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"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

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# How to Study the Bible (Jude)

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## **BIBLE STUDY - Jude 5-7**

<u>Jude 5-7</u> (NASU) translation ... "<sup>5</sup> Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe. <sup>6</sup> And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day, <sup>7</sup> just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire."

<u>Jude 5-7</u> (YLT) translation ... "<sup>5</sup> and to remind you I intend, you knowing once this, that the Lord, a people out of the land of Egypt having saved, again those who did not believe did destroy; <sup>6</sup> messengers also, those who did not keep their **own principality**, <u>but did leave their proper dwelling</u>, to a judgment of a great day, in bonds everlasting, under darkness He hath kept, <sup>7</sup> as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them, <u>in like manner to these</u>, <u>having given themselves to whoredom, and gone after</u> other flesh, <u>have been set before — an example</u>, of fire age-during, justice suffering."

<u>Jude 5-7</u> (NKJV) translation ... "<sup>5</sup> But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. <sup>6</sup> And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; <sup>7</sup> as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual *immorality* and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

<u>This is the warning of Jude.</u> God's people must be discerning and believe God or suffer the consequences. With God's people, it is not a matter of not knowing God's will and truth, because we have God's word, to instruct us. However, the problem is that faithless men ignore God's promises and allow themselves to be deceived.

It is vital that we understand that the angels chose to leave "their first estate." With the full knowledge of God and who He is, they willingly refused to believe Him and thus rebelled and condemned themselves. In the same way, Jude is warning people who know of God, even with a "head knowledge" of His existence which all men have [See Romans 1:18-25] ... that if they reject God (His will and Word) they too put themselves beyond God's mercy and into His wrath. [See Romans 1:26-32]

# To completely and accurately understand God's view on the matter of homosexuality and its practice ...Jude gives us a clear commentary of the reasoning behind God's judgment of Sodom and Gomorrha in Jude 7.

<u>Please Note</u>: Genesis 18:16 to Genesis 19:24 ... gives us the narrative of the events prior to and ending with the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrha. This tells us *"what"* happened and occurred in those cities. However, Jude 7 makes clear the specific reason *"why"* God destroyed these cities; to be an example to the world of His judgment for rejecting Him.

In giving the Mosaic law (ordinances and codes) God then sets for His people the rules for what to do, and what not to do, regarding their worship and practices. These moral laws and codes continue throughout the Old Testament. They are found in the Books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy; also with cursory references throughout the Old Testament. Again, the question of *"why"* in answer to the Sodom and Gomorrha's judgment ... and the *"why"* the abomination of homosexuality is not clearly answered until Jude 5-7.

In the New Testament, the apostle Paul addresses with some explanation sinfulness and prohibition of homosexuality *"leaving the natural use of"* in Romans 1:24-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.

A careful study of the Greek words as they are used in Jude 5-7 gives the needed clarity regarding God's view and subsequent judgment regarding the practice of homosexually. Please pay careful attention to the comparison of the fallen angels rejection of their created purpose and the "like comparison" ascribed to Sodom and Gomorrha.

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Forms of the word: ekporneusasai **Dictionary:** ἐκπορνεύω **Greek transliteration:** ekporneuō Simplified transliteration: ekporneuo **Principal Parts:** -, έξεπόρνευσα, -, -, -Numbers Strong's number: 1608 **GK Number:** 1745 **Statistics Frequency in New Testament: 1** 

Greek-English Concordance for ἐκπορνεύω

Likewise, Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighboring towns, which<br/>(ekporneusasai | ἐκπορνεύσασαι | aor act ptcp nom pl fem) indulgedJude 1:7(ekporneusasai | ἐκπορνεύσασαι | aor act ptcp nom pl fem) in sexual immorality in the same<br/>way as the angels and pursued unnatural desire, are exhibited as an example by undergoing the<br/>punishment of eternal fire.

What does the Greek prefix ek mean?

Etymology. Prefix form of <u>ek</u> ("out of (motion from; made or extracted from; fractional part of), out from, out (forth from), of (made of)").

#### Jude 7

"Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

Even as, [hoos]. Alford, '(I wish to remind you, Jude 5) that,' etc.

Sodom, etc. - (2 Peter 2:6.)

**Giving themselves over to fornication** - extraordinarily; i.e., out of the order of nature [ekporneusasai]. On 'in like manner to them,' cf. note, Jude 6. Compare, on spiritual fornication, Ps 73:27, end.

**Going after strange flesh**, [apelthousai] - departing from the course of nature, and going after that which is unnatural. In later times most enlightened pagans indulged in the sin of Sodom without compunction.

Are set forth - before our eyes.

**Suffering** - to this present time lying under the ashes of volcanic fires at the Dead sea.

The vengeance, [dikeen] - 'righteous retribution.'

**Eternal fire** - the lasting marks of the fire that consumed the cities irreparably is a type of the eternal fire to which the inhabitants have been consigned. Bengel translates, 'Suffering (the) punishment (which they endure) as a sample of the eternal fire which shall consume the wicked.' Ezek 16:53-55, shows that Sodom's punishment, as a nation, is not eternal.

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### PLEASE ALSO READ AND COMPARE THE GREEK USED IN <u>MATTHEW 19:4-6</u> AND <u>ROMANS 1:27</u>.

THUSLY ... THE PRACTICE OF HOMOSEXUALITY IS COMPLETELY OUT OF GOD'S ORDER AND WILL, AND IS SIN! AFTER RENDERING HIS JUDGMENT AGAINST SODOM AND GOMORRHA ... AN EXAMPLE AND WARNING TO THE WORLD ... GOD "CODIFIED" HIS FEELINGS FOR PROHIBITION IN THE MORAL LAW ...

Leviticus 18:22 ... "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination." (NKJV)

<u>Leviticus 20:13</u> ... "If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them." (NKJV)