

***Jude: Contending for The Faith
The Judgment of False Teachers
Jude 11-16***

ONE THING

***Every believer stands upon the faithful before us,
with the faithful beside us, and must contend for
the faithful behind us!***

The Key Verse in the Letter...

Jude 3 (ESV) — Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

This verse is the theme of the entire letter...

“CONTEND”

***The word used here for “CONTEND” literally means to
AGONIZE EARNESTLY...***

***It means to fight... to EXPEND EFFORT for something that
matters greatly!***

“THE FAITH”

The Faith – refers to the things believed and handed down

The Faith is the body of beliefs held by the Church...

“ONCE FOR ALL DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS”

***There is a phrase in verse four that helps launch us into
this next section...***

***Jude 4a (ESV) — For certain people have crept in unnoticed
who long ago were designated for this condemnation ...***

Let’s now read our passage...

Jude 11–16 (ESV) — 11 Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam’s error and perished in Korah’s rebellion. 12 These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; 13 wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever. 14 It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, 15 to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” 16 These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.

1. The PEOPLE they FOLLOW

Jude 11 (ESV) — Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam’s error and perished in Korah’s rebellion.

→ The Sin of All

➤ **REJECT God's WORD**

Genesis 4:6–7 (ESV) — The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”

→ ***The Way of Cain***

➤ **EMBRACE false WORSHIP**

Genesis 4:3–5 (ESV) — In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.

→ ***The Error of Balaam***

➤ **GREEDY for MONEY**

Numbers 31:16 (ESV) — Behold, these, on Balaam's advice, caused the people of Israel to act treacherously against the LORD in the incident of Peor, and so the plague came among the congregation of the LORD.

→ ***The Rebellion of Korah***

➤ **REBEL against AUTHORITY**

Numbers 16:1–3 (ESV) — Now Korah the son of Izhar, son of Kohath, son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men. And they rose up before Moses, with a number of the people of Israel, 250 chiefs of the congregation, chosen from the assembly, well-known men. They assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron and said to them, “You have gone too far! For all in the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?”

2. The PROMISES they FORSAKE

Jude 12-13 (ESV) — These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.

“... waterless clouds, swept along by the winds...”

→ ***They promise rain but leave you dry***

“... fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted...”

→ ***They promise nourishment but leave you hungry***

“... wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame...”

→ ***They promise greatness but leave you empty***

“... wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever...”

→ ***They promise stability but leave you wandering***

3. The PROPHECY they FULFILL

Jude 14–15 (ESV) — It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”

→ ***Genesis Timeline***

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Who was Enoch?

Genesis 5:21–24 (ESV) — When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

Genesis 4:26 (ESV) — To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD.

This doesn't mean that at the birth of Enosh... but during his lifetime...

Enoch 1:9 (LES) — 9 For he comes with his ten thousands and his holy ones to enact judgment against all. He will destroy everyone who is ungodly and reproach all flesh concerning all works of the ungodly: the things they did impiously, the harsh words that they spoke and all that ungodly sinners spoke against him.”

4. The PROBLEMS they CAUSE

Jude 16 (ESV) — These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.

Grumblers...

Always complaining...

Malcontents...

Always finding fault...

Following their own sinful desires...

Giving in to their own evil cravings

Loud-mouthed boasters...

Puffed up words, boastful words, swollen words

Showing Favoritism to gain advantage...

To praise someone, normally in an exaggerated manner for the purpose of gaining advantage or favor

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1. The _____ they _____

→ *The Sin of All*

➤ _____ God's _____

→ *The Way of Cain*

➤ _____ false _____

→ *The Error of Balaam*

➤ _____ for _____

→ *The Rebellion of Korah*

➤ _____ against _____

2. The _____ they _____

3. The _____ they _____

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