

- I) V1-4 INTRO: Jude a **bondservant** of Jesus Christ and **brother** of James
As we look at this book, I have decided to give a more indepth study
This is because the day that we live in demands such a study

- II) Many today are aware that we are living in the biblical last days
With so much going on in the world, the question is often asked

- III) At this time we need to remember the primary sign that we are in those days
What did Jesus say was the primary sign?

- III) Deception: Mt 24:1-3, 4-5, 23-26
An openness to spiritual error, a receptivity to false teaching
This is not new: Jer. 5:31 The prophets prophesy lies, the priests rule by their own authority, and my people love it this way. But what will you do in the end?
Jer 2:13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

- II) Remember: Jesus taught that deception would be **a primary sign** of the last days
Mt 24:3-5 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that **no one deceives** you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and **will deceive** many.

- III) Jesus gave the church a warning to watch, be on guard, and alert
Mt 24:42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming
Why? Because, in the last days, **the church is falling asleep**

- IV) We the church, are in a terrible battle, right now
Deception is entering the church and we are allowing it to infect us

- V) Do you remember what Jesus commanded the Church to do?
Mt 28:19-20 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you**. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Amen.

- I) **Jesus said: Make disciples...teaching them to obey all things...
The most basic way to be taught to obey all things is systematic teaching
Sadly, this does not happen in every church**

- II) **Paul commanded Timothy to preach the word
2 Ti 4:2-4 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine but according to their own desires because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned aside to fables.**

- III) **Because many do not teach with this kind of conviction, error has crept in
Deception is now rampant, and error is accepted as biblical doctrine**

- IV) **There are many professing Christians who do not value Christian teaching
They often post their opinions, even those that contradict clear scripture
One young woman preacher called Paul **anti-Semitic****

- V) **2022 Gallup Poll, only 20% of Americans say the bible is the literal word of God
Only 30% of Protestants say that the Bible is literally true, and 15% of Catholics**

- VI) **This makes it clear that the Christian faith is under attack
Many pastors and teachers aren't teaching the whole counsel
The weakness of the church is the fruit and reflection of its pastors and teachers**

- VII) **This gives me reason to spend time in this powerful little book
Jude is a book written to encourage Christian believers **to contend for the faith****

- VIII) **This is because the church is the repository of Truth
1 Ti 3:15 if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the **pillar** and **foundation** of the truth.**

- IX) **The truth that we hold fast to is what is referred to as the faith, or the gospel
It is truth that sets you free, and it is truth that the enemy tries to undermine**

- X) **The first question ever recorded in scripture comes from the mouth of the devil**

I) Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "**Did God really say**, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

He has been bringing doubt into God's word ever since

II) Jesus had commanded the church to go into the world to preach the gospel
The gospel is the words of eternal life, and must be presented accurately

III) Because it is so important, the enemy has worked to undermine its content

IV) Before the church was even birthed, Jesus warned false doctrine would enter in
Mt 7:15 Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly they are ravenous wolves

Mt 24:24 For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

This is something that we have been prepared for

VI) As we have seen, when the church was birthed, bad teaching began to infiltrate
As we have studied Acts, we have seen how legalists tried to add Law to grace

VII) In various books we see exhortations and warnings to be on the alert

Ac 20:29-30 I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. **Even from your own number** men will arise and distort the truth in order **to draw away disciples** after them.

Ro 16:17-18 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to **the teaching** which you learned, and turn away from them. For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech **they deceive** the hearts of the unsuspecting.

2 Co 11:13-15 For such men are **false apostles**, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

Gal 1:8-9 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should **preach to you a gospel** contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

I) Eph 4:14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in **deceitful scheming**

Col 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and **empty deceit**, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

2 Th 2:1-2 Now we request you brethren with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or to be disturbed either by **spirit** (false prophecy), **or message** (alleged conversation with Paul) or **a letter** as if from us to the effect that the day of the Lord has come

1 Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to **deceitful spirits** and teachings of demons

Titus 1:10-11 For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and **deceivers**, especially those of the circumcision, who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of sordid gain.

Heb 13:9 Do not be carried away by varied and **strange teachings**; for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, through which those who were so occupied were not benefited.

1 Jn 4:1-3 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many **false prophets** have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

2 Pe 2:1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be **false teachers among you**, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

Rev 2:20 (Thyatira) But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols.

II) False teachers were entering the church, so Jude was written to strengthen us

III) As we begin our study, we need to give **a basic introduction**

IV) **First:** In his introduction Jude refers to himself as **the brother of James**

- I) Some identify Jude as being one of the 12 Apostles
- II) In the list of names, two of the Apostles were named Judas, or Jude
Jude would not be one of these because **the apostle is the son** of James
Lu 6:15-16 Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, **Judas son of James**, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. (Ac 1:13)
According to Ac 12:1-2 The Apostle James was martyred by Herod Agrippa I
- III) This leaves us with James, **the Lord's brother** (Gal 1:9)
Mt 13:55 Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers **James**, Joseph, Simon and **Judas**?
- IV) Date: No exact time can be with certainty fixed: Probably between 65-70 AD
No mention is made of the destruction of Jerusalem 70 AD
There had been a sufficient time for people to hear of the gospel, and to distort it
- V) **Quote**: Jude's approach to their presence and the comments he makes sound very much like Peter's second letter, so some would believe they were written around the same time, and may have influenced one another. Jude's letter most likely came **after** Peter's because Peter writes **anticipating** the rise of false teachers (2 Pe 2:1-3, 3:3) while Jude records **their actual presence** in the Church (V4)
- VI) Also, Jude directly quotes the Apostle Peter's second letter
V17-18, cf. 2 Pe 3:2-3 I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles. First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.
- VII) The message of Jude is for believers to **Contend for the faith**
This letter is concerned with the infiltration of false teachers into the Church
- VII) Jude writes to condemn these false teachers and to encourage believers to grow
- IX) V1-2 Jude a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James
Jude first identifies himself as a **servant** of Jesus Christ
- X) **Servant**: A bonds slave, one who belongs to the Lord, and obeys his commands

- I) Someone who is devoted to another to the disregard of his own interests
- II) To those who are **called, sanctified** by God the Father **and preserved** in Jesus
He doesn't identify the recipients but his readers seem to be Jewish
This is because he uses various OT illustrations
- III) He speaks of them as **the called** (Those who have been saved)
Jn 6:44-45 No man can come to me, except the Father which has sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that has heard, and has learned of the Father, comes unto me.
- IV) **Sanctified**: Those who have been separated to God
Separated from profane things; dedicated to God; consecrated
- V) God sanctifies us by **His word** and **His Spirit**
Jn 17:17 Sanctify them through your truth: your word is truth.
Ac 20:32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.
- VI) **His Spirit**
1 Pe 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through **sanctification of the Spirit**, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied
- VII) **Preserved**: This speaks of being **guarded, taken care of** or **kept** by God
Jn 6:39 And this is the Father's will which has sent Me, that of all which He has given Me **I should lose nothing**, but should raise it up again at the last day.
2 Ti 4:18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve [me] unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom [be] glory for ever and ever. Amen.
1 Pe 1:5 (We) are **kept** by the power of God **through faith** to salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- VIII) V2 Mercy peace and love be multiplied to you
This is a customary greeting, encompassing the concept of God's grace

- I) V3 Beloved while I was very **diligent** to write to you concerning our **common**
My dear friends I am compelled to write and I do so with urgency
- II) I am compelled to write to you to exhort you to **contend earnestly** for the faith
Contend: Ep-agoni-ze-thai: Strenuous, exhaustive effort (like a wrestling match)
You are to **agonize for the truth** of the gospel; the body of truth delivered to us
- III) This is a call to believers to fervently agonize for the truth
We cannot have an apathetic feeling towards Biblical truth
- IV) Why: Because it is the gospel that saves people from eternal judgment
It is the gospel that sets people free from sin and transforms lives
1 Th 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when you received the word of God which you heard of us, you received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually works also in you that
- VI) Because this is what the gospel is, the enemy has worked to undermine it
He can't defeat it, so he works to **undermine** and **dilute** it
- VII) He does this in many ways, including using false teachers and false prophets
- VIII) Paul knew he had been strategically placed as a defender of God's truth
Phil. 1:17 (He said) I am **set** for the defense of the gospel.
The church has also been placed in this position: we are to contend earnestly
- IX) Jude was telling his readers that false teachers have crept into the church
This is something Peter spoke of
2 Pe 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.
- X) These false teachers all have a common trait: they deny the Lord Jesus
They teach Jesus is not God in the flesh, undermining the testimony of scripture
1 Jn 4:2-3 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses Jesus as the Christ who has come in the flesh **is from God**, but every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God, and this is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming, and now is already in the world.

- I) 2 Jn 1:7 I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as **coming in the flesh**, have **gone out into the world**. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist.
- II) Notice these false teachers go into the world and bring in heresies
They go out into the world and even infiltrate the Church
- III) V3 They are undermining the faith which was **once for all** delivered to the saints
This message is one time for all time with no need for additions
- IV) There is no need for any new revelation because the message is complete
Quote: This verse teaches that a body of truth from God has been delivered to humanity and that this faith has been wholly delivered. This seems to indicate that no further revelation from God is necessary. God has told us in Scripture everything that we need to know about who He is, who we are, and what will happen to the earth in the future. We know the nature of God does not change.
- V) It is this message and body of truth that the church contends for
- VI) V4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed who long ago were marked out
Why should the church contend for the faith?
Wicked and deceitful men who snuck in, unnoticed
- VII) They entered in, **humbly** and **appealingly**, pretending to be teachers of the truth
The reality is, their teachings are undermining and changing the gospel
- VIII) V4 who long ago were **marked out** for this condemnation
God's word had long ago warned against changing His word
Dt 12:32 See that you do all I command you; do not add to it or take away from it.
Dt 30:5-6 Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. **Do not add to His words**, or He will rebuke you and prove you a liar.
- IX) This warning would also have a more contemporary application
Warnings had been given by Jesus, Peter, and Paul
- X) V4 They are **ungodly** men (notorious, wicked sinners)
They are men who profess to know God, but are actually **without** God

- I) What makes them identifiable as **ungodly**
Because they change the grace of God into licentiousness (a license to sin)
They believe they can perform any manner of sin and still claim to be righteous
Titus 1:16 They profess to know God, but by their actions they deny Him. They are detestable, disobedient, and unfit for any good deed
- II) They **deny** the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ
Their teachings actually amount to error concerning salvation
- III) They do not do it openly, but their teachings take you away from the Lord
- IV) Again, long ago they were marked out for **this condemnation**
- V) For doing so, their doom has been written of in scripture
Rev. 20:13-15 The sea gave up its dead, and Death and Hades gave up their dead, and each one was judged according to his deeds. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death—the lake of fire. And if anyone was found whose name was not written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire
Rev. 22:14-15 Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. **Outside** are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.