel Michael 9 - 10
 - D1 Michael's commendable behavior: Respectful even of the devil 9
 - D2 The infiltrators' behavior: Evil speaking, pretentious, corrupt beasts 10
- C4 The pronouncement of woe upon the infiltrators for their violent, greedy rebellion 11
- C5 The picture of the infiltrators: Dangerous coral reefs, rainless clouds, dead and fruitless trees, raging waves, stars lost in deep space 12 - 13
- C6 The prophetic indictment of the infiltrators: The coming of the Lord to execute judgment 14 - 15
- C7 The decadent speech of the infiltrators 16

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- C1 "Be mindful of the words previously spoken by the apostles of our Lord, Jesus Christ" 17
- C2 The content of the apostles' warning: Evil speakers 18
- C3 Jude's correlation of the apostles' warning to the present evil infiltrators 19

B2 Keep Yourself in the Love of God 20-21

- C1 "Building up yourselves in your most holy faith" 20
- C2 "Praying in the Holy Spirit"
- C3 "Awaiting the mercy of our Lord, Jesus Christ [which mercy leads] unto eternal life"

B3 Show Mercy to the Struggling 22-23

- C1 To some show mercy, seizing them from the fire, for they are questioning 22-23a
- C2 Toward others show mercy with fear, hating even the flesh-stained clothes 23b

A4 THE BENEDICTION FROM THE PRESERVING GOD 24-25

B1 Preservation: To the one who is able 24

C1 To guard you without stumbling

C2 To set you before his glory unblemished with elation

B2 Praise: To the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord may there be 25

C1 The ascription of praise: Glory, greatness, might and authority

C2 The duration of praise: Through all eternity

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