

JUDE STUDY

INTRODUCTION TO the book of Jude

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Jude 1:1

Jude 1:24

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Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,***

HIS ABILITY TO STAY ON COURSE!

This Past Week...

Departing Los Angeles in the Dark. Arriving in Honolulu in the Dark.
Out over the Pacific Ocean, we traveled nearly three thousand miles in the Dark not
just one of the Hawaiian Islands, but the one we needed to land on.
Thousands of miles targeted down to an island, targeted still to an airport, targeted
even to a strip of concrete measured in feet!

How Can Such Distances Be Crossed with Such Accuracy?

The Simple Answer – A Compass

Noah Webster Defines “Compass” and it’s Use this Way...

“A Compass is an Instrument, a device, which continuously is drawn to the magnetic north to such an exact degree, that all other directions can be determined by its steady and constant leading.

The Lord Has Set a “Compass Heading” for Each of Us

2 Timothy 3:16

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 KJV

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**.

Psalms 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.

The Book of Jude Serves
As Our Perfect Compass” for The Christian Journey

Warning:
Do You Have The Stomach,
The Heart for this Book?

Jude Sets His Course Toward Us...

Jude 1:3-4

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning **our common salvation**, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you **to contend earnestly for the faith** which was once for all delivered to the saints. ⁴ For **certain men have crept in unnoticed**, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who **turn the grace of our God into lewdness** and **deny the only Lord God** and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Written in the Mid 80's AD
Christianity was under attack by those Desired to “Reform”

The Doctrines of Christ.

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Galatians 2:4

...for false brethren (fake Christians) secretly have brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage),

2 Peter 2:1

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction

“What Jesus Really Meant to Say Was...”

The Clear and Present Danger

A Form of Gnosticism Called Antinomianism was Advancing in the Form of

Antinomianism

Taught That when a Person was Committing a Sin, it was O.K because Jesus had died for that Sin

– So why not just keep sinning?

These Gnostic Leaders Were Misrepresenting
the Teaching of the Almighty God and The Ministry of Jesus Christ

Jude’s Readers - of his Day

Were Christians that were being confused by False Teachers and Their Compromising lifestyles which led to Divisions among other fellow Christians.

“Knocking Them (us) Off Course”

Jude the Man

Mark 6:3

Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.

Matthew 13:55

Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?

Mark 6:4

But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."

Acts 1:14

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, **and with His brothers.**

How the Gospel Invades a Man's life

Jack, mediate on this awhile

Jude 1:1-2

Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, *To those who are called*, **sanctified** by God the Father, and **preserved** in Jesus Christ:
2 Mercy, peace, and love - - be multiplied to you!

Jude Outline

Theme of the Book

"Watch out for Bad Guys!" by "Knowing What you Believe"

_____ Key Verses _____

Jude 3,4

- I. Greetings Offered 1-2
- II. Sounding The Alarm 3-4
- III. Giving The Argument 5-16
- IV. Receiving The Admonition 17-25

_____ The Book's Content _____

Verses 1-7

“Christian, Man Your Battle Stations”

Verses 8-16

“Understanding the Enemy”

Verses 17-25

“You Don’t Have to Lose”

1.) Jude was a Skeptic at Heart

1a.) Skeptics aren’t Stupid

1b.) Skeptics aren’t Easy

1c.) Skeptics aren’t Saved

2.) Jude had been an Eyewitness

2a.) Jude had heard the Word

2b.) Jude had seen the Miracles

2c.) Jude had known the Difference

The Invasion of Real Christianity

If you know
YOUR COMPASS
you’ll know a wrong course when it approaches

3.) Jude had Hands-On Experience

3a.) He had experienced Jesus' brotherhood

3b.) He had experienced Jesus' Teachings

3c.) He had experienced Jesus' Lifestyle

4.) Jude had been Exposed to the Dangers

4a.) The Person of Jesus Christ – Under Attack!

4b.) The Teachings of Christianity – Under Attack!

4c.) The Believer – Under Attack!

5.) But Jude knew the Power of God

5a.) That God had kept His word in the past

5b.) That God was dependable in the now

5c.) That God would be faithful in the end

THE PERSONAL APPLICATION

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Now to Him who is ABLE...

(This is My Assurance)

ABLE to keep you from stumbling,

(This is My Boldness)

679. ἀτῆταιστοῦ ἀταίστος, *ap-tah'-ee-stos*; overcome by sin. Freed from having to fall.

782. ἰσχυρὸς ἰσχυρὸς *kashal, kaw-shal'*; to totter or waver (through weakness of the legs, and especially the ankle) to fall or to cease the advance. A form of decayed, to be feeble

ABLE to present you faultless

(This is My Confidence)

299. ἀμώμωτος ἀμώμωτος, *am'-o-mos*; being unblemished. A person without blame or fault, being unblameable.

Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

(This is My Destination)

Right Now You're on a Course, a Compass Heading.
What Course are You On?

Where is it Leading You?

At This Heading – Where will You Land?

Psalm 139:17-18

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!
How great is the sum of them! *If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.*