

Jude Series

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JUDE: CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

INTRODUCTION, PART 2



Who Was Jude?

- 1. The son of the patriarch Jacob (Matt. 1:2–3; Luke 3:33).**
- 2. The physical ancestor of Christ (Luke 3:30).**
- 3. The man who betrayed Christ (Mark 3:19).**
- 4. Thaddeus, one of the original twelve and was either the son or brother of James (Luke 6:16; John 14:22; Acts 1:13).**
- 5. The Galilean rebel (Acts 5:37).**
- 6. The native of Damascus (Acts 9:11) whose house Paul visited shortly after his conversion.**
- 7. The emissary who accompanied Paul, Barnabas, and Silas to Antioch (Acts 15:22, 27, 32).**
- 8. Jude the brother of James (Gal. 1:19) and the half brother of Christ (Mark 6:3; Matt. 13:55).**

Matthew 13:55, “Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?”

Secondary Objectives

First, he wanted to urge readers to contend for the faith (vv. 3).

Second, he wanted to warn his readers about the apostates (vv. 4).

Third, he wanted to furnish the characteristics of these apostates.

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Fourth, Jude predicted their imminent judgment (vv. 5–16).

Fifth, he wanted to remind his readers of previous warnings concerning the arrival of apostasy (vv. 17–19).

Sixth, he wanted to show believers how they could grow even in the midst of apostasy (vv. 20–23).

Seventh, he wanted to assure believers of God's continued protection even in the midst of the apostasy (vv. 24–25).

The Recipients

- 1. Believers: “beloved” or “sanctified” in God the Father; “kept” for Jesus Christ.**
- 2. Jewish**
- 3. Diaspora Jews**
- 4. Not a *catholic* or *general* epistle, but a *Jewish* epistle.**

Focus	Purpose of Jude 1 4	Description of False Teachers 5 16					Defense against False Teachers 17 23	Doxology of Jude 24 25
Divisions	Introduction 1 4	Past Judgment 5 7	Present Characteristics 8 13	Future Judgment 14 16	Duty of Believers 17 23	Conclusion 24 25		
Topics	Reason to Contend				How to Contend			
	Anatomy of Apostasy				Antidote for Apostasy			
Place	Unknown							
Time	c. A.D. 66–80							

- I. Greeting (vv. 1–2)**
- II. The Purpose of the Epistle (vv. 3–4)**
- III. The Judgment of God on Sin (vv. 5–7)**
- IV. The Profile of False Teachers (vv. 8–16)**
- V. The Warnings to Believers (vv. 17–23)**
- VI. Benediction (vv. 24–25)**

Jude	Subject	2 Peter
3		1:5
4	ungodly men, deny the Lord	2:1
6	angels held in eternal chains until judgment day	2:4
7	Sodom and Gomorrah, judged by eternal fire	2:6
8	they are defiled, reject authority, and slander dignitaries	2:10
9	Michael did not slanderously accuse them	2:11
10	they are brute beasts that speak evil	2:12
11	they followed Balaam's path	2:15
12	They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds	2:17
13	They are wandering stars reserved for eternal darkness	2:17
16	they grumble, complain, lust, and flatter people	2:18
17	this was predicted by the apostles of the Lord	3:2
18	in the last days scoffers are predicted to arrive	3:3

Parallels Between 2 Peter and Jude

- 1. Both authors coincidentally wrote similar epistles.**
- 2. Both were influenced by a common source.**
- 3. One was influenced by another**
 - a. Peter borrowed from Jude**
 - b. Jude borrowed from Peter**

Jude 1, “Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James....,

...To those who are called, *sanctified* [KJV, NKJV] by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:”

...To those who are called, *beloved* [NASB, NIV] by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:”