

Outline and Introduction: Jude

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 - 1. The prophecy of Enoch: 14-16
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Date: The dates of this book range from A.D. 50 to A.D.140. More likely this book was written pre A.D. 70 in the early 60's. There is some debate as to whether II Peter was written before Jude or visa versa, since they both use some of the same warnings as seen later in this lesson.

To whom was this written: There is no direct evidence as to whom, specifically, this was written. There are a number of speculations dating back into catholic church traditions. The same is true concerning the location from which this book was written. The traditions are varied and therefore will not be considered at this time for this lesson.

Author: The author of this book has been speculated to be a number of different Judes from the Bible, however most consider him to be the brother of James the Apostle and writer of the book of James and, therefore, make him not only the servant of Jesus but also his earthly brother the same as James. The author's name is translated as Jude in most versions of the Bible, with only the revised version using the name Judas. Jude is the English form of the name Judas (*Ioudas*), the Greek form of Judah, which literally means, "to give thanks, laud, praise". The Anglicanised version of the name was used to disassociate the writer from Judas Iscariot.

Jude is also written as Judas.

Purpose of Writing: Jude sees a great need to warn of the danger of false teachers and those who deny Christ. We have understood from II Peter as to who antichrist is that being those who deny Jesus as the Christ. Jude sees this as the most pressing issue of the time in regard the church.

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1. In what two ways does Jude identify himself? Vs.1

(1)

(2)

2. To whom does he address his letter? Vs.1

To those who: (1)

(2)

(3)

3. What three things does Jude desire for them in his greeting? Vs.2

(1)

(2)

(3)

4. To what extent does Jude desire these 3 things for them? Vs.2

5. What subject was Jude very eager to write to them concerning? Vs. 3

6. What does Jude tell them was needful for them to hear? Vs. 3

7. To whom was this faith finally entrusted? Vs. 3

8. What did the condemned men do? Vs. 4

(1)

(2)

(3)

9. Where in the Bible were these men written about?

Matt. 13: 1-23

Matt. 13:36-43

Matt. 13: 47-52

Matt. 16:5-12

Matt. 18:21-35

Matt. 21:33-46

Matt. Ch. 23

Matt. 24:23- (25) 26

Enoch: see verse 14-16

10. Why did God destroy some of the people that He rescued from Egypt? Vs. 5

11. What lesson is to be learned by the examples from verses 5-10?
12. How careful was the angel Michael in saying anything slanderous even of the devil?
13. How should our speech be affected because of this example?
14. vs. 10: How does ignorance (defined as, being without knowledge) lead to abuse?
15. What 3 examples are given to these ungodly people that have snuck into the church?
 - (1)
 - (2)
 - (3)
16. Read verses 12-13 then read Isaiah 56:9-11; Jeremiah 23:1-4; 50:6,7; Ezekiel 34:7-10. What did the Shepherds in all these passages have in common and what will be their end?
 - (1)
 - (2)
17. For how long has judgment been waiting for these very ungodly ones? Vs. 14
18. List what the Apostle's of Jesus foretold.
 - Vs. 18 In the last times:
 - Vs. 18 These men:
 - Vs. 19 These men:
 - Vs. 19 These men:
19. List the items that Jude encourages the Christians to do.
 - Vs. 20. (1)
 - (2)
 - Vs. 21.
 - Vs. 22.
 - Vs. 23. (1)
 - (2)
20. List some of the characteristics or attributes of God and savior through Jesus Christ from verses 24-25.
 - (1)
 - (2)
 - (3)
 - (4)
21. Repeat the last verse and consider how powerful the statement!

“to the only God our Savior be **glory, majesty, power and authority**, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **before all ages, now and forevermore!** Amen.”