

Hey, Jude ...a time for War (Jude vs.1-4)

1. Introduction to Book of Jude:

A. Author – Jude (English word for Gk. Judas) *8 men in NT named Judas, only 2 are associated w/ James. The Apostle Jude and Jude/Judas the half-brother of Jesus (Matt13:55). Apostle Jude was son of James; *only* half-brother of Jesus, Judas, was not Apostle and brother of James (*see vs.1,17*). This James, wrote book of James, lead pastor of Jerusalem church, see Acts15, was also half-brother of Jesus.

B. Audience - **Who* did he write to? _____ (*see vs.1*).
**Why* did he write it? _____

(*see vs.3,4,12*)

2. A Time for Peace or a Time for War? (vs.1-4)

A. Understanding _____ day – written around 68-70AD, before destruction of Jerusalem

1. the church had become filled w/ apostates – _____
but these defectors remained *inside* the community of believers undetected: spiritual terrorists
2. Spiritual terrorists know God's Word, but will not _____ it; Jude marks them by _____ lives
3. Jude understands this will destroy the church; leave people lost; and blaspheme Christ and His gospel (*probably knew of Paul's words in Acts20:29-32*) **Jude vs.3-4*; ****2Cor10:3-5!!!*

B. Understanding _____ – see vs. 1 – a bond-servant of Christ; Gk. doulos, lit. a slave owned by another

1. He didn't use the title half-brother of Jesus! *Jn7, he thought Jesus was a lunatic; but then the _____ changed everything! *As it did for James... see Ja1:1; Rom1:1; 2Pe1:1*
2. He was so overwhelmed by the love of Jesus to save Him, by the gospel, he could only say he was a slave!
3. Bond-slaves of Christ! **1Cor6:19-20; Rom12:1-2; 2Cor5:14-15*
4. Jude's love for Christ and the gospel would not allow him to sit by and watch people destroy those for whom Christ died; he would not watch people slip into hell; generations lost in darkness forever, never to hear the true gospel that can save! Damned to hell w/ NO chance!

C. Jude's Call to the Church

1. Jude calls those believers, whom Christ shed His own blood for their souls, and were secure in Him, _____! *Love of Christ demands action for the truth! **see 1Pe1:3-9, 13,17-19*
2. "felt the necessity" – a heavy burden, a mandate; means lit. compressed; *1Cor9:16*
3. "contend earnestly" – powerful expression to defend the truth continually and vigorously, war!
4. "the faith" – the gospel and all of Christian doctrine/teaching of Scripture

3. What is God's Call to Us, Today, from Jude?

A. The whole NT _____ of false teacher, prophets and converts *and* history confirms it

*Rev – deeds of Nicolaitans, from Nicholas one of 1st 7 deacons; consider Judas Iscariot; parable of soils; 2Tim3; 2Pe2; **Gal1:6,8-9; Gal2:4; 2Cor11:13-15; 2Cor10:11!!!*

B. Look at what is happening in America...

1. Am Christianity is infiltrated with spiritual terrorists – _____
2. Book from 1950's on communism in America, and the rise of "no need for local church"

C. What happens if we don't _____ for the true gospel and teachings of all Scripture?

1. Our children, their children, generations for 1000's of years/forever will be lost in darkness!
2. To our knees and to our Bibles!
3. Parents and grandparents, all believers, if we don't fight for the faith; it will be lost in Am.!