

A Survey of the New Testament

Lesson 25: Jude

“Contend for the faith!”

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Summary: Apostates have crept into the church, so Jude urges Christians to earnestly contend with them in defense of the faith.

Author: Jude (Hebrew – Judah; Greek – Judas), the brother of _____ (1:1)

- This is not Judas the apostle.
 - Luke called him the *brother of James* (Luke 6:16).
 - Matthew called him _____ whose surname was Thaddaeus (Matt. 10:2-4).
- This is Judas, the brother of James and half-brother of _____ (Matt. 13:55).
- He believed after the Resurrection (Acts 1:14).
- He did not identify himself as an _____.
- He did identify himself as the brother of James who was a leader of the church at Jerusalem.

Recipient:

- Them that are “sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, *and called:*”
- Since there is no other addressee in this book, this is a true _____ intended for all believers.

Date:

- After 2 Peter (A.D. 67)
 - 2 Peter _____ apostates, but Jude addressed them as already present.
 - Jude’s condemnation of apostates paralleled Peter’s in several ways.
 - Possibly before the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.
 - Date for Jude may be A.D. _____.

Book Content Overview:

- Introduction (1-2).
- Contend for the faith because apostates have come (3-23).
 - Apostates have _____ the church (3-4).
 - Apostates will be _____ by God (5-16).
 - Unbelieving Israelites (5)
 - Disobedient angels (6)
 - Sodom and Gomorrha (7)
 - The current apostates (8-16)
 - Speak ignorantly against demonic forces (8-10)

- Follow other corrupt men (11)
 - Do not belong in the church (12-13)
 - Will be judged because of their corrupt works (14-16)
- Apostates were _____ by the apostles (17-19).
- Apostates must be _____ with increasing faith (20-23).
- Doxology (24-25)

Important Question: Extra-Biblical Sources

- Does Jude's use of extra-biblical sources mean that we should also accept them as _____ (part of the NT canon)?
 - V 9. *The Assumption of Moses*
 - V 14. *1 Enoch*
- _____ also quoted extra-biblical sources.
 - Acts 17:28. Grecian poets
 - Titus 1:12. Cretian writers
- Both authors were divinely inspired to write.
- Although God inspired the Biblical authors, He allowed _____ personalities to be present.
- The materials they used affirmed the overall message.
- The original quoted texts are not inspired due to obvious _____.
- Summary:
 - While under the Holy Spirit's inspiration, New Testament authors used extra-biblical writings to _____ their messages.
 - But this does not signify that the extra-biblical documents belong in the canon of Scripture.

Application: Contend for the faith!