

# Epistle of Jude

## Jude 1:1-4

- Introduction of the book: Jude 1:1-2 - Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: (2) Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.
  - Written from 65-80 AD
  - From: Jude 1:1 - “Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James”
    - Who was Jude?
      - Definition: “Ioudas” (ee-oo-das’) - "he shall be praised" - Judah or Judas
    - “servant of Jesus Christ”
    - “brother of James” – Which one?
      - Two of the Twelve Apostles:
        - Matthew 10:2-4 - Called “Lebbaeus” surname: Thaddaeus”
        - Mark 3:14-19 - Called “Thaddaeus”
        - Luke 6:13-16
        - Acts 1:12-14
      - Half-brother of Jesus: Matthew 13:54-56
        - John 7:5 - For neither did his brethren believe in him.
        - Who is this Judas? The son of Joseph, not Alphaeus
        - Tradition: James, the first pastor of the Church of Jerusalem, was the half-brother of Jesus
      - It is not the brother of James, brother of John and son of Zebedee: Acts 12:1-2
      - Writer of the Epistle of James: James 1:1
        - Tradition: the first pastor of Jerusalem
    - To: “to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called”
      - “to them that are sanctified by God the Father”
        - Definition of sanctified: “Hagiatio” (hag-ee-ad’-zo)
          - To dedicate, separate, set apart for God; To purify, make conformable in character to such dedication; To treat as holy
        - We are sanctified through the truth: John 17:18-19
        - We are sanctified by the Holy Spirit: Romans 15:16
        - We are sanctified In Christ Jesus: I Corinthians 1:2
        - We are sanctified through Christ’s death: Hebrews 10:10
      - “preserved in Jesus Christ” - Joshua 24:17; Psalms 37:28; I Thessalonians 5:23
      - “called” - Romans 1:7; I Corinthians 1:2; Romans 8:28b; I Corinthians 1:9; 7:15b; Galatians 1:6b; 5:13a; Ephesians 4:4b; Colossians 3:15b; I Thessalonians 2:12b; 4:7; II Thessalonians 2:14a; II Timothy 1:9a; Hebrews 9:15; I Peter 1:15; 2:9b; 3:9b; II Peter 1:3b; I John 3:1a
  - Greeting: Jude 1:2 - “Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.”
    - “unto you” – Those Jude is writing, which we do not know.
    - “Mercy” – “Not giving us what we deserve, which is wrath and condemnation”
    - “peace” – “in perfect rest without conflict and strife”
    - “love” – “God’s love” – “agape” (ag-ah’-pay)
    - “be multiplied” – “to be increased, to abound and abound”

- Jude 1:3 - Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.
  - “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation”
    - “common salvation”
      - As stated by our Lord: John 14:6
      - As stated by Peter: Acts 4:12
      - As stated by John: I John 5:11-12
      - As stated by Paul: I Timothy 2:5-6
  - “it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints”
    - “earnestly contend for the faith” - I Timothy 6:12; Philippians 1:27; Ephesians 6:10
    - How to contend for the faith?
      - You must know where faith comes from: Romans 10:17
      - You have to know what you believe by studying: II Timothy 2:15
      - Remember what you have been taught and have studied: II Peter 3:1-2
      - Have convictions about what you believe: Romans 14:5b; Ephesians 4:14; James 1:8
      - II Timothy 1:13
- Why contend for the faith: Jude 1:4 - For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.
  - “For there are certain men crept in unawares”
    - Who are these men?
      - Vs 4 - ungodly men
      - Vs 4 - turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness
      - Vs 4 - denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ
      - Vs 8 - Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh,
      - Vs 8 - despise dominion, and
      - Vs 8 - speak evil of dignities.
      - Vs 10 - But these speak evil of those things which they know not:
      - Vs 10 - but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.
      - Vs 11 - they have gone in the way of Cain,
      - Vs 11 - ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.
      - Vs 16 - These are murmurers, complainers,
      - Vs 16 - walking after their own lusts; and
      - Vs 16 - their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men’s persons in admiration because of advantage.
      - Vs 18 - there should be mockers in the last time,
      - Vs 18 - who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.
    - Prophecies concerning these men
      - Matthew 24:11, 24; II Peter 2:1-3; I John 4:3
  - “who were before of old ordained to this condemnation” - Questions with answers to ask
    - Who ordained them? – Only God can
    - What is the condemnation? – Leading sheep astray - Luke 17:1-2; I Thessalonians 1:6-9
    - To be ordained does it mean that they were predestined or was it through the foreknowledge of God He using them? - James 1:13-15

- Foreknowledge – God being eternal know from the beginning what the choices that they were going to make and then God used them.
- “ungodly men” - Psalm 73:6-12; Proverbs 16:27; I Timothy 1:9-10
  - Definition: “ungodly” - destitute of reverential awe towards God, condemning God, impious
- “turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness”
  - Definition: “lasciviousness” – filthy, unbridled lust, excess, wantonness, outrageousness, shamelessness, insolence
  - Through grace we are given liberty: Galatians 5:13; I Peter 2:16
- “denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ” - II Peter 2:1-2; II Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:10-16

#### Jude 1:5-7

- First Illustration of God's judgment on His people, Israel: Jude 1:5 - I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.
  - Numbers 26:63-65; Deuteronomy 2:14-16; Hebrews 3:15-4:2; I Corinthians 1:1-5
- Second Illustration of God's judgment on the fallen angels: Jude 1:6 - And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.
  - Revelation 12:3-4; 7-9; 12;
  - Revelation 16:12-16;
  - First Woe - Demon from the Bottomless Pit: Revelation 9:1-9,
  - Revelation 9:13-21
  - Revelation 14:14-20
- Third Illustration of God's judgment on Sodom and Gomorrha: Jude 1:7 - Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.
  - Genesis 18:1-3; 16-23; 19:1-5; 24-25

#### Jude 1:8-15

- Jude 1:8 - Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.
  - II Peter 2:10-11
  - Described as “these filthy dreamers” – Using their wicked imagination to devise that which contrary to God.
    - Psalm 36:1-4
  - “defile the flesh”
    - Two meaning for “flesh”
      - Carnal sinful nature: This is already defiled. - Galatians 5:19-21
      - Physical body - John 1:14; Ephesians 5:29; I Corinthians 6:19-20; 3:16-17
  - “despise dominion”
    - Instead of do this: Titus 3:1
    - Instead of do this: I Peter 2:13-17
    - They forgot: Psalm 62:11
    - They forgot: Daniel 2:20-21
    - Reason for not despising: Romans 13:1-5
  - “speak evil of dignities”
    - Instead of doing this: I Timothy 2:1-2
    - They forgot: Exodus 22:28
    - They forgot: Ecclesiastes 10:20

- Right and wrong in speaking of dignities: Jude 1:9-10
  - This is how Michael the archangel did it: Jude 1:9 - Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.
    - “Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses”
      - Unknown in prior Scripture
      - Remember: Deuteronomy 34:1-7
    - Michael’s method: “not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee”
      - Instead of making it personal and based upon our own reasoning, rely upon the God’s authority and His Word.
  - This is wrongly filthy dreamers did: Jude 1:10 - But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.
    - “But these speak evil of those things which they know not”
      - Context: Jude 1:8
      - Why? By not studying the Word of God: II Timothy 2:15
    - “but what they know naturally” - I Corinthians 2:14
    - “as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves”
      - Reminds us: Exodus 32:7
      - Galatians 6:8; Colossian 2:8; II Peter 2:15-21
- Jude 1:11 - Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.
  - “Woe unto them!”
  - “for they have gone in the way of Cain” - I John 3:12; Hebrews 11:4; Genesis 4:1-8
  - “ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward” - II Peter 2:15
    - Outline of Balaam’s interaction with Balak
      - Reason for Balak contacting Balaam: Numbers 22:1-4
      - 1<sup>st</sup> Encounter: Numbers 22:5-14 – Balak sent representatives; God told them not to go with them
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> Encounter: Numbers 22:15-21 – Balak sent higher prestige representatives promising great riches and honor
      - With God's permission Balaam goes to Balak on a donkey: Numbers 22:22-40; Upon his arrival Balak gives Balaam a reward.
      - First prophecy of Balaam where he blesses Israel instead of cursing them: Numbers 22:41 - 23:12
      - Second prophecy of Balaam where he blesses Israel instead of cursing them: Numbers 23:12-26
      - Third prophecy of Balaam where he blesses Israel instead of cursing them: Numbers 23:27 - 24:14
      - Fourth prophecy of Balaam where he blesses Israel instead of cursing them: Numbers 24:15-25
      - Vengeance on Median; Death of Balaam: Numbers 31:1-11 (8)
      - Moses' anger for incomplete obedience: Numbers 31:12-16
  - “perished in the gainsaying of Core
    - Definition: "Core" - Kore (kor-eh') - Korah = "baldness"
    - A man who, with others, rebelled against Moses: Numbers 16:1-50
  - Elaborates on Jude 1:5 - I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

- Because of Balaam's actions: Numbers 25:9
  - Because of Korah's rebellion: Numbers 16:49
- Jude 1:12-13 - These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; (13) Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.
  - “These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear” - II Corinthians 6:14-18; Ephesians 5:11-12; Titus 3:10-11
    - Having close fellowship with the Body of Christ without fearing rejection.
  - Four illustrations of their worthlessness
    - (12b) “clouds they are without water, carried about of winds”
    - (12c) “trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots”
    - (13) “Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame”
    - “wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever”
- Jude 1:14-15 - And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, (15) To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.
  - "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam"
    - Genesis 5:1-24
      - Vs. 3-5 - Adam
      - Vs. 6-8 - Seth
      - Vs. 9-11 - Enos
      - Vs. 12-14 - Cainan
      - Vs. 15-17 - Mahalaleel
      - Vs. 18-20 - Jared
      - Vs. 21-24 - Enoch
      - Vs. 25-27 - Methuselah
      - Vs. 28-29 - Lamech
    - Hebrews 11:5
  - "prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints"
    - Enoch was born 622 years after creation and died 987 years after creation, which is which is about 3600 years before Christ.
    - Description of Christ's Army During Christ's Second Coming: Revelation 19:14
      - Two Group listing for Christ's Army
        - His Saints: Jude 1:13
        - His Angels: Matthew 35:31; II Thessalonians 1:7
      - Their Description: Revelation 19:14 - Revelation 7:13-14
    - Reason for Coming: Jude 1:15 - To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.
      - "To execute judgment upon all"
        - Judgment Seat of Christ for the saved: II Corinthians 5:10
        - White Throne Judgment for the lost: Revelation 20:11-15
      - " to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him"

## Jude 1:16-25

- Final description of those who crept in unaware: Jude 1:16-19 – Jude 1:4
  - Jude 1:16 – These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.
    - “murmurers” – Definition: “one who discontentedly complains (against God)”
      - Murmuring deals with expressing discontent about others
      - I Corinthians 10:5-11; Philippians 2:14-15
    - “complainers” – Definition: “complaining of one's lot, querulous, discontented”
      - Complaining deal with expressing discontent about one situation or self
      - Opposite of complaining is being content - Philippians 4:11-13; I Timothy 6:6-8; Hebrews 13:5
    - “walking after their own lusts” - Jude 1:18;
      - Contrary to Galatians 5:16; I Peter 4:1-3
    - “their mouth speaketh great swelling words”
      - Orators, politicians
      - I Peter 2:1 - II Peter 2:18-19; II Timothy 4:3; Colossians 2:4-8; I Corinthians 2:1-5
    - “having men's persons in admiration because of advantage”
      - Being very charismatic, a charmer
      - “advantage” – because of position with prestige or economic prosperity - James 2:1-9
  - Jude 1:17-18
    - Jude 1:17 - But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;
      - Peter and Paul
    - Jude 1:18 - How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts
      - Peter - II Peter 3:3
      - Paul – II Timothy 3:1-4
  - Jude 1:19
    - "These be they who separate themselves"
      - Remember in contrast: Jude 1:12a
      - Only meets in formal gatherings – Theory: They only want to known on a shallow superficial manner so that they cannot be known for who they are.
      - Proverbs 18:1
    - "sensual"
      - Definition: (psoo-khee-kos) - nature with its subjection to appetite and passion
      - James 3:15
    - "having not the Spirit" - Romans 8:8-9
- Four exhortations toward believers: Jude 1:20-21
  - Vs. 20 – “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith” - II Peter 1:4-10; Philippians 3:9-14
  - Vs. 20 – “praying in the Holy Ghost”- Ephesians 6:18; Romans 8:26
  - Vs. 21 – “Keep yourselves in the love of God”- John 15:9-10; I John 5:3, 5
  - Vs. 21 – “looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life”
    - While through grace God gives us what we do not deserve, God provide mercy not to give what we do deserve which is wrath and condemnation.
    - Condemnation: Romans 8:1
      - Condemnation pertains strictly to escaping the consequences for being sinner by birth, choose and deed.

- Ultimately this occurs because of accepting God’s salvation through the finish work of His Son, Jesus Christ, where we accept Him paying our sin debt and having our names written the Lamb’s Book of Life at the White Throne Judgment.
  - Wrath: I Thessalonians 5:9
    - Wrath pertains to God’s out pouring of consequences based upon judgment which appears itself at three different manifestations:
      - Throughout our lives as we violate God’s will
      - Monumentally at the Tribulation Period where He first allows Satan and his evil trinity of corrupt all creation on the earth, then followed by the server pouring out of acts of judgment upon the earth as a result of that corruption.
- Two approaches of those being saved: Jude 1:22-23
  - Those motivated by the Love of God: Jude 1:22 – And of some have compassion, making a difference:
    - II Corinthians 5:14; I John 4:19
  - Those motivated by the Fear of God: Jude 1:23 –And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.
    - II Corinthians 5:11a; Hebrews 10:30-31
- Closing of the Letter: Jude 1:24-25 – Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, (25) To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.
  - What God does for us!
    - Vs. 24a – “Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling”
      - Ephesians 4:30 - And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
      - John 10:27-29 - My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: (28) And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. (29) My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand.
    - Vs. 24b – “to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy” - Ephesians 5:27; Colossians 1:22; I Thessalonians 5:23
  - Praise to God: Jude 1:25 –To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.
    - "be glory and majesty" - Praise who He is!
    - "dominion and power" - How He controls?
    - " both now and ever " - When He controls?