

# Jude

## I. THE BURDEN TO WARN AGAINST APOSTASY (1:1-3)

- A. Jude's prayer (1-2):
- B. Jude's plan (3a):
- C. Jude's perception (3b):

## II. THE NEED TO WARN AGAINST APOSTASY (1:4a):

## III. THE HISTORICAL EXAMPLES OF APOSTASY (1:5-6, 7b, 11):

Jude lists six such examples.

- A. The nation of Israel (5): Apostasy caused by unbelief.
- B. Fallen angels (6): Apostasy caused by rebellion.
- C. Sodom and Gomorrah (7b): Apostasy caused by sexual immorality.
- D. Cain (11a): Apostasy caused by religious perversion.
- E. Balaam (11b): Apostasy caused by financial greed.
- F. Korah (11c): Apostasy caused by rejection of divine authority.

## IV. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF APOSTASY (1:4 b-4 c, 8-10, 16-19)

- A. Changing God's grace into a license for immorality (4b)
- B. Denying the deity of Jesus Christ (4c)
- C. Degrading the human body (8a)
- D. Rejecting authority (8b)
- E. Slandering celestial beings (1:8c-9):
- F. Degenerating into brute unreasoning animals (10)
- G. Faultfinding (16a)
- H. Flattering others only for their own advantage (16b)
- I. Scoffing and divisive (17-19)

## V. THE SYMBOLS FOR APOSTASY (1:12-13)

- A. Dangerous reefs that can cause shipwrecks (12a)
- B. Self-centered shepherds (12b)
- C. Water-less clouds (12c)
- D. Dead autumn trees (12d)
- E. Wild waves of the sea (13a)
- F. Wandering stars (13b)

## VI. THE DIVINE JUDGMENT ON APOSTASY (1:7 b, 14-15)

- A. Past judgment (7a):
- B. Future judgment (7b, 14-15):

## VII. THE SAFEGUARDS AGAINST APOSTASY (1:20-25)

- A. The believer and self (20-21)
- B. The believer and sinners (22-23):
- C. The believer and the Savior (24-25)

# JUDE

## Greeting and Purpose

Mercy, peace and love

**What to do:**  
Contend for the faith!

**Why:**  
Certain persons have secretly slipped in . . .

VERSES  
1-4

## Exposure of False Teachers

Doom is certain

Guilt is sure

Spirituality is empty

Lives are godless

VERSES  
5-16

## Warnings and Commands to Christians

*"Remember!" (verse 17)*

*"Keep yourselves!"  
(verse 21)*

*"Have mercy!" (verse 22)*

*"Save!" (verse 23)*

VERSES  
17-23

## Benediction

Our ultimate hope

Our infinite God

VERSES  
24-25

<b>Emphasis</b>	Appealing	Revealing	Reminding	Praising
<b>Tone</b>	Personal concern	Bold exposure	Strong exhortation	Great hope
<b>Directed to</b>	Those <i>"beloved in God the Father"</i> (v. 1)	Those who <i>"indulged in gross immorality"</i> (v. 7)	<i>"But you, beloved . . ."</i> (vv. 17, 20)	<i>"The only God"</i> (v. 25)
<b>Main Theme</b>	Exposing false teachers and standing firm in the faith			
<b>Key Verses</b>	"Contend earnestly for the faith" (v. 3b); verses 21-23			