

The General Epistle of Jude

Jude is a one chapter Book in The Bible with other the single chapter Books being:

Obadiah: 21 verses & 669 words, the shortest Book in The OT.

Philemon: 25 verses, 430 words.

2 John: 13 verses, 298 words.

3 John: 14 Verses, 294 words, the shortest Book in the NT.

Jude has 25 verses and 608 words.

THE AUTHOR OF THE EPISTLE:

Jude verse one our Author is identified:

¹Jude, 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:

1. The name Jude (English) or Judas (Greek) is the form of Judah from the Hebrew. It was a popular name up until the treachery of Judas Iscariot. Jude or Judas means “Praise”. Now it gets a little tricky...

2. Our Lord had two disciples named Judas.

a. The first one was Judas Iscariot, the Disciple who betrayed Our Lord Jesus for 30 pieces of Silver. He’s the bad guy.

b. The second Disciple called Judas is found in John 14:22. In fact John 14:22 says: “Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot...” This Jude is one of The Twelve Apostles, who was also called “Thaddaeus” and “Lebbaeus”. In Bible times, a person could have two or three different names, such as a Greek-language name and a Hebrew name. And, sometimes people were known primarily by their occupational title. Jude. Thaddaeus and Lebbaeus are all the same guy!

Matthew 10:3 says:

³Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

Another Jude we have is:

3. In Matthew 13:55 and Mark 6:3 we are told that our Lord had several half-brothers and half-sisters. The brothers' names are given in:

Matthew 13:55

⁵⁵Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and **Judas**?

- Notice Juda's brother was named James. This is the preacher in Jerusalem referred to in Acts 15 and the author of the epistle of James.
- James is referred to as "the Lord's brother" in Galatians 1:19.
- After our Lord's resurrection, He appeared to his half-brother James. Jude identifies himself as the "brother of James" (vs. 1), meaning he was the half-brother of our Lord.

In John 7:5 we read:

⁵For neither did his brethren believe in him.

- James became a believer after The Resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:7 says:

⁷After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

James then became head of The Church in Jerusalem.

- He gave the Apostle advice in Acts 21.
- Jewish historian Josephus reports that James was martyred by a High Jewish Priest at about 62 A.D.

- Jude identifies himself as “the servant of Jesus Christ” (vs. 1). Bible scholars are certain this Jude is the half-brother of our Lord, but Jude does not refer to himself as the Lord’s brother, but as the Lord’s servant.
- Both Jude and James identify themselves in the beginning of their letters as “servants,” not “brothers” of Jesus Christ. This was most certainly an act of humility and modesty. It would also have been unnecessary for either to identify themselves as brothers of Jesus since this was already well known to the readers in the early Church.
- That’s why some teach that Jude the Author of The Book of Jude who is the half-brother of Jesus and brother of James, and some teach that he is the Judas of John 14:22 one of the Twelve Apostles, who is also called: “Thaddaeus” and “Lebbaeus”

These early church fathers (Clement of Rome, Polycarp, Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian, Origen, and Eusebius) affirmed that Jude the brother of James and half brother of our Lord authored this book.

Origen said it was “a letter of few lines... but filled with the healthful words of heavenly grace.”

Scofield lists the date of 66 A.D. that it was written.

The Theme is found in verse 3: “that ye should earnestly contend for the faith”

Jesus Christ said in:

Luke 18:8

⁸I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, **shall he find faith on the earth?**

Purpose:

- To warn his “beloved” (Jude 3,17,20) readers about the apostate false teachers (likely Gnostics) in their midst who were “turning the grace of God into lasciviousness (a license to sin)” (Jude 4).
- To exhort them to “earnestly contend for the faith” (Jude 3) and truth.
- To condemn and describe the false teachers (Jude 4, 8, 10, 16, 18-19), and explain the judgment they would face from God.
- To encourage the believers to build themselves up in the faith and pray in the Holy Spirit (Jude 20), keep themselves in the love of God and look for His mercy (Jude 21), to show mercy to some (Jude 22), and to save others (who may have been deceived) by “pulling them out of the fire” (Jude 23).

Special Emphasis:

- The whole emphasis of Jude’s letter is confronting apostasy and false teachers. It is probably the harshest letter in the New Testament. In this Epistle the Apostasy of the Church is predicted.
- The word “ungodly” is used 6 times in Jude verses 4, 15 & 18. This is more than any other book in the New Testament.

The Epistle is in five divisions:

1. The Introduction, verses 1-2.
2. The Occasion of the Epistle, verses 3-4.
3. Apostasy is possible, verses 5-7.
4. Apostate Teachers, verses 8-19.

5. And lastly, The Saints assured and comforted, verses 20-25.

The Book of Jude is written to Christians whose ranks have been infiltrated by false teachers who are teaching a message that promotes lasciviousness immorality, and theological error. The Book of Jude is an important book for us today because it is written for the end times.

Jude: The Introduction.

Verse 1

¹Jude, 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:

And Jude introduces himself “the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James”

Servant: The Greek word for servant: doulos means one "born into slavery," or “bond-servant”. Thus witnessing to the fact of Jude's becoming “Borne-Again”. When you become Borne-Again you become a Servant, one born into slavery to God!

The word Sanctified means: Made holy; consecrated; set apart for sacred services.

And when you become Borne-Again and you commit your life to God, God will Sanctify you, He'll set you apart for service to Him!

“and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called”

That means your kept in Jesus, and your called.

In one verse you're a Sanctified, Preserved and Called for service to God, and that's the life of a Christian!

Verse 2

²Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

This is a General Greeting, which is similar to Paul's in:

2 Timothy 1:2

²To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jude uses Mercy. Mercy is not being punished by God for something I deserve to be punished. Like when I Sin, God could punish me, but He Forgives me and is Longsuffering towards me.

Paul uses Grace. Grace is God giving us something that we really don't deserve. We don't Salvation and Eternal Life, but God gives us His Grace.

Jude uses Mercy, Peace and Love.

Jude does things in three's. This is called a Triad. A Triad is a union or harmony of three.

In verse one he mentions three names: Jude, Jesus Christ, and James.

In verse one he uses: Sanctified, Preserved and Called.

In verse 2 he uses: Mercy, Peace and Love.

In Jude 1:5-10, we have three examples of apostasy:

(A) Israel of the Exodus, the rebel angels, and the citizens of Sodom and Gomorrah. There follows:

(B) A three-fold characterization of the evil men as walking in the ways of Cain, Balaam, and Korah.

In verse 8 the Filthy Dreamers:

1. defile the flesh, 2. despise dominion, and 3. speak evil of dignities.

In verse 19 the Last Mockers will:

1. separate themselves, 2. They're sensual, and 3. Having not the Spirit.

Other Triads:

1. The Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. Time: Past, Present and Future.

3. Space: Height, Length and Width.

4. Man: Body, Soul and Spirit. That's called a Trichotomy.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

²³And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 13:13

¹³And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

I just did a Series Titled: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.

How about: Beginning, middle and end.

Work, rest and play.

When you're shopping your sizes: Small, medium and large.

You eat: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

People won't go to Church except for: a baptism, a marriage and a funeral.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

³For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

⁴And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Alright, I think you get the picture, next week we'll pick up in verse 3!

Let's Pray...

Jude 5/6/12

Verse 3

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.

And what verse 3 is saying is that Jude's original intent was to write to them about their common salvation that they have, but when he sat down to start to write his Letter, The Holy Spirit came to Jude and changed the subject,

2 Timothy 3:16 says:

¹⁶ All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2 Peter 1:21 says:

²¹ For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Spirit pressed upon Jude to write to the Saints and encourage them to earnestly contend for the Faith which was delivered unto them.

He calls them "Beloved"

Jude's subject in The Letter was a very unpleasant one; so in his Occasion of the Epistle he hastens to assure his readers of his affection for them, to prevent his strong language from offending them.

Paul writes in: Ephesians 4:15

¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

And Jude writes to the Saints under the inspiration of The Holy Spirit that we must “earnestly contend for the faith.”

Two words to look at and define from The Webster’s 1828 Dictionary:

Earnestly means: Warmly; zealously; importunately; eagerly; with real desire. With fixed attention; with eagerness.

Contend means: To strive, or to strive against; to struggle in opposition, as, two competitors contend for the prize.

We’re to Hold onto the Faith and Truth; we’re to Earnestly Contend for the Truth and Faith.

Well who are Contending against?

Verse 4

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.

And these certain men crept in unawares.

To Creep in means: To move secretly; to move so as to escape detection, or prevent suspicion. They crawled on their stomach to avoid detection.

Paul writing in:

2 Timothy 3:1-7

¹This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

² For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

These ungodly men

³ Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

⁴ Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

⁵ Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

⁶ For of this sort are they which **creep** into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

⁷ Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

This is/These are the Curse of The Church.

In 1983 a group of Protestant Ministers sued President Reagan for declaring that 1983 was “The Year of The Bible”.

Jude calls them “ungodly men”.

The word “ungodly” is used 6 times in Jude verses 4, 15 & 18. This is more than any other book in the New Testament.

These ungodly men are planted by Satan to undermine The Church, The Devil doesn't attack The Church with a Full-Frontal Assault, He attacks The Church from within. These ungodly men Creep in unaware secretly; to move so as to escape detection, or prevent suspicion. They crawled on their stomach like a Serpent to avoid detection, and the next thing you know they're in Church leadership positions.

These heretics are here indicted in four charges:

- (1) they entered secretly;
- (2) they were prophetically ordained to condemnation;
- (3) they are ungodly; and (4) they deny Christ.

Continuing Verse 4:

“turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness”

Lasciviousness means: Unbridled sensuality; excess. Lewd; debauchery or living in debauchery.

And a Prime example of this is The Episcopal Church. About a month ago we chronicled in that 5-6 page report, and I the report. If you'd like a copy of the report I'll get you one.

[Kittredge Cherry](http://www.jesusinlove.org/), who wrote the blasphemous book, Jesus In Love, portraying Christ as a homosexual who lived in a gay-lover relationship with John. Kittredge Cherry "considers herself a free agent for Christ in the world" And that came from her own website: <http://www.jesusinlove.org/>

Paul writing to the Church in Ephesians 4:19

¹⁹Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

Again Continuing Verse 4:

“and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.”

The Moonies, Scientology, The Mormons, The J.W's, UNITARIANS, THE WAY INTERNATIONAL, The Masons,

All these deny the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Where do you think they get their influence? The Devil and The World. These deny The Lord from the outside and influence these ungodly men: Movie and TV personalities like: Oprah, Most Rock Musicians. Who said?

"The Bible is a Fairy Tale" —Bill Maher, host of Politically Incorrect on ABC. August 22, 2001.

Comic, Kathy Griffin, recently said publicly while receiving her Emmy award... *"Suck it, Jesus! This award is my god now."*

It was Paul McCartney of *The Beatles* who said...

"We probably seem to be anti-religious. . . none of us believes in God."
(*Hit Parader*, Jan 1970, p.15)

Band member, John Lennon said...

"Christianity will go, it will vanish and shrink. I needn't argue about that. I'm right and will be proved right. . . .We're more popular than Jesus now." (*San Francisco Chronicle*, April 13, 1966, p.26)

Peter writes in:

2 Peter 2:1

2 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

And Bible Scholars have noted, and I'll be commenting this as well, the similarities in the words and thoughts between Jude and 2 Peter.

Jude 4=2 Peter 2:1

Jude 4+2 Peter 2:2

Jude 4=2 Peter 2:3

Jude 6=2 Peter 2:4

Jude 7=2 Peter 2:6

Jude 15=2 Peter 2:9

Jude 15=2 Peter 2:10

Jude 9=2 Peter 2:11

Jude 10=2 Peter 2:12

Jude 12=2 Peter 2:13

Jude 11=2 Peter 2:15

Jude 12&13=2 Peter 2:17

Jude 16=2 Peter 2:18

And next week we'll look at our outline, that Apostasy is possible in verses 5-7.

Let's Pray...

Jude 6/3/12

The Epistle is in five divisions:

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In our outline; Part 3- verses 5-7 is called: **Apostasy is possible.**

In The Scofield Reference Bible it's called:

Part 3: Historical Instances of Apostasy.

Apostasy means: An abandonment of what one has professed; a total desertion, or departure from one's faith or religion.

An apostasy is a "falling away" from a standing position. Paul wrote in II Thessalonians 2:3 that a great falling away, or apostasy, would occur in the last days, just preceding our Lord's return. We have lived to see this prophecy fulfilled, for man has fallen further away from God in the past fifty years than at any other time since the time of Christ. Apostasy can be found most anywhere you look, especially in religion, education, politics, the media, and in music.

Verse 5

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.**

"I will therefore put you in remembrance," Jude is gonna show us here what must be the doom of such men, He will call certain facts to your recollection, which you are familiar with.

"Though ye once knew this," That is, you were formerly made acquainted with these things, though they may not be now fresh in your mind.

“how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt,”

Jude brings up the example of the Israel of the Exodus, Jude taught that, the goodness of God will not hinder him from punishing the wicked under this new dispensation, any more than it hindered him from punishing them under the old.

“afterward destroyed them that believed not.”

The Israelites were destroyed for idolatry in worshipping the golden calf, their fornication with the Midianites, their murmuring and complaining, etc.; but all of this is summed up as "they believed not." They were not permitted to enter the promised land, but were cut off in the wilderness.

This is found in **Exodus 32**

¹ And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

² And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me.

³ And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.

⁴ And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

⁵ And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the LORD.

⁶ And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

⁷ And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves:

⁸ They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

⁹ And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people:

¹⁰ Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.

¹¹ And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?

¹² Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people.

¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.

¹⁴ And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

¹⁵ And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written.

¹⁶ And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

¹⁷ And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp.

¹⁸ And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome: but the noise of them that sing do I hear.

¹⁹ And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

²⁰ And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.

²¹ And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them?

²² And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief.

²³ For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

²⁴ And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

²⁵ And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies:)

²⁶ Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

²⁷ And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.

²⁸ And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.

Romans 1:16 says:

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Verse 6

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.

“And the angels which kept not their first estate”

The Angels didn't keep their first estate so A second state denoting that they would be punished. Here it refers to the rank and dignity which the angels had in heaven. That rank or pre-eminence they did not keep, but fell from it.

“but left their own habitation,” That is they left Heaven. Heaven was their native dwelling-place. They left it by sin; but the expression here would seem possibly to mean that they became *dissatisfied* with their dwelling-place, and voluntarily preferred to change it for another.

Ezekiel 28:12-19 Speaking of Satan:

¹² Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

¹³ Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

¹⁴ Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

¹⁵ Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

¹⁶ By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

¹⁷ Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

¹⁸ Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the

midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

¹⁹ All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

Genesis chapter 6 Speaking of the other Angels:

¹ And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

² That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

³ And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

⁴ There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

⁵ And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

⁶ And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

“he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.”

The punishment of the rebel angels *after* the judgment is represented as an everlasting fire, which has been prepared for them and their followers.

Matthew 25:41

⁴¹ Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Verse 7

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.

These were the wicked cities whose shameful sin is embalmed in the very name of one of them Sodom, where the word *sodomy*. A full account of which may be found in Gen. 18 and Gen. 19. These are a second illustration drawn from the Old Testament of once privileged people who were destroyed for their wickedness. The plain of Sodom was well-watered, evidently being one of great fertility, as indicated by Lot's choice of it.

“giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh,”

They committed Fornication; that's sex outside of Marriage.

And going after “strange flesh”.

The word *strange* refers to that which is contrary to nature.

Romans 1:27

²⁷ And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

“are set forth for an example.” Here's a warning against all such conduct, and a demonstration that punishment shall come upon the

ungodly. The condemnation of any sinner, or of any class of sinners, always furnishes such a warning.

2 Peter 2:6 says:

⁶ And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

“suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”

The word *vengeance* means punishment; that is, such vengeance as the Lord takes on these guilty ungodly Cities, the rebellious Angels and any sinner who rejects Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour is an eternal-everlasting punishment.

Galatians 5:19-21

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

⁹ Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

¹⁰ Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹ And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Revelation 21:8

⁸ But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

And just a side note here, this Biblical event really happened...

Biblical archaeologist, Ron Wyatt discovered the ruins of Sodom and Gomorrah southeast of the Dead Sea in 1989. These devastated cities were covered with millions of partially incinerated sulfur balls and tons of ash. Clearly defined walls, some thirty to forty feet high can be found among the ruins.

Evidence of heat exceeding 4000 degrees Fahrenheit can be seen in the rock strata and ruins throughout the cities. Comparable destruction can also be found at the epicenters of nuclear detonations.

Such evidence validates the accuracy of the Holy Bible, and again shatters secular attempts to "mythologize" this ancient catastrophe.

Let's Pray...

Jude 6/10/12

Apostate Teachers, verses 8-19.

Verse 8

⁸ Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

These Filthy Dreamers, these apostate teachers, here's a group of three they:

1. Defile the flesh, just like they did in Sodom and Gomorrah, look at v.7:

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,

2. They despise dominion.

3. And speak evil of dignities.

Dignities or Dignitary is: An Elevated rank; honorable station; high office, political or Religious;

They don't like anybody of rank and honor. They said bad things about the Apostles, about leaders in the Church

2 Peter 2:10 says:

¹⁰ But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

Verse 9

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.

The Bible tells us in Deuteronomy 34 that The Lord buried Moses in Moab on Mt. Nebo overlooking The Promised Land, and God used Michael the archangel to do this and when Michael was burying Moses, Satan shows up and starts arguing with Michael the archangel over Moses body.

And Michael the archangel didn't argue back, he simply said "The Lord rebuke thee" which is a great example. It's always best to have The Lord between you and the Devil.

And here we actually have an Angel named: Michael the archangel. Other Angels by name are Gabriel and Lucifer.

Verse 10

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.

These guys speak evil of things that they know nothing about. They've never examined the thing, they never studied it out, but they speak evil about it. Jude calls 'em brute beasts.

Verse 11

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.

Here's another group of three. Woe unto them for:

1. They have gone the way of Cain. They're filled with hatred, murder, rebellion and bitterness. Cain's way is man's way, its works of the flesh instead of Godly works.
2. The error of Balaam. They're greedy, using God to better position themselves for money.
3. The gainsaying of Korah. Korah was a gainsayer. He opposed Moses. He was in opposition of God's ordained leader.

Verse 12 &13

¹² 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.

And here we have a picture illustration. These Apostate Teachers *in your feasts of charity*. Your feasts of love. The reference is to the Lord's Supper are like:

1. They're like spots. When you're surrounded by a beautiful white Church, and gets dirty, you see the spots, these Apostate Teachers.
2. They're clouds without water. When a farmer sees clouds coming, he gets excited that his farm will be watered, but when the clouds come and there's no rain, he get's disappointed. These Apostate Teachers are all talk and no action, they don't water with them: they bring their appetite **without fear**. They're not afraid of the Church.
3. And when there's no rain, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

There's no fruit being grown or produced. It's twice dead, that is for two growing seasons nothing has grown.

A Church won't grow and will die when these Apostate Teachers gain control.

4. They're like verse 13: Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; there's no purpose in them. They're like waves bouncing around and all they produce is a little foam=nothing.

5. They're like wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

People understood the Stars and Astronomy. They knew the movement and the charting of a Star, because they knew that that Star would always be there, but a wandering Star. It's not known or predictable, they didn't know of. These Wandering Stars, these Apostate Teachers are heading to Hell to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

2 Peter 2:17 says:

¹⁷ These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.

Verse 14 &15

¹⁴ 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.

These" are the false teachers, the evil men about whom God has already given a number of prophetic messages, in such events as his punishing

the Israelites, destroying the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, and in the punishments like those which befell Cain, Balaam and Korah; that Jude has written about and, in addition to all that, "also" Enoch made a prophecy.

Enoch was the seventh from Adam was a Godly man, who never died.

Genesis 5:24 says:

²⁴ And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

God Raptured Enoch before the flood.

And Enoch's Prophecy was that of The Second Coming of The Lord.

Revelation 1:7-8

⁷ Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

⁸ I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Verse 16

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.

This is the Politicking of Man.

Verse 17

¹⁷ But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Remember the words of The Apostles.... When the Thessalonians got messed up about The Rapture Paul wrote Second Thessalonians and chapter 2:5 says:

“Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?”

Oh, how soon we as Christians forget....

Again Paul correcting the Corinthian Church in

1Corinthians chapter 15:2 says:

“²By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in **memory** what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.”

The Lord Jesus says in John 15:20

“²⁰**Remember** the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.”

We're not to forget the things which God has told us. Remember some things.

We as Christian's often suffer from “Christian Alzheimer's”

We forget an easy Bible verse that we should have memorized, but we know the lyrics to the Beatles, Elvis and Sinatra songs.

What did the Preacher preach on last week?

Where is in the Bible, I know it says it in The Bible somewhere!!

Jude says we gots to remember the words of the Apostles!

Verse 18 And here's a Warning:

¹⁸ How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

In the last days, the end times they'll be Mockers.

Mockers are an Ungodly bunch of people. You notice the Atheist movement is gaining ground Worldwide.

We think that to mock is to make fun of someone; back The Bible has a stronger definition:

To Mock means: to Ridicule; derision; sneer; an act manifesting contempt.

Here's some recent articles on people who Mock God:

ATHEIST MAYOR OF LEICESTER BANS PRAYER July 2, 2010, Colin Hall, newly elected mayor of Leicester, England, has banned prayers before meetings at Town Hall. Hall, an atheist, calls prayer "outdated, unnecessary and intrusive" ("What's God Got to Do With It?" *Daily Mail*, June 23, 2010).

STEPHEN HAWKINS SAYS SCIENCE WILL WIN OVER RELIGION June 18, 2010, - Stephen Hawkins, Cambridge professor of mathematics and best-selling author, says science will win out over religion. In an interview with Diane Sawyer of *ABC World News*, Hawkins was asked if there is a way to reconcile religion and science. He replied, "There is a fundamental difference between religion, which is based on authority, [and] science, which is based on observation and reason. Science will win because it works"

Psalm 14:1 Says:

¹The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

The Atheist hopes and prays that there is no God! Avoid the accountability issue with God. Not only are Atheist fools but they're filthy.

Verse 19

¹⁹ These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

And here are three signs of the end time Apostate Teaches. The letter "S":

1. "they separated themselves"

This is Social Pride, they're carnal. First Corinthians wasn't about unity. They divided, they weren't united. There was elitism in that Church. Again Jude 19,

2. "they're sensual,"

That's why the Liberal main line Protestant denominations are supporting same-sex marriage. They're apostate... and everything's about sex!

3. "having not the Spirit."

Romans 8:9 Says:

"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

This is the mark of the end time. Having not the Holy Spirit....

And lastly the Conclusion: The Saints are assured and comforted, verses 20-25.

Verse 20, In verses 20 & 21 we see The Blessed Trinity!

²⁰ But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the *Holy Ghost*,

It's up to you; Jude says here you have to build up yourselves, on your faith. I can't live off of your faith, and you can't live off of mine. It's a personal accountability to God and it's a power thing as well.

Verse 21

²¹ Keep yourselves in the *love of God*, looking for the mercy of our Lord *Jesus Christ* unto eternal life.

We have to love God.

Paul says in the last days men will be lovers of themselves, not God.

2 Timothy 3:2

² For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

Verse 22

²² And of some have compassion, making a difference:

If we love God we gonna have love the children of God.

You know what the first thing Jesus taught the Disciples? Please turn to Luke chapter 6:

Luke 6:17-19 says:

¹⁷And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

¹⁸And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.

¹⁹And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them

He taught them by example to have compassion, healing the sick, casting out unclean spirits, having compassion on those people making a difference in their lives.

If you don't have compassion, you won't make a difference in anybody's lives.

Verse 23

²³ And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

I think of Fanny Crosby's great Gospel song, "Rescue the Perishing."

"Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,"

It's by love and compassion in Jude 23 that we're to pull them out of the fire and rescue them from Hell.

The problem today is that nobody believes in Hell.

The Church of England doesn't believe in Hell...

Here's 5 Bible verses on Hell:

Psalm 9:17

¹⁷The wicked shall be turned **into hell**, and all the nations that forget God.

Matthew 10:28

²⁸And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body **in hell**.

Matthew 18:9

⁹And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast **into hell fire.**

Luke 12:5

⁵But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to **cast into hell**; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

Revelation 20:14

¹⁴And death **and hell were cast into the lake of fire.** This is the second death.

And just to let you know the NIV Bible has butchered the word and meaning of the word "Hell".

The NIV removes the word "Hell" 31 times in the Old Testament and replaces it with the word "Grave"

Hey we all go to the grave, but we all don't go to Hell, ding, ding, ding...

It removes "Hell" 9 times from the New Testament and replaces it 5 times with the word "Hades". "Hades"??!!

Hades is not always a place of torment or terror. The Assyrian Hades is an abode of blessedness with silver skies called "Happy Fields". *In the satanic New Age Movement, Hades is an intermediate state of purification!* Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines HADES: "the underground abode of the dead in Greek **MYTHOLOGY**". ***The NIV perverts your Bible into MYTHOLOGY!***

Jeremiah 23:36 says:

^{36...}”for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God.”

Verse 24

²⁴ 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,

Thank God in verse 24 that Jesus Christ is able to keep us from falling.

Only Jesus can keep you from falling into Hell, for there is Salvation found in no other, Amen!

Verse 25

²⁵ To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

A great description of God here is used.

God is Omniscient- The only wise God.

God is Omnipotent- Dominion and Power.

God is Omnipresent- Both now and ever.

And He is Our Saviour. Jesus Christ is our God and Saviour!

Jude gives us a ton of practical warnings and advice, and you noticed it's placed right before Revelation. I think anybody who wants to read and study Revelation should read the little Book of Jude.

Are You Having Compassion and Making a difference in someone's life? I hope we all are Having Compassion and Making a Difference for Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

At the Graduating Nursing Pinning Ceremony at Maranatha Baptist Bible College in Watertown, WI; and we know the job of a real Nurse:

The Florence Nightingale Pledge says:

"I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly to faithfully practice my profession of nursing. I will do all in my power to make and maintain the highest standards and practices of my profession.

I will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping in the practice of my calling. I will assist the physician in his work and will devote myself to the welfare of my patients, my family, and my community.

I will endeavor to fulfill my rights and privileges as a good citizen and take my share of responsibility in promoting the health and welfare of the community.

I will constantly endeavor to increase my knowledge and skills in nursing and to use them wisely. I will zealously seek to nurse those who are ill wherever they may be and whenever they are in need.

I will be active in assisting others in safeguarding and promoting the health and happiness of mankind."

That Graduating Class Bible verse was Jude 22 which says:

²²And of some have compassion, making a difference:

Are you compassionate? Are you making a difference?

Are you telling others about Jesus?

When people see you, do you think they see Jesus?

Thank You Jude for your little Book!

Let's Pray....