

–Michael, The Archangel, Contends with the Devil Over the Body of Moses–

Jude 1

A – Sanctified by God the Father, preserved in Jesus Christ (vs.1)

Sanctification

B – Mercy unto you (vs.2)

C – peace and love be multiplied (vs.2)

D – Ye should earnestly contend for the faith (vs.3)

E – Condemnation / ungodly men (vs.4)

F – People saved / afterward unbelievers destroyed (vs.5) *[type of 2nd Coming]*

G – Fallen angels reserved under darkness till Judgment Day (vs.6)

Execution prophesied

H – Dreamers defile themselves (vs.8)

I – and speak evil of dignitaries (vs.8)

Twice in Scripture when Michael shows up, the devil contends God's work

Typology of the great

J – Yet Michael contended with the devil over Moses body (vs.9)

Resurrection of the Just

J – dared not rail on him, but said, “The Lord rebuke thee.” (vs.9)

The Lord's example for us dealing with the devil, “The Lord rebuke you”

I – these speak evil being ignorant (vs.10)

H – as brute beasts corrupt themselves (vs.10)

Prophecy of Judgment

G – Raging waves / wandering stars reserved in darkness forever (vs.13)

F – Enoch prophesied, “Behold the Lord cometh to execute judgment” (vs.14)

[At the 2nd Advent]

E – To convince ungodly sinners (vs.15)

D – build yourselves up in the most holy faith (vs.20)

C – keep yourselves in the love of God, (vs.21)

B – looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus (vs.21)

A – Now unto Him that's able to keep you from falling, and present you faultless (vs.24)

Sanctification

This picture we see diagramed in the book of Jude conveys great truths for our consideration. It begins and ends with the principle of sanctification. The first time indicating who we are sanctified by and the last time with the encouraging promise that He will “keep you from falling” (i.e. keep you in a sanctified state). With each stair step matching parallel theme moving toward a pinnacle point in the middle—the apex focus, we are to “contend for” and “build” up that “most holy faith” through the love and mercy of God.

The great judgment day will bring execution to the ungodly and those who corrupt themselves. There are a number of points the apex center commends for our consideration:

- 1) Michael, here mentioned as the Archangel contends or disputes. The four times in Scripture when Michael appears—Daniel 10:13-21; Daniel 12:1; Jude 9; Revelation 12:7-9 we see either a confrontation with the powers of darkness or a Verdict of Judgment. The pattern is a parallelism (A-B-A-B): The 1st and 3rd occurrence, Michael shows up on earth and the devil contends and tries to stop the work of God. Under the 2nd and 4th occurrence, there is a Judgment made, both in heaven—a verdict and execution. It is to our benefit to study each of these occurrences and learn what Holy Spirit has to teach us from these four great controversy engagements.
- 2) The subject is the ‘body of Moses’ which brings the contention. Thus, in type we see that Satan contends the authority of Christ to raise the dead. This is typology for the resurrection of the just at the Second Coming. Though Satan will not then contend, since he lost the battle at the cross and because at the resurrection of Jesus, our Saviour gained the victory over “death and the grave.” Very good news, for the devil is a defeated foe based on Hebrews 2:14, through the death of Jesus.
- 3) Christ did not “rail” on the devil, but simply stated, “The Lord rebuke thee.” He is our example in all things and this includes railing on the devil. It is tempting to do so, but this is not what God would have us do. In every confrontation with the devil, the Lord quoted Scripture and only on some occasions asked for the name of the demonic presence. We would be safe always following the Lord’s instruction on this matters.

Let us always remember that Prince Jesus is able in all situations at anytime to secure His people, for “He is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, glory, majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.” Jude 24, 25