

JUDE - Overview

Jude calls believers to **contend earnestly for the faith** because ungodly people have crept in unnoticed and are turning the grace of God into an excuse for immorality. Jude reminds believers of God's past judgments, exposes the character of false teachers, and urges the faithful to remember the apostles' warnings, build themselves up in the faith, pray in the Holy Spirit, keep themselves in the love of God, and show mercy while rescuing others from the fire.

There are 3 main parts to Jude:

1: Contend for the faith. 2: Warning and judgment of ungodly intruders. 3: Remember, build up, keep, rescue, and remain in God's mercy.

1. **Contend for the faith** extends from 1:1-4. Jude addresses those called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ. He urges them to contend earnestly for the faith once for all handed down to the saints because certain ungodly people have slipped in unnoticed and are perverting grace into a license for sin.

2. **Warning and judgment of ungodly intruders** extends from 1:5-16. Jude recalls God's judgments on Israel, angels who sinned, and Sodom and Gomorrah. He then exposes the false teachers as ungodly, immoral, rebellious, greedy, and destructive, comparing them to Cain, Balaam, and Korah and describing their coming judgment.

3. **Remember, build up, keep, rescue, and remain** extends from 1:17-25. Believers are to remember the apostles' warnings, build themselves up in the faith, pray in the Holy Spirit, keep themselves in God's love, and wait for the mercy of Jesus Christ. They are also to show mercy and rescue those being drawn toward destruction, while giving glory to God who is able to keep them from stumbling.

OVERVIEW CHART

FOCUS REF:	CONTEND FOR THE FAITH Jude 1:1–4		WARNING AND JUDGMENT Jude 1:5-16		REMEMBER, BUILD UP, KEEP, RESCUE, AND REMAIN IN GOD’S MERCY Jude 1:17–25			
DIVISION REF:	Called, beloved, kept 1:1–2	Contend for the faith 1:3–4	Past judgments recalled 1:5–7	Ungodly intruders exposed 1:8–16	Remember the apostles’ warnings 1:17–19	Build up, pray, keep yourselves 1:20–21	Show mercy and rescue 1:22–23	God able to keep and present us 1:24–25
TOPICS	God’s calling, love, and keeping power		Unbelief, rebellious angels, Sodom and Gomorrah, judgment		Scoffers, worldly-minded people, divisions			
PLACE	Not stated in Jude. The letter is addressed to those who are called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ (1:1).							