



Step by Step

65. Jude



Author // Jude

Original Recipients // To all believers "who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ" (1:1)

Date of Writing // Approximately 65 AD

Type of Literature // Didactic

Major Themes // Contending for the Faith; Warning against False Teachers; Perseverance of the Saints; The Coming of Christ

Occasion for Writing // Jesus promised that the gates of hell would not prevail against the church. Central to this promise is the warning that the church would face severe attacks. Well aware of the threats facing the church, Jude wrote to stir the believer to stand firm in the essential doctrines of the Christian Faith. This letter unmaskes that motive behind many false doctrines while encouraging the saints to stand.



Simple Summary // Jude intended to write an encouraging letter, however when false teachers infiltrated the church he deemed it necessary to write a letter of warning. Jude uses several Old Testament examples to warn of the danger not only of false teaching but of the false teachers themselves. He further encourages believers to grow in Christ and to reach out to the lost with the message of Salvation. This letter contains strong warning as well as wonderful promises.



Outline // A simple outline for Jude:

1-2 // *Introduction*

4-16 // *Warnings against false teachers*

17-23 // *Exhortations to grow in Christ*

24-25 // *Doxology*

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Key Verses

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. 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.

1:17-18 // But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.

1:20-21 // But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

1:24 // Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

Jesus in Jude

Jesus is the foundation of New Testament doctrine; denying Christ is to deny Christianity. Jesus is seen as the Lord who will soon return with the saints to set up His eternal kingdom (14-15).

