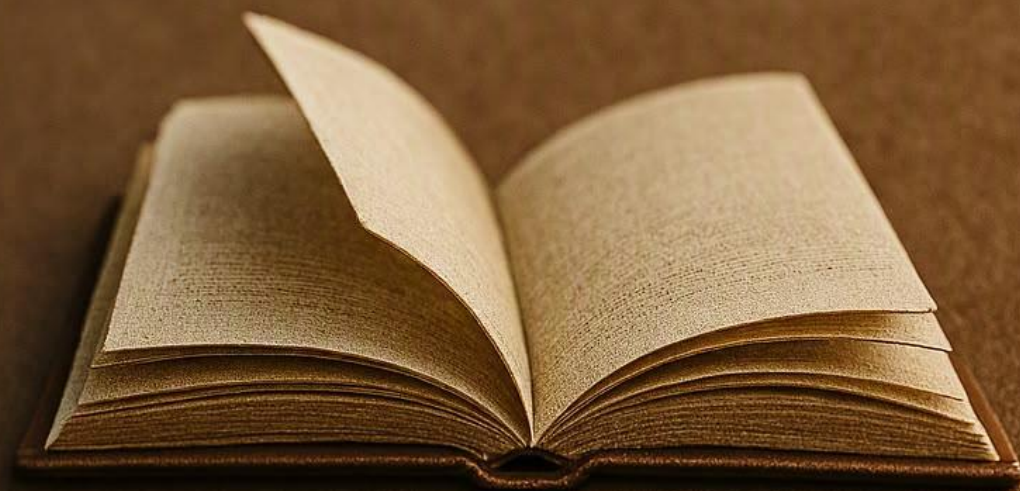




SINGLE CHAPTER BOOKS

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.**

Jude 1:8-11

8. *Nevertheless in the same way, these dreamers [who are dreaming that God will not punish them] also defile the body, and reject [legitimate] authority, and revile and mock angelic majesties.*
9. *But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil (Satan), and arguing about the body of Moses, did not dare bring an abusive condemnation against him, but [simply] said, “The Lord rebuke you!”*
10. *But these men sneer at anything which they do not understand; and whatever they do know by [mere] instinct, like unreasoning and irrational beasts—by these things they are destroyed.*
11. *Woe to them! For they have gone the [defiant] way of Cain, and for profit they have run headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of [mutinous] Korah.*

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1. The Way of Cain —
— Empty Religion Without Faith
2. The Error of Balaam —
— Compromise for Profit
3. The Rebellion of Korah —
— Rejecting God-Appointed Authority

THREE EXAMPLES. ONE WARNING.

Cain | Balaam | Korah

DIFFERENT PATHS. SAME RESULT.

REJECTION OF GOD'S TRUTH

SPIRITUAL COMPROMISE

JUDGMENT



CAIN

EMPTY RELIGION / NO FAITH



BALAAM

GREED / COMPROMISE



KORAH

REBELLION / PRIDE

 WHO THEY WERE	• Farmer	• Prophet	• Leader
 WHAT THEY DID	• Brought an offering • Killed his brother Abel	• Tried to curse Israel for money • Later advised Balak to lead Israel into idolatry and immorality	• Led a rebellion against Moses and Aaron • Challenged God's appointed authority (did not join with Dathan and Abiram)
 WHY THEY DID IT	• Jealousy and anger • Rejected God's way • Chose self over obedience	• Love of money • Greed and personal gain • Compromise	• Jealousy for greater authority • Pride • Discontent with God's order
 THE RESULT	• Sin is crouching at the door..." (Genesis 4:7) • Cursed and driven from the land (Genesis 4:11-16)	• "How can I curse whom God has not cursed?" (Numbers 23:8) • Couldn't curse Israel • Gave destructive counsel • Eventually killed in battle (Numbers 31:16; 22-24; 31:8)	• The earth opened and swallowed Korah (and his household) • Fire consumed the 250 men • 14,700 died from the plague (Numbers 16:31-35; 16:41-49)
 THE BIG LESSON	• Don't let empty religion replace real faith. • God desires a heart that worships Him in spirit and truth. (John 4:23)	• You can know God's truth and still compromise for gain. • Be careful what you love more than God. (2 Peter 2:15; Revelation 2:14)	• Don't let what God gave someone else make you despise what God gave you. • Be content with the calling God has given you. (Numbers 16:3; Jude 11)

The Bigger Picture

HOW THEY'RE CONNECTED

- All three were known to God (or close to His people).
- All three chose their own desires over God's will.
- All three were ultimately judged.

Cain → Balaam → Korah

WRONG HEART | FALSE TEACHING | REBELLION

"But you, beloved, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life."
Jude 1:20-21

A FINAL REMINDER

-  Stay faithful to God's truth.
-  Guard your heart from compromise.
-  Don't strive for what God hasn't given you.
-  Obey God, not men.

“So skilled is error at imitating truth, that the two are constantly being mistaken for each other. It takes a sharp eye these days to know which brother is Cain and which is Abel.”

- A.W. Tozer

Jude 1:12-13

- 12. These men are hidden reefs [elements of great danger to others] in your love feasts when they feast together with you without fear, looking after [only] themselves; [they are like] clouds without water, swept along by the winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted and lifeless;*
- 13. wild waves of the sea, flinging up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of deep darkness has been reserved forever.*



5 Devastating Metaphors

1. Hidden reefs in your love feasts
2. Clouds without water
3. Autumn trees without fruit,
twice dead, uprooted
4. Wild waves of the sea, foaming
foaming up their shame
5. Wandering stars

Jude 1:14-15

- 14. It was about these people that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, when he said, “Look, the Lord came with myriads of His holy ones*
- 15. to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly deeds they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh and cruel things ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”*

Paul Quoted Others Too

- **Acts 17:28:** *“For in Him we live and move and exist [that is, in Him we actually have our being], as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we also are His children.’”*
- **1 Corinthians 15:33:** *“Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company corrupts good morals.’”*
- **Titus 1:12:** *“One of them [Epimenides, a Cretan], a prophet of their own, said, ‘Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.’”*

Jude 1:16

16. These people are [habitual] murmurers, griping and complaining, following after their own desires [controlled by passion]; they speak arrogantly, [pretending admiration and] flattering people to gain an advantage.

“You know the sort of people alluded to here, nothing ever satisfies them. They are discontented even with the gospel. The bread of heaven must be cut into three pieces, and served on dainty napkins, or else they cannot eat it. There is no way by which a Christian man can serve God so as to please them. They will pick holes in every preacher's coat; and if the great High Priest himself were here, they would find fault with the color of the stones of his breastplate.”

- Charles Spurgeon

Jude exposes false teachings and their:

- Rebellious, self-centered, compromising, fruitless nature, & destructive way of life
- Rejection of God's authority

- Empty religion

- Rebellion

- Lack of spiritual fruit

- Instability

- Constant complaining

Ask yourself: "Which Way Are You Walking?"

