

Jude

The letter of Jude warns against those who, having gained admission to the church, were perverting the grace of God, denying "our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ" (v. 4). Jude used Old Testament examples to warn of these "blemishes" on the church. He wrote multiple denunciations of these ungodly people who "defile the flesh" and "reject authority" (v. 8). He urged Christians to continue in godliness and love toward such people, in some cases reasoning with them, in other cases "snatching them out of the fire" (v. 23). Jude closes with one of the most beautiful doxologies in all of Scripture (vv. 24-25). Jude was the brother of James (probably "James the Lord's brother," [Gal 1:19](#)). He likely wrote sometime between A.D. 65 and 80.

Jud 1:1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:

Jud 1:2 May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

Jud 1:3 Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation,

[This isn't what he started to write about, apparently the Holy Spirit had other ideas]

I found it necessary [imperative] to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. [as opposed to the lukewarm faith of Laodicea -Rev 3:16]

Jud 1:4 For certain people have crept in [into the Church] unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. [\[7 Letters\]](#)

1Pe 2:8 and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

Rom 9:21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?

Rom 9:22 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction,

Rom 9:23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—

Jud 1:5 Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that the Lord, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

Num 14:29 your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness, and of all your number, listed in the census from twenty years old and upward, who have grumbled against me,

Num 14:30 not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you

dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

Num 14:31 But your little ones, who you said would become a prey, I will bring in, and they shall know the land that you have rejected.

Num 14:32 But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness.

Num 14:33 And your children shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years and shall suffer for your faithlessness, until the last of your dead bodies lies in the wilderness.

Num 14:34 According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, a year for each day, you shall bear your iniquity forty years, and you shall know my displeasure.'

Num 14:35 I, the LORD, have spoken. Surely this will I do to all this wicked congregation who are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall come to a full end, and there they shall die."

Psa 106:25 They murmured in their tents, and did not obey the voice of the LORD.

Psa 106:26 Therefore he raised his hand and swore to them that he would make them fall in the wilderness,

Psa 106:27 and would make their offspring fall among the nations, scattering them among the lands.

[then after the first generation had died off, and on their way to the Promised Land...]

Psa 106:28 Then they yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor, and ate sacrifices offered to the dead;

Psa 106:29 they provoked the LORD to anger with their deeds, and a plague broke out among them.

Num 25:9 Nevertheless, those who died by the plague were twenty-four thousand.

Jud 1:6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—

[The Nephilim of Gen 6:4]

2Pe 2:4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;

2Pe 2:5 if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

1Pe 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

1Pe 3:19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

1Pe 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

Jud 1:7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a

punishment of eternal fire. [Gen 19:>]

Eze 16:49 Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy.

Eze 16:50 They were haughty and did an abomination before me. So I removed them, when I saw it.

Jud 1:8 Yet in like manner these people [**who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ**] also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones.

Jud 1:9 But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you."

Deu 34:5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD,

Deu 34:6 and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day.

Deu 34:7 Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated.

Here we strike a peculiarity of this epistle which caused its authority to be impugned in very early times, viz., the apparent citations of apocryphal writings. The passages are Jud 1:9, Jud 1:14, Jud 1:15. This reference to Michael was said by Origen to be founded on a Jewish work called "The Assumption of Moses," the first part of which was lately found in an old Latin translation at Milan; and this is the view of Davidson, so far at least as the words "the Lord rebuke thee" are concerned. Others refer it to Zec 3:1; but there is nothing there about Moses' body, or Michael, or a dispute about the body. Others, again, to a rabbinical comment on Deu 34:6, where Michael is said to have been made guardian of Moses' grave. Doubtless Jude was referring to some accepted story or tradition, probably based on Deu 34:6. For a similar reference to tradition compare 2Ti 3:8; Act 7:22. {Vincent's Word Studies}

Jud 1:10 But these people [Jud 1:4]

blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively.

Rom 7:23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Jud 1:11 Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain-

[**Cain (Gen 4:4>:11) = substituting his will for what God asked for**]

1Jn 3:12 Not as Cain, *who* was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherfore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error-

[Balaam (Num 31:16) = changing God's will for personal aggrandizement]

Num 31:16 Behold, these, on Balaam's advice, caused the people of Israel to act treacherously against the LORD in the incident of Peor, and so the plague came among the congregation of the LORD.

Num 25:1 While Israel lived in Shittim, the people began to whore with the daughters of Moab.

Num 25:2 These invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods.

Num 25:3 So Israel yoked himself to Baal of Peor. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

and perished in Korah's rebellion-

[Korah (Num 16:1>:35) = rejection of God's choice of representational leadership]

Num 16:1 Now Korah the son of Izhar, son of Kohath, son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men.

Num 16:2 And they rose up before Moses, with a number of the people of Israel, 250 chiefs of the congregation, chosen from the assembly, well-known men.

Num 16:3 They assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron and said to them, "You have gone too far! For all in the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?"

Num 16:28 And Moses said, "Hereby you shall know that the LORD has sent me to do all these works, and that it has not been of my own accord.

Num 16:29 If these men die as all men die, or if they are visited by the fate of all mankind, then the LORD has not sent me.

Num 16:30 But if the LORD creates something new, and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into Sheol, then you shall know that these men have despised the LORD."

Num 16:31 And as soon as he had finished speaking all these words, the ground under them split apart.

Num 16:32 And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the people who belonged to Korah and all their goods.

Num 16:33 So they and all that belonged to them went down alive into Sheol, and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly.

Num 16:34 And all Israel who were around them fled at their cry, for they said, "Lest the earth swallow us up!"

Num 16:35 And fire came out from the LORD and consumed the 250 men offering the incense.

Jud 1:12 These [people] are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without

fear, shepherds feeding themselves; [instead of their sheep] waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted;

Jud 1:13 wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.

Jud 1:14 It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones,

Jud 1:15 to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

Enoch 1.7 And the earth will sink, and everything that is on the earth will be destroyed, and there will be judgment upon all, and upon all the righteous.

1.8 **But** for the righteous: He will make peace, [Rapture] and He will keep safe[the] Chosen, [144,000] and mercy will be upon them. They will all belong to God, and will prosper and be blessed, and the light of God will shine on them.

1.9 And behold! He comes with ten thousand Holy Ones; to execute judgment upon them and to destroy the impious, and to contend with all flesh concerning everything that the sinners and the impious have done and wrought against Him.

Jud 1:16 These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage. [These ungodly people, who have crept in perverting the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ are the Nicolatians, Synagogue of Satan, Jezebels, Deep things of Satan, and the non-committed religious hypocrites of the [7 letters](#) to the Churches in Rev 2:>3>]

Jud 1:17 But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jud 1:18 They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions."

2Pe 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

2Pe 3:4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.

2Ti 3:1 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.

2Ti 3:2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

2Ti 3:3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good,

2Ti 3:4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

2Ti 3:5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

Jud 1:19 It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.

Jud 1:20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, [Praying in the Spirit]

1Co 14:14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful.

1Co 14:15 What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.

1Co 14:17 For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up.

Jud 1:21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. [the Rapture]

Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

1Th 1:10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Rev 3:10 Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.

Tit 2:13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Jud 1:22 And have mercy on those who doubt;

Jud 1:23 save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

2Co 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* [the world] by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Jud 1:24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

Jud 1:25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.