"God Judges Rebellion" <u>Jude 5 - 7</u>

When thinking about God's judgment, remember the heart of God!

1 Timothy 2: 4

2 Peter 3: 9

Ezekiel 18: 23

The heart of God to humanity: TURN AND LIVE!!

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Verse 5

Example #1 God judges rebellious people

Because of unbelief, Israel did not enter the promised land

Jude 5 - "destroyed those who did not believe"

Destroyed = "apollumi" = not the
loss of being, but wellbeing;
describing that which is ruined
and no longer usable for its
intended use

The Gospel promises everlasting life for one who believes -

The failure to possess this life will result in utter ruin and eternal uselessness (but not a cessation of existence); a life which is ruined and is no longer useable for its intended purpose

What is your intended purpose?

To know God and to serve Him forever

Who is destroyed (then and now)?

Those who do not put their trust in God

Verse 6

Example #2 God judges rebellious angels

Which angels?

Fallen angels - "who did not keep their proper domain"

<u>Domain</u> = "arche" = order, rank, place

". . . . left their own abode" =
house, habitation; the area
where they are permitted, by
God, to function

These angels went against God's proscribed order and suffered the consequences -

What did they do?

Genesis 6: 1-4

Why did they do this?

A desire to pollute the human gene pool, and thwart the coming of the Messiah

What is the destiny of these angels?

Everlasting chains and judgment

The prisons for fallen angels:

Tartarus - the deepest abyss of hades - probably for the Genesis 6 fallen angels

The Abyss (bottomless pit) - a place where Satan is bound for 1000 years - Revelation 20: 1-2

The prisons for fallen angels:

Gehenna/Lake of Fire - the final destination of all who have rebelled against God. All fallen angels, unbelieving mankind, the anti-christ, the false prophet, all in rebellion against God, this is their final abode

Contrast this with heaven: All believers go to heaven the moment they breathe their last breath - 2 Corinthians 5: 6-8

Just think: Heaven is a real place, with real people; the centrality of heaven is Jesus, the One who paid the price so we could live with Him forever!! There is nothing better than thinking about the moment that we will see His face and hear Him say, **WELCOME HOME!!**

Verse 7

Example #3 - God judges rebellious lifestyles

The focus is Sodom and Gomorrah Genesis 18-19

Ezekiel 16: 48-50 elaborates on the sins of Sodom

Jude (the last straw) "having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh"

Like fallen angels, they left their proper domain (their order)

Why is homosexuality such a big deal to God?

It perverts God's order for the family

Genesis 1: 26-28

Genesis 2: 18-24

Nowhere is Scripture is there any wiggle room for misinterpreting God's order for the family!!

Please do not miss God's great rescue verse -

1 Corinthians 6: 9-11

God's cry to all humans caught in sin's trap:

TURN AND LIVE!!

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CONCLUSION: GOD JUDGES REBELLION

God judges rebellious people God judges rebellious angels God judges rebellious lifestyles

REMEMBER GOD'S HEART

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