

INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS – JUDE 1:8-10

Last week we saw the condemnation of evil instigators that _____ into our churches, homes, and administrations. It was encouraging to know that one day judgment is coming upon them when the Lord will return to set things right. These evil personalities desire to snatch away the weaker believers from our local body seeking to _____ our work. The enemy is relentless in this effort. Today's text will reveal the characteristics of these wicked people as a means to identify them and to expose similar flaws in our own character, giving us opportunity to change.

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1. Types of biblical dreams and dreamers

a. Sweet dreams

- Dreamers throughout scripture

Abram (Abraham), Jacob, Joseph, Laban, Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar, The Midianite soldier, unnamed prophets of Israel, Abimelech king of Gerar, Solomon, Micaiah, Pharaoh, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Amos

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- These are dreamers whose dreams were _____ to God and God's people

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b. Sour nightmares – Jude 1:8

- They are all _____ dreamers – these wicked provocateurs that enter into a believer's midst have filthy dreams and aspirations

They *defile the flesh*, just like (likewise) the inhabitants of Sodom, Gomorrha, and the neighboring cities of *verse 7*...with dreams of a corrupt society where impropriety and perversion is considered normal behavior

They *despise dominion* just like (likewise) the angels that left their own habitation in violation of God's established boundaries described in *verse 6* ... with dreams that conservative natural rule is replaced with strange and bizarre corruption of society and genetic make-up

They *speak evil of dignities*, just like (likewise) the Israelites spoke evil of Moses and God as explained in *verse 5b* ...with dreams of usurping God-given authorities and establishing themselves as their own authority. They hate preserved scriptures, pastoral leadership, Bible preaching, prudent governmental and civil authorities, law enforcement, etc.

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- Something very important to consider

The AV King James Bible is the only version that says *filthy*

The KJ translators were used of God to _____ this description accurately

The translators were _____ to put their description in italics

They did this because dreamers were used by God to accomplish his plans and purposes

They made sure to draw a distinction between these *filthy* dreamers and God's dreamers

2. Characteristics of filthy dreamers – Jude 1:9

- a. Example 1: These filthy dreamers rail against any God-given earthly or scriptural authority they come across. They have their own agenda and will not submit to anyone getting in their way

- Michael the archangel

An archangel has a specific rank and task in God's hierarchy of heavenly beings – verse 9; 1 Thess. 4:16

Michael the archangel was used by God to carry out specific tasks ensuring the safety and stability of the nation of Israel. In Daniel he is called three things: chief prince, your prince, and the great prince – Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1

- The dead body of Moses – Deut. 34:5-6

When Moses died God made a point to conceal the exact location of his gravesite. We don't know anything other than what is written here in Jude. There is no other scriptural revelation given so everything is speculation. What we know is this: Michael was contending with the devil and having a disputation over the dead corpse of Moses

- The devil – Throughout human history the devil has great _____ as it concerns the planet earth and its realm, along with certain powers over human beings and nations – Eph. 2:2; 2 Cor. 4:4; Jo. 12:31; Rev. 12:3, 9; 13:2; Mk. 5:1-20; Gen. 1:28; 2:15; 3:1-15, 23-24; Lk. 4:5-7

Note: Any extrabiblical writings like the *Assumption of Moses* was _____ included in the canon of scripture, therefore, God deemed them all unessential. Also, any and all other like pieces of literature (The book of Enoch, the gospel of Thomas, the lost letter to the Laodiceans, the apocryphal books, etc., etc., etc.) are used by God to confound and self-deceive those who refuse to believe the scriptures – Ezk. 14:1-10; 2 Thess. 2:11

- Michael did not bring a railing accusation against the devil because he did not despise his _____ over the earth and this dimension (neither did Jesus Christ himself – Mt. 4:4, 7, 10) but said, The Lord rebuke thee.”

- b. Example 2: They base their own personal beliefs on their corrupted worldview, not on scripture or logical reality
 - They speak evil of things they do not know or comprehend – Jude 10a

 - They speak the things they know about according to their wicked ways – Jude 10b
As brute beasts – Animals live by instinct and are driven by pure survival, and so do these provocateurs. They compare everything and everyone to what they know and understand as corrupt thinkers. When men _____ against God, against the words of God, against logical rule and order, they become as beasts – Daniel 4

 - The things they think and believe is to their own destruction – Jude 10c