



# HOW YOU LIVE IS WHAT YOU *Actually* BELIEVE

## Book of Jude

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1. The Name of the author and introduction
  - a. The NIV identifies it as another form of the Hebrew name Judah or in Greek “Judas” – A common name among the Jews. He is not Judas Iscariot
  - b. He introduces himself as “a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James,” Jude 1:1
  - c. Does not mention his family relationship with Jesus.
    - i. He was ½ brother of Jesus and full brother of James.
    - ii. Mathew 13:55 mentions Jesus had 4 brothers: James, Joseph, Simon and Judas
    - iii. Mark 6:3 mentions also sisters – at least 2
    - iv. John 7:5 says that even his brothers did not believe him at first, but it all changed after his resurrection Act 1:14
  - d. James and Judas’s letters are included in the New Testament -
  - e. Judas shows a deep understanding of the Old Testament.
2. To whom is he Writing: V1 “to those who are:
  - a. Called
  - b. Loved (Sanctified) by God the Father
  - c. Kept (preserved in) for/by Jesus Christ
3. The reason for Changing the Subject V: 3
  - a. First, he intended to write about their -“Our common salvation” but something serious, deeply troubling, perturbing or outrageous must have happened or he recently knew about that and caused him to change the subject to “Write to them to “urge you to contend (earnestly) for the faith”
  - b. Reason WHY they should contend V4: there are people who ...
    - i. change (pervert-ESV) the grace of God into Sensuality (a license for immorality) (Lewdness- BGTC- Billy Graham Training Center Bible) and,
    - ii. Deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ
  - c. These individuals had secretly infiltrated (crept in unnoticed) among them (the ones who are called, loved by God the Father, kept by Jesus Christ
4. Purpose of the letter:
  - a. Expose FALSE influencers, these are apostates, who are bringing false teachings into the church.
  - b. Encourage people to contend and PERSEVERE - to stay AND FINISH strong V:20
  - c. It does not really matter how you start, what matters is how you finish
5. Who are they and what do they do?

Jude describes these people like this:



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- V4 Godless
  - - unbelievers – that long ago were designated for this condemnation.
- V:8 Dreamers
  - who defile the flesh (ESV) or pollute their bodies (NIV)
  - Reject authority.
  - Slander celestial beings (speak evil of dignitaries – BGTC Bible)
- V12 Hidden Reefs,
  - A “hidden danger”
  - at your love feasts
- V12 Shepherds feeding themselves.
  - imagine the sheep if the shepherd only feeds himself.
- V12 Waterless clouds
  - “Do nothing kind of people.”
- V13 Fruitless trees
  - In late autumn, twice dead, uprooted.
  - They have no fruit.
  - Matthew 7:15-20 tells us how to recognize false prophets.

Mathew 7: 15-20

<sup>15</sup> “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup> You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

- So, you want to hang out with someone from the church. the same is true if you want to get services, hire, recommend, and especially marry someone from the church.

V13 Wild waves

V13 Wandering stars.

V13 FOR WHOM THE GLOOM OF UTTER DARKNESS HAS BEEN RESERVED FOREVER

- It calls the attention the reference to the gloomy darkness (ESV) (depressingly dark), lonely. (Mathew 8:12, 22:13, 25:30)

### EXPLANATION OF CONSEQUENCES

- Jude explains how those sins are rebellion against God and therefore their decision/actions will carry punishment and will eventually lead them into disaster.
- First, three examples of people, who rebelled against God and did not believe – they were destroyed in the end:



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1. V:5 Those who rebelled after Jesus/God freed his people from the land of Egypt and did not believe. Num 14: 29-30 (all who were 20 y/o or more did not enter the Promised Land except for Caleb and Joshua).
  2. V:6 The angels who did not stay within their positions of authority but left their proper dwelling. They are kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment on the great Day (2 Pe 2:4).
    - a. Isaiah 14:12–21; Ezekiel 28:12–19) and Rev 12:7-10 talk about the angels that were thrown down to earth.
  3. V7 Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities
    - a. It says they “indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire”.
    - b. Traditionally typifies depravity (Genesis 19:24) this city as representing homosexuality.
- Second, Jude exposes, by comparison, what really is in their hearts. Thus:
4. “Taken the Way of Cain” (V11) (Gen 4) – Controlled by sin (Gen4:6)
  5. “Rushed for profit into Balaams error” (V11) (Num 22-24) Selling the prophecies as divination Num 22:7 (Says “fees for divination”)
  6. “Destroyed in Korah’s rebellion” (Num 16) Insolent against Moses
- Third, Jude shares how it was prophesized that these people will come and be judged by God:
- From the beginning and quotes Enoch (V14-16) (Gen 5:18,21-24)
  - By the Apostles of Jesus: (V17-19) 1 Tim 4:1, 2 Tim 3:1, 2 Pe 3:3
    - They divide.
    - Follow mere natural instincts.
    - Do not have the Spirit.

### CALL TO PERSEVERE

#### V20-21

- Build yourself up in the most holy faith – (highest standard) Col 2:7
- Praying in the Holy Spirit – (aware of the interceding power of the Holy Spirit) Eph 6:18, Rom 8:26-27
- Keep yourselves in the love of God. (Be intentional - willful)
- Waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ (patience)

### AND HOW TO ACT IN THIS ENVIRONMENT

#### V22-23



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Case by case

- Have mercy on those who doubt.
- Save by snatching them out of the fire.
- Show mercy with fear.

THE CLOSSING: 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.

Here the key word is “to him who is able to keep you” just like Numbers 6:24-26

““The Lord bless you

and keep you;

<sup>25</sup> the Lord make his face shine on you

and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup> the Lord turn his face toward you

and give you peace.””

God is a keeping God and if we turn to Him, He is faithful to keep us and help us finish well.