

# THE EPISTLE OF JUDE

## EARNESTLY CONTEND AT THE END



Jude is one of five one-chapter books in the Bible. The theme of Jude is to earnestly contend for the faith placed right before the events of Revelation unfold (v. 3). Jude discusses the great apostasy that had already crept in during his time using illustrations of the Exodus of Israel from Egypt, the angels that left their first estate, the filth of Sodom and Gomorrah, Michael the archangel, the body of Moses, Cain, Balaam, Core (*Korah*), and Enoch the seventh from Adam...all for us to consider in just 25 verses. Jude mentions the ungodly six times and three things that are eternal (*chains, fire, and life*). Jude is packed with passionate language driving and exhorting all to \_\_\_\_\_ for the faith we have embraced!

### EARNESTLY CONTEND AT THE END – Jude 1-8

#### 1. Preparing to Contend – v. 1-2

- Jude, short for Judas (*also called Lebbaeus, Thaddaeus, brother of James, and “not Iscariot”*), an \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ, is the author of this short letter – v. 1a; Matt. 10:3; Lk. 6:13-16; Acts 1:13.

*Lebbaeus, Thaddaeus (John 14:21-23) =*

- Divine protection and \_\_\_\_\_ boldness are needed to contend at the end – v. 1b; 2 Cor. 5:20.

*Sanctified =*

*Preserved (Php. 3:21) =*

*Called (1 Pet. 2:9) =*

- God's \_\_\_\_\_ attributes are multiplied to contend at the end – v. 2

*Mercy (Tit. 3:5) =*

*Peace (Php. 4:7) =*

*Love (v. 1, 3, 17, 20-21; 1 John 4:18) =*

#### 2. Passion to Contend – v. 3

- Contending for the faith is done \_\_\_\_\_ contentiousness – v. 3; 2 Tim. 2:23-25; Rom. 16:17.

*Earnest =*

*Contenders (2 Cor. 10:4) =*

*The faith...\_\_\_\_\_ delivered (1 Tim. 4:1, 6:10; Tim. 3:8, 4:7; 2 Pet. 1:20-21, 3:16) =*

### 3. Persons to Contend – v. 4-8

- Certain men who are \_\_\_\_\_ to this ungodliness against the faith – v. 4; Eph. 6:10-12; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; 2 Tim. 3:5-6; Tit. 1:16.

*Crept in unawares (Rom. 13:11-13) =*

*Turning the \_\_\_\_\_ of God into lasciviousness (Tit. 2:11; 1 Pet. 1:15-16; 1 Jn. 3:2-3) =*

*Denying the only Lord God and Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 12:3; Jn. 14:6) =*

- Remember the sudden \_\_\_\_\_ that came upon such persons in the past – v. 5-8; 2 Pet. 3:8-9.

*The unbelieving of Israel after the Exodus (Ex. 32; Num. 14:22-45) =*

*The angels who did not stay within God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 6:1-3; 2 Pet. 2:4-5) =*

*The filthy \_\_\_\_\_ of Sodom and Gomorrah (v. 8a; Gen. 19; Lk. 17:28-30) =*