

# JUDE

*Contending for the Faith*

## **Jude's Introduction, v. 1-4**

*While it may be unpleasant, we must contend for the Faith*

### **His Salutation**

They are called  
Loved by God  
Kept by Jesus Christ

### **His Purpose for Writing**

They are his friends  
He's eager for their salvation  
They must contend for the faith

### **False Teachers Are:**

Godless men  
Changing grace to immorality  
Denying Jesus Christ

## **Jude's Warnings, v. 5-15**

*Warnings for whom?*

### **Three Examples Found in the Old Testament**

Israel in the wilderness  
v. 5, 8

The angels who sinned,  
v. 6, 9

The cities of the plain  
v. 7, 10

### **Three Instances of Individual Wickedness, v. 11**

Cain, an example of  
DISOBEDIENCE

Balaam, an example of  
GREED

Korah, an example of  
REBELLION

### **Three Tokens by Which Their Destruction is Manifested, v. 12-19**

The illustrations  
of nature

By their ungodly  
language and thoughts

By their unfaithful  
conduct

## **Jude's Exhortations, v. 20-25**

*Jude Wanted to Encourage Them As Well*

### **As to Themselves, 20-21**

Be firm in the faith  
Steadfast in love  
Confident in hope

### **Towards the Wicked, 22-23**

Be gentle  
Be stern with vigor  
Be hateful of sin

### **Thank God, 24-25**

For his preserving  
For his saving grace  
For his keeping wisdom

## Jude

### Greeting

<sup>1</sup>Jude, a servant<sup>[a]</sup> of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for<sup>[b]</sup> Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup>May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

### Judgment on False Teachers

<sup>3</sup>Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. <sup>4</sup>For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

<sup>5</sup>Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved<sup>[c]</sup> a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. <sup>6</sup>And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— <sup>7</sup>just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire,<sup>[d]</sup> serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

<sup>8</sup>Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. <sup>9</sup>But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you." <sup>10</sup> But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively. <sup>11</sup>Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion. <sup>12</sup>These are hidden reefs<sup>[e]</sup> 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; <sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup>It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, <sup>15</sup> to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him." <sup>16</sup>These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.

### A Call to Persevere

<sup>17</sup>But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>They<sup>[f]</sup> said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions." <sup>19</sup>It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup>And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup>save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment<sup>[g]</sup> stained by the flesh.

### Doxology

<sup>24</sup> 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, <sup>25</sup>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.

### Footnotes:

- a. Jude 1:1 Or *slave*; Greek *bondservant*
- b. Jude 1:1 Or *by*
- c. Jude 1:5 Some manuscripts *although you fully knew it, that the Lord who once saved*
- d. Jude 1:7 Greek *other flesh*
- e. Jude 1:12 Or *are blemishes*
- f. Jude 1:18 Or *Christ, because they*
- g. Jude 1:23 Greek *chiton*, a long garment worn under the cloak next to the skin