930 JUDE. 4—   
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 the common salvation, I found it) salvation, it was needful   
 necessary to write unto you forth. |77 me #2 write unto you   
 a t aad exhort you that ye   
 with, exhorting you to contend| sioutd earnestly contend   
 rmiim fearnestly for the faith once for all [for the faith which was   
 fytix delivered unto the saints. 48 For|2ee, delivered unto the   
 as, i . saints. 4 For there are   
 catia there crept in of old certain men,| certain men crept in un-   
 hRom-is 21, men before written down in pro- perc who were before of   
 BMvBekd, | men Pars old ordained to this con-   
 pheey for this judgment, ungodly dennation, ungodly will   
 [ape men, ‘turning ¥the grace -of our] turning the grace of our   
 ine! God into lasciviousness, and !deny-|@o¢ #xto laseiviousness,   
 2 Petit   
 Joh   
   
 (this may mean, concerning the fact of introduction, are plainly expressed in the   
 onr common salvation, brought in by word. “ Crept in,” viz. into the Christian   
 Christ ; or concerning the means of attain= church) of old certain men (it las heen   
 ing that salvation, i. e. doctrines and observed that the term certain men has   
 practices by which it is to be forwarded. a tinge of contempt about it), [men]   
 Perhaps the latter is here preferable. On who have been of old written down in   
 the idea conveyed by common, sce Tit. i. prophecy (to what time and fact are we to   
 4, and 2 Pet. i. 1), I found it necessary refer such designation of them? Clearly   
 (not, as A. V. “it was needful.:” the neces- not to God’s eternal purpose, in this place,   
 sity was not part of the giving diligence, from the term of old, which, as Huther   
 Dut supervened on it, to the circum- remarks, is never used of that purpose, but.   
 stance to be mentioned in the next verse) points to some fact in time, And if so,   
 to write to you, exhorting [you] to con- the previous writing down of these men   
 tend earnestly for the faith here can only point to the Old ‘Test. prophe-   
 the sum of that which Christians believe cies. What special description of them is   
 faith whick is believed, not faith By which intended, might be difficult to say were it   
 we believe) once for all (“an urgent fact ; not for the quotation below, ver. 17, from   
 —no ocher faith will ever given.” Ben- the prophecy of Enoch. ‘The warnings   
 gel. ‘This is obscured by the “once” of contained in the historical facts adduced   
 the A. V., which represents merely its below may also be meant. It may be ob-   
 having been given, not its having been the served that the ultra-predestinarians, Beza   
 only gift of the kind) delivered to the and Calvin, find, as we might expect, strong:   
 saints (i. c. Christians: believers.— The defence for their views in their interpreta-   
 meaning then of this verse is, that St. tion here. Beza indeed gathers from this   
 Jude, who was before earnestly desirous place, “that this eternal decree of God   
 to write to the Church universal concern- comprehended not only the event, but even   
 ing the salvation which is common to us principally, the persons themselves ins   
 all [De Wette, after Sherlock, supposes volved in it”) to this judgment (what.   
 that St. Jude was actually engaged on a judgmnent, or rather result of judgment ?   
 larger and more general Epistle, and was that presently to be mentioned: the sen-   
 compelled to break it off by the necessity tence which St. Jude has in his mind, and   
 mentioned. ‘This may have been so: but proceeds in the following verses to unfold.   
 we can hardly gather so much from the judgment, asso often, though not the same   
 worils], found urgent occasion at once to as condemnation, yet gets the condemna-   
 do so, respecting not merely nor directly tory meaning from the character of the   
 that common salvation, but one point, viz. context), impious, changing the grace of   
 the keeping inviolate the faith once for all our God (i.e. the gift of grace, state of   
 delivered to God’s people, And the reason salvation, in which our sins are forgiven us   
 of necessity which arose, now follows). and we are admitted into the freedom of   
 4.] For there erept in (not “are Jod’s children. Of our God; drawing   
 «crept in:” past tense explains the closer the bond of God’s true children to   
 arising of the occasion of his thus writing. ‘Him and one another, and thus producing   
 On crept in, sco 2 Pet. ii. and note: also greater abhorrence of those who have thus   
 Gal. ii. Secrecy, and lack of legitimate abused His grace) into lasciviousness (the