

JUDE

1. TITLES:

- A. Jude = praise
- B. The Epistle of Jude
- C. The Acts of the Apostates
- D. The Book of The Apostates

2. AUTHOR:

Uncertain. Most authors ascribe the authorship of this epistle to either Jude the son of Joseph or Jude the son of Alphaeus. The weight of evidence leans toward Jude the son of Alphaeus, who was one of the twelve apostles and the brother of James (See James).

3. DATE:

Written probably between 67 and 80 A.D.

4. KEY WORDS:

- A. Ungodly – 6
- B. Kept (Greek word) – 5
- C. Eternal, Forever – 4

5. KEY VERSES:

6. PURPOSE:

- A. To exhort believers to contend for the faith.
- B. To warn them of apostate teachers and to expose their character, doctrine and deeds by example and illustration.
- C. To comfort them in view of apostacy.

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7. MESSAGE:

- A. True believers in the midst of apostasy must contend for the faith.
- B. All the ungodly will be brought to eternal judgment by fire.
- C. God is always faithful to keep his elect from falling.

8. OUTLINE:

- I. Contending For the Faith v. 1-4
- II. Apostacy From the Faith v. 5-16
- III. Keeping the Faith v. 17-25

9. SUMMARY:

Xxx Jude opens his epistle by commenting that he had intended to write concerning “the common salvation” but that he was constrained by the spirit to write concerning a different matter. False teachers had crept in, denying the faith and giving birth to apostasy in the church. Jude, then, exhorts the believers to contend for the faith. He exposes the false teachers by using examples from history and illustrations from nature and then he foretells of their certain judgment at the Lord’s coming. Lastly he exhorts and encourages the believers concerning their remaining steadfast in the faith.

NOTE: This is the only book that refers to the contention over the body of Moses and the prophecy of Enoch.

NOTE: Much of the material in Jude is also to be found in II Peter 2 and these two passages should be studied in conjunction.

NOTE: This epistle is made up of triads.

10. CHRIST SEEN:

Christ is seen as the Coming Lord, the Judge and “The Only Wise God, our Saviour”.