



SINGLE CHAPTER BOOKS

Key Themes in the Book of Jude:

- 1) (v. 1-4) author intro, and urgent call to defend the faith against unnoticed ungodly individuals.
- 2) (v. 5-16) certainty of divine judgment on false teachers, with OT examples and vivid metaphors.
- 3) (v. 17-23) pastoral & practical: build up faith, pray in the Spirit, & show mercy.
- 4) (v. 24-25) One of the most celebrated doxologies in all of Scripture.

Jude 1:1-3

1. *Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, [writes this letter], to those who are the called (God's chosen ones, the elect), dearly loved by God the Father, and kept [secure and set apart] for Jesus Christ:*
2. *May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you [filling your heart with the spiritual well-being and serenity experienced by those who walk closely with God].*
3. *Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I was compelled to write to you [urgently] appealing that you fight strenuously for [the defense of] the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints [the faith that is the sum of Christian belief that was given verbally to believers].*

Ephesians 4:4-6

“There is one body [of believers] and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when called [to salvation]— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all who is [sovereign] over all and [working] through all and [living] in all.”

- One body
- One Spirit
- One hope
- One Lord
- One faith
- One baptism
- One God and Father of us all

Jews & Gentiles

- **John 4:9:** *“The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?’ (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)”*
- **Acts 10:28:** *“He said to them: ‘You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean.’”*
- **Acts 10:34-35:** *“Then Peter began to speak: ‘I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.’”*
- **Romans 10:12:** *“For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him.”*

Hebrews 13:17

“Obey your [spiritual] leaders and submit to them [recognizing their authority over you], for they are keeping watch over your souls and continually guarding your spiritual welfare as those who will give an account [of their stewardship of you]. Let them do this with joy and not with grief and groans, for this would be of no benefit to you.”

Jude 1:4

“For certain people have crept in unnoticed [just as if they were sneaking in by a side door]. They are ungodly persons whose condemnation was predicted long ago, for they distort the grace of our God into decadence and immoral freedom [viewing it as an opportunity to do whatever they want], and deny and disown our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.”



3 Characteristics or Traits of False Apostate Teachers:

- 1) They are subtle in their approach.
- 2) They are ungodly in their actions.
- 3) They are heretical in their theology.



The Overton Window



Case #1: Israel in the Wilderness

Jude 1:5

- *"Now I want to remind you, although you are fully informed once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe [who refused to trust and obey and rely on Him]."*

Psalms 95:10 - 11

- *"For forty years I was grieved and disgusted with that generation, and I said, 'They are a people who err in their heart, and they do not acknowledge or regard My ways.' So I swore [an oath] in My anger, 'They absolutely shall not enter My rest [the Promised Land].'"*

Case #2: The Angels Who Fell

Jude 1:6

- *“And angels who did not keep their own designated place of power, but abandoned their proper dwelling place, [these] He has kept in eternal chains under [the thick gloom of utter] darkness for the judgment of the great day,”*

Case #3: Sodom & Gomorrah

Jude 1:7

- *“just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the adjacent cities, since they in the same way as these angels indulged in gross immoral freedom and unnatural vice and sensual perversity. They are exhibited [in plain sight] as an example in undergoing the punishment of everlasting fire.”*

Sins of Sodom & Gomorrah

- Blatant display of sin and disregard for God (Isaiah 1:9-10; 3:9)
- Wickedness and pride (Isaiah 13:19)
- Committing adultery, lying, and strengthening evildoers (Jeremiah 23:14)
- Arrogance, selfish indulgence, and a lack of compassion and hospitality for the vulnerable, along with committing abominations before God (Ezekiel 16:49-50)
- Sexual immorality (Genesis 19; Jude 1:7)

OUR CORE VALUES

— Who We Are. How We Live. What We Believe. —



**KNOW THE
TRUTH.**



**DEFEND
THE FAITH.**



BE BOLD.



**THINK
BIBLICALLY.**



**LIVE THE
WORD.**