





It Is These Who Cause Divisions

Jude

These People

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Cognate: 1797 *enypniázomai* (from 1798 /*enýpnion*, "dream") – to dream while asleep; (figuratively) a "day-dream" in which the believer contemplates (meditates). See 1798 (*enypnion*).

[Jude 8 uses 1797 (*enypniázomai*) in connection with the wrong kind of dreaming. This hoping (desiring) opposes God's kingdom – and then expects such personal aspirations to be granted by Him! This shows someone is completely out of touch with the principles of God's kingdom (see also Mt 6:33).]

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8 Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones.

- They dream this stuff up
- They relax moral standards
- They reject authority... *and in so doing...* blaspheme the Source

These People

10 But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively.

- They will ridicule arguments they can't defeat
- They “feel” they are right and that becomes enough
- They will follow their “reasoning” to their own destruction

These People

12 These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; 13 wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.

- They are secretive and self-serving
- They irreverently “shepherd” themselves
- They are empty, erratic, and unstable

These People

16 These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.

- They are chronic complainers
- They do what they want to do
- They will tell you how wise they are, and love you... if you listen

These People



19 It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.

- They are responsible for the separation they create
- They are being governed by a worldly spirit
- They have abandoned being led by the Spirit

But You, Beloved...

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

- **Grow in “the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints”**
- **Keep studying your bible and praying!**
- **Keep yourselves in God’s love and in hope of Christ’s mercy**

But You, Beloved...

22 And have mercy on those who doubt; 23 save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

- **Distinguish between doubters and dividers**
- **Be assertive when the danger is imminent**
- **Show mercy... but without willingness to compromise the faith**

Now to Him...

24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

- *“... glory, majesty, dominion, and authority...”*
- **Some from among us will decide to throw off His authority**



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