

Purpose

To remind believers of the dangers of apostasy and to challenge them to contend earnestly for the faith, both for themselves and for the Church

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Jude, brother of Jesus and James

Recipients

The letter is addressed to "those who are the called," meaning all Christians.

Date Written

Approximately 65 AD

Key People

The Apostates (those who turned their back on God and who are leading others away from Christ)

Key Verse

"Beloved, while I was making every effort to write [to] you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints."

Jude 1:3

An Overview (1 Chapter)

- The Danger of False Teachers (*1:1-16*)
- The Duty to Fight for God's Truth (*1:17-25*)

Major Themes

- *Apostasy*: Rebellion to God and rejection of biblical truth is a dangerous cancer within the Church. Satan has introduced all sorts of ideas to counter knowledge of Him and an understanding of the Gospel. Therefore, the Lord takes seriously anyone who promotes such activity; He expects the same attitude from His people.
- *Protecting the Church*: Jude challenges believers to contend earnestly for the faith because the faith (Christianity) is worthy of contending for. As Christians, we have a responsibility to protect ourselves against false doctrine, heresy, and apostate lifestyles. We also have the duty to protect the Church against such things as well.