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- **Author:** Jude “Judas”, The half brother of Jesus and brother of James – Mark 6:3, Mathew 13:55
- He is a half-brother because Joseph is his father
- Jesus had 4 brothers and some sisters, how many? We don’t know?
- This is different than Judas Iscariot – Luke 6:16
- Judas goes by Jude to separate his name from Judas Iscariot
- This is like Robert being called Bob
- **Date:** Specifically is unknown, Probably (65-80 AD)
- **Main Themes**

- 1) To expose false teachers
- 2) To encourage believers to contend for the faith and finish strong

V.1-2 – Greeting And Opening Of The Book

- The book opens and closes with similar words, kind of like book ends
- The author of these 24 verses isn’t shy and introduces himself as Jude
- He calls himself a bondservant or servant
- This word is δοῦλος – Which mean slave
- Yet in the gospels, Jude said contrary – John 7:5
- Jude had a change of heart that most likely occurred after the resurrection
- The first account we see of this change occurs – Acts 1:14
- James became a leader in the early Church – Acts 15
- Jude addresses the audience as believers and his goal is to sanctify them
- The goal is to build up the body of Christ and grow them by informing them of current heresies that are spreading.

V.3-16 – The Rise Of False Teachers

- False teachers take the stage – Mathew 24:24
- Jude’s goal is to expose these people and to bring light to what they are doing
- This is also warning for believers and something that they are to keep their eyes out for

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- This becomes abundantly clear when v.4 says that people have crept in unnoticed – 2 Timothy 4:3-4
- One of their predominate characteristics is to deny Jesus Christ and turn God into Lord into lasciviousness
- Lasciviousness means sensuality or sinful abandonment

False Teachers

- “Ungodly” – v.4
- ‘Dreamers’ – v.8
- “Spots” – v.12
- “Waterless clouds” – v.12
- “Fruitless trees” – v.12
- “Raging waves” – v.13
- “Wandering stars” – v.13
- They are not described in high regard
- Yet everyday people buy the lie they are selling and give up truth to follow these people
- In the process of calling these people out Jude gives examples of people who have not finished well
- Jude draws on 3 examples from the Old Testament
- **1) Israelites in the wilderness v.5**
- God takes them to the promise land
- Moses has sent out 12 spies and the only 2 that came back with a good report is Caleb and Joshua
- The Israelites stayed there for 40 years in the wilderness
- Besides Caleb and Joshua an entire Generation would die in the wilderness not entering the promise land
- Ultimately because they did not believe God
- The Jewish people came out of the land of Egypt and started well, but they didn’t go into the promise land and they didn’t finish well

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- **Angels that rebelled with Satan v.6**
- They allowed the influence of Satan to steal their hearts
- They started well but didn't finish well
- There are 2 views that scholars feel is accurate
- 1st view, scholars feel that Jude is referring to Genesis 6:1-4
- This is talking about the Nephilim
- 2nd view, scholars feel that Jude is quoting from the Apocrypha and the book of Enoch
- Regardless of the view, fallen angels are ones that have started well but have given themselves over to Satan
- Hell was prepared for Satan and his demons – Matthew 25:41
- The fallen angels will be cast out in the end – Revelation 12:7-9
- **3) People of Sodom and Gomorrah v.7**
- Homosexuality was running rampant and people were doing right in their own eyes
- What God set as a standard for marriage man disregarded and followed after their own desires.
- This hasn't changed and today we still do this – Jam. 1:14, Rom. 3:23, 7:15
- These desires have led to sin and men and women seeking after themselves and not seeking the Lord
- Praise God he can forgive us of our sin
- This is if we turn back to him and repent of the sin in which we have done
- This should be a reminder for us to check ourselves so we don't drift away and find ourselves following our own desires.
- Little things can build until we find ourselves doing things we never thought we would do
- Ultimately we need to keep the faith and run it with endurance – Hebrews 12:1-2
- **V.8-9 - Michael and Moses's Body**
- V.8 – people in the Church who are defiling the Lord
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- These are people who pollute the Church and are dishonoring to God – Heb. 12:15
- V.9 - Michael is the only archangel mentioned in the Bible
- Michael only gets mentioned 4 times in the Bible – Dan 10:13&12:1, Rev. 12:7 and Jude 9
- Gabriel is thought of as an archangel, but is never mentioned as one
- The Archangel was sent to bury the body of Moses but according to Jewish tradition Satan argued with Michael that he didn't have the right to bury the body of Moses – Deuteronomy 34:5-7
- There is just Jewish tradition to back this up
- This would be the only place in scripture that refers to it
- The tradition says that Michael left the body in Gods hands and said “The Lord rebuke you!”
- The false teachers that get mentioned in Jude have no respect for angels
- **V.10 – Corrupt Individuals That Are Not Wise**
- These are accusations on what they don't know
- This refers back to v.9 and most likely Satan/Demons or a corrupt person influenced by Satan
- They are doing evil and corrupting themselves, similar to the false teachers in V.4 and through the book
- The main point is not the specifics of Satan and Michael the Archangel
- The main point is calling out corrupt people and the illustration gets used about Moses body and the argument that ensues
- All of which should be a reminder to us, to follow the Lord and not false teachers – 1 John 4:1
- **V.11 – Walking In Error**
- Illustrations of what happens to these people
- People who have gone the way of Cain
- Refers to either, the murders he committed, the sinful intent of his heart, the disobedience that Cain exhibited toward God
- All of which are wrong and are something to stay away from

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- Balaam is not the donkey but the Israelite – Numbers 22-24
- Balaam encouraged others to sin while seeking monetary gain from their error – Numbers 22:21-31, 2 Peter 2:15-16
- Korah's rebellion refers to the revolt against Moses and Aaron – Number 16
- This rebellion pushed back directly against what God had intended
- They rebelled against God's authority and so they will be destroyed
- Ultimately throughout Jude, God doesn't take lightly to people doing evil
- Especially people who are deceiving others
- God has to have Justice but graciously provides us grace and mercy
- God does not take lightly people who have walked in opposition to him because of their own selfishness and pride
- **V.12-13 – People who serve no purpose**
- The extent of the person who does these things is meaningless
- Waterless clouds, fruitless trees, feasting together without reverence, raging waves of the sea foaming out their shame and wandering stars who have been reserved the blackness of darkness forever
- All useless and unfruitful
- These are people who don't know Christ
- These are the people mentioned in v.10-11
- **V.14-15**
- Enoch was 7 generations from Adam
- 7 a number in scripture that should always stand out
- 7 represents completeness, fullness and fulfillment
- Who are the Saints or Holy ones are angels
- Similarly, this has been done before, Deut.33:2, Dan. 7:10, Zech. 14:5
- This is similar to Enoch 1:9
- These saints or angels will judge the ungodliness
- Specially here the things that they have said or spoken of
- **V.16**
- 2 Peter 2:18-19
- The words that are used are judged harshly

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- All of the complaints or hurtful words said are viewed negatively
- All of these words come out of pride and selfishness
- None of which are edifying to the Lord but instead hurt and break relationships - Ephesians 4:29
- The people talked about don't appear to be saved
- It's thought of that people mocked and didn't believe Enoch. Jude could have picked up this language and spoke to pressing circumstances that actually happened.
- **V.17**
- This is where Jude changes topics to offer hope
- His encouragement is that we don't follow the people that pick on us but instead look toward Jesus
- We can often times let the world drag us down
- 1 Peter 2:21
- Christ is our example to follow after
- We strive to be more like Christ everyday
- Philippians 3:14
- If our hope is in men then we will be disappointed
- Christ said that this life wasn't going to be easy
- John 15:18-20
- **V.18**
- There was clear warning from the disciples of what the world is like
- These are still common problems we face today
- Our indemnity is in Christ and not what others say
- Christ is a Christian's ultimate authority
- People can say whatever they want, it shouldn't affect our actions
- Colossians 3:8...
- Today unbelievers are still doing what is right in their own eyes
- People still follow their own desires over Christ – Judges 17:6
- If Christ is the only perfect person to walk this earth. Then we should look to him more than we look to other people.

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- **V.19**

- Because of the previous verse we understand Jude is talking about people of the end times
- They are mocking and laughing
- Clearly this is not believers
- They could be face to face with the truth and still will not follow it
- These people are not saved – Romans 8:9
- They will mock and cause division
- They are fleshly and sensual
- 1 Corinthians 2:14
- Jude's warning is of preparation to know and watch out for these people
- Their aim is to destroy the Church and the people of the Church

- **V.20**

- “But you”, we know Jude is addressing believers in Jesus
- Build yourself up, this is an action – Colossians 2:6-7
- You have to build on a firm foundation – Matthew 7:24-29
- Build your faith on the solid rock of Christ
- Someone who is rooted and rounded will be hard to be shaken
- Praying in the spirit – Romans 8:26-27
- The Holy Spirit is our helper and guide – John 14:26
- praying in the Spirit is praying in the power of the Spirit, by the leading of the Spirit, and according to His will, not as praying in tongues
- It is praying in accordance with Gods will

- **V.21**

- That is to say, exercise a mutual oversight, and practice watchfulness over each other, lest any of you should by little and little lose your sense of the love of God.
- Keeping yourself in check and following in the love of God
- This isn't earning love but abiding in his love – John 15:9-10
- To remain, and stay rooted
- To keep Christ the center – John 14:21

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- To not wander away but checking yourself to make sure you are abiding
- Through this, waiting for Christ's return
- Expecting Christ to come and patiently waiting – Titus 2:13
- Knowing that our home is not earth – Philippians 3:20
- Our temporary citizenship is American, our heavenly citizenships trumps and is more important than any other citizenship
- What we long for is not the earth, but being face to face with our creator
- Worshipping our savior for eternity
- For believers we currently possess eternal life
- For us today that should give us hope
- If you lose sight of eternity, then you can drift into worldliness – Colossians 3:1-2
- **V.22/23**
- Some professing Christians are not living consistently with their profession
- Yet there may be some trace of repentance, some reason to hope that they will forsake the evil when they see it to be evil
- For others they must be snatched from the fire
- Pulled out so that they can be restored
- The depiction is of violence and force
- Often times fire gets used in reference to judgment in the Bible
- Snatching them out (Judgment) to show them mercy and or compassion
- Hating even the clothing that is stained by sin
- This is being tainted by the world – 1 Thessalonians 5:22
- A sin cursed world leaves it mark on us
- Similarly is the debated verse – James 5:19-20
- Converting someone back to truth that has wandered away
- A lost sheep is saved from destruction and his sins
- **V.24**
- This is the Doxology the closing thought
- The only person able to do this is Jesus

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- Without Jesus you are a sinner in the hands of an angry God (Jonathan Edwards)
- With him you can be presented as spotless and blameless – Col. 1:22
- Jesus presents the saved believer to God with great joy
- Jesus delights in the salvation of his people, he wants them to come to him
- Hebrews 12:2
- It is only because of the cross we get to be presented as spotless and faultless before God
- One of Jesus's joy's will be as the Shepard surrounded by his sheep and getting to call them sons and daughters for eternity
- **V.25**
- Jude is ending off by Praising God
- For the fact that he has dominion – Eph. 1:21-22
- For the fact that he has power – Phil. 2:9-11
- For the fact that those facts will never change
- Jude leaves off with the impression that he will be praising Jesus continually forever
- That he is thankful and excited
- This is his half-brother, this has to be a little weird and awkward for him
- **Summary**
- Jude is likely written sometime between A.D. 65 and 80.
- Jude writes this as an encouragement.
- He warns believers to be steadfast and to live a holy life. And he reassures them that God is both willing and able to purify His children
- Jude talks in some depth about angels
- What do we do about sin and judgement