

OUR COMMON SALVATION



# JUDE

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Part II (Verses 16-25)



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WHY IT IS  
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## GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- Many similarities with 2 Peter
- WRITER: Jude, brother of James & half brother of Jesus.
- PURPOSE: The faith once delivered must be defended against false teachers threatening the common salvation they enjoyed.



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## OUTLINE OF THE BOOK

- I. Salutation (1–2)
- II. Purpose of the epistle (3–4)
- III. The Peril of Apostasy (5–16)
  - A. Examples of apostates (5–7)
    1. Egypt (5); 2. Angels (v. 6); 3. Sodom & Gomorrah (7)
  - B. Actions of current apostates (8–16)
    1. Rejecting authority (8–10)
    2. Walking in error like Cain, Balaam & Korah (11)
    3. Descriptions of the depth, depravity & vanity of their teaching (12–13)
    4. Bringing upon themselves judgment (14–16)



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- IV. Guidelines to Avoid Apostasy (17–23)
  - A. Remember the teaching of the apostles (17–19)
  - B. Nurturing themselves (20–21)
  - C. Being merciful to others (22–23)
- V. Victory over Apostasy (24–25)
  - A. Commended to the one who is able to keep them from falling and to present them faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy (24).
  - B. Praise to the only wise God (25).



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## THE DANGER OF FALSE TEACHERS (5–16)

### ■ NEED TO BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE FALSE TEACHERS:

- ▶ DISGUISED: “crept in unnoticed” (4; Mt. 7:15)
- ▶ DREAMERS: They reject objective authority and speak from their own heart (8, 16; 2 Pet. 2:10; Jere. 23:16-31)
- ▶ DISOBEDIENT: (8, 15, 16, 18, 19; 2 Pet. 2:14, 15)
- ▶ DEMEAN TRUTH: speak against, and complain about, the truth (8, 10; 16)



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- ▶ DECEIVERS: “they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage” (16, 4, 12; 2 Pet. 2:18, 19; Tt 1:10; 2 Jn 7, 10)
- ▶ DIVISIVE: “These are sensual persons, who cause divisions” (18; Romans 16:17)
- ▶ DESTRUCTIVE: (*condemnation 4 / vengeance of eternal fire 7 / perished 11 / reserved the blackness of darkness forever. 13 / judgment 15*)



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## Jude 17–19 (NKJV)

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## HOW TO AVOID APOSTASY (17–23)

### ■ Remember the teaching of the apostles (17–19)

- ▶ The apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ were those duly appointed and sent out by Jesus Himself (Luke 9:1; Mat. 28:19; John 14:16, 26; 15:26-27; 16:13; 1 Cor. 2:13; 1 Thess. 2:13)
- ▶ To heed them is to heed the Lord Himself - to reject them is to reject the Lord (cf. Matt. 10:40;; Luke 10:16; Jn 13:20)



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- ▶ Warnings of mockers (17, 18; Acts 20:29; [1 Tim. 4:1]; 2 Tim. 3:1; 4:3; 2 Pet. 3:3)
- ▶ In the last time - which was then and now (Ac. 20:29; 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 3:1; 4:3; 2 Pt. 3:3)
- ▶ Walking according to their own ungodly lusts (18; cf. 2 Ti 3:1-5; 4:3-4; 2 Pet. 2:1-4)
- ▶ The cause of division (1 Cor. 1:10-13; 2:10-16; 3:1; Rom. 16:17; Col. 2:8; Ja. 3:15)



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## **Jude 20–21 (NKJV)**

<sup>20</sup> But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

## **HOW TO AVOID APOSTASY (17–23)**

### **■ Nurturing themselves (20–21)**

- ▶ “Building yourselves up” Implies the need for personal responsibility in our spiritual growth (Acts 20:32; 1 Pet. 2:1,2; 2 Pet. 1:5-10; Eph. 4:11-16; Col. 2:7; 1 Cor. 14:26)
- ▶ “Praying in the Spirit” - our prayers be in harmony with what the Spirit teaches in the Word of God, (Eph. 6:18; Gal. 5:25; 1 Jn 5:14)
- ▶ “Keep yourselves” again implies personal responsibility in obeying Christ (Jn 15:9-10)



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## HOW TO AVOID APOSTASY (17–23)

### ■ Being merciful to others (22–23)

- ▶ Our eternal life is dependent on God's mercy - therefore as undeserving recipients of God's mercy, we must also extend mercy to others (Ro 6:23; Titus 3:4-7)
- ▶ Compassion is needed to move us to action to save those in danger (cf. Mt 9:36-10:1; Ga 6:1; 2 Ti 2:24-25)
- ▶ We need to understand the threat of sin and HATE IT! (Rom. 6:23;



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- ▶ “Making a distinction” — We should deal with all sin with an even hand of total opposition, but make a difference in how we deal with a person depending upon his/her peculiar situations, characters, and dispositions.
- ▶ Jude urges sympathy in seeking to convince those struggling with doubts and weakness about the truth. (Gal. 6:1)



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- ▶ “Others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire” — These evidently have yielded to the doctrines of the false teachers and drastic action to deliver them needs to be taken. (Rom. 11:14; 1 Cor. 5:3-5)
- ▶ Faithful Christians are to make a determined effort to rescue those who have been snared by false teaching in order to deliver them from the danger of hell. (Jam. 5:19,20)



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## Jude 22–23 (NASB95)

<sup>22</sup> And have mercy on some, who are doubting;  
<sup>23</sup> save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

## HOW TO AVOID APOSTASY (17–23)

### ■ Being cautious with others (22–23)

- ▶ There is a third class of persons, per the Nestle text, who is to be pitied but treated with great caution. (Mat. 7:6; 2 John 10,11; Rom. 16:17; Titus 3:10)
- ▶ One must have proper reverence for God and an appropriate hatred for sin lest they, too be tainted with the pollution of sin (Gal. 6:1,2; 1 Ti 5:22; 1 Jno. 5:16)



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## GOD IS ABLE (24,25)

### Jude 24–25 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup>Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, <sup>25</sup>To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

### ■ Security for the faithful (22–23)

▶ Verses 24-25 are an eloquent and grand expression of the fact that one's spiritual security is directly related to one's response to the sovereign power and will of God. (cf. Num. 13:29; 14:6-9; Jno. 10:29, 30. Ro. 8:31; 14:4; 16:25–27; 1 Pet 5:10)



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### ■ Security for the faithful (22–23)

- ▶ There is in Deity the might, ability, or capability to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.
- ▶ God is the Savior - those who trust and obey are the saved. The saved recognize and surrender to God's WISDOM, GLORY, MAJESTY, DOMINION, and AUTHORITY



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- **A common Savior** (John 14:6; 1 Cor 8:6)
- **A common necessity of submitting to him** (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Luke 6:46),
- **A common body into which the saved are gathered** (John 10:16; 11:52; Eph 4:4; 5:26).
- **A Common Means of Entrance** – [Faith, Repentance, Confession, Baptism] – John 8:24; Rom 10:9,10; Acts 2:38; Gal 3:26,27]
- **A common enemy** (Jude 1:4-19; Acts 20:28-30; 2 Peter 2:1-22; 1 Timothy 6:11)
- **A common destiny** (Jude 20-24; Titus 1:2)



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1 Timothy 6:11

FIGHT THE GOOD  
FIGHT OF FAITH, LAY  
HOLD ON ETERNAL  
LIFE, TO WHICH  
YOU WERE ALSO  
CALLED ...







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## 2 Peter 3:10–18 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, <sup>12</sup> looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? <sup>13</sup> Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.



## 2 Peter 3:10–18 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; <sup>15</sup> and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, <sup>16</sup> as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures. <sup>17</sup> You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; <sup>18</sup> but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen.