

Jude – Strive for The Faith Series

Part 2: Jude 5-11 - Those Hidden Among Us

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).							

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Jude 1:5 Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently **destroyed** those who did not believe.

*"Jude in using this particular word **"desire"** in a very deliberate manner, he is making a deliberate decision in doing this, it has a purpose behind it, a planned out careful thought. In other words it is not just a "wish" here. He is directing a very essential warning to the saints here. Jude uses this particular word "desire", in order to show a shift in his tone-he is making it much more **serious**."*

6 And **angels** who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode He has kept in eternal bonds under **darkness** for the judgment of the great day,

Jude	2 Peter	Parallel Subject / Theme
Jude 4	2:1	False teachers secretly enter among God's people, introducing destructive teaching and denying the Master.
Jude 6	2:4	Angels who sinned are kept in darkness, reserved for judgment.
Jude 7	2:6	Sodom and Gomorrah are examples of God's judgment on ungodliness.
Jude 8	2:10	Defilement of the flesh, rejection of authority, and arrogant, rebellious behaviour.
Jude 9	2:11	Michael and angels contrasted with arrogant beings who revile what they do not understand.
Jude 10	2:12	Acting according to instinct like unreasoning animals; speaking abusively about things they do not understand.
Jude 11	2:15	Following the way of Balaam and pursuing unrighteous gain.
Jude 12	2:13, 17	False teachers are corrupt, dangerous, and empty—feasting with believers while indulging themselves; springs without water.
Jude 13	2:17	Images of darkness and instability: wandering stars / springs without water, with darkness reserved for them.
Jude 14–15	3:7	Coming divine judgment upon the ungodly. Jude specifically speaks of the Lord coming to execute judgment; Peter speaks of the present heavens and earth being reserved for fire and judgment.
Jude 16	2:18	False teachers speak arrogantly and entice people through fleshly desires and sensuality.
Jude 17–18	3:2–3	Remember the words spoken beforehand by the apostles; in the last days mockers will come, following their own ungodly desires.
Jude 19	2:18–19	Those who cause divisions and entice others through fleshly desires; they promise freedom while being slaves of corruption.
Jude 20	3:17–18	Believers must remain established and guarded against being carried away by error, while growing in grace and knowledge.
Jude 21	3:18	Continue faithfully in the Lord while looking toward the fulfillment of His promise and eternal life.
Jude 22–23	2:18–20	Rescuing those being led astray and warning of the danger of returning to the corruption of the world.
Jude 24–25	3:18	God is ultimately the One who preserves His people; glory belongs to Him through Jesus Christ Our Great High Priest.

7 **JUST AS** Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after **strange flesh**, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

8 **Yet in the same way** these men, also by **dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority**, and revile angelic majesties.

9 But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, **did not dare** pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

10 **But these men** revile the things which they **do not understand**; and the things which they know by instinct, **like unreasoning animals**, by these things they are destroyed.

11 **Woe to them! For they have gone the way** of **Cain**, and **for pay** they have rushed headlong into the error of **Balaam**, and perished in the rebellion of **Korah**.

2 Peter 2:15-16 forsaking **the right way**, they have **gone astray**, having followed **the way of Balaam**, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; 16 but he received a rebuke for **his own** transgression, for a mute donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet.

Revelation 2:12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write:

The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this:

13 'I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

14 **But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam**, who kept **teaching** Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit **acts** of immorality. 15 So you also have some who in the same way hold **the teaching** of the Nicolaitans.

16 **Therefore repent; or else** I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth. 17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.'

Numbers 31:7 So they made war against Midian, just as the Lord had commanded Moses, and they killed every male.

8 They killed the kings of Midian along with the rest of their slain: Evi and Rekem and Zur and Hur and Reba, the five kings of Midian; they also killed Balaam the son of Beor with the sword.

16 Behold, **these caused** the sons of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, **to trespass against the Lord** in the matter of Peor, so the plague was among the congregation of the Lord.

Numbers 31:7 So they made war against Midian, just as the Lord had commanded Moses, **and they killed every male.**

10 Then they burned all their cities where they lived and all their camps with fire.

Matthew 24:3-14 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

4 And Jesus answered and said to them, "**See to it that no one misleads you.** 5 **For many will come in My name**, saying, 'I am the Christ,' **and will mislead many.**

6 You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.

7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.

8 But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

9 "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. 10 **At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.** 11 **Many false prophets will arise** and will mislead **many**. 12 Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. 13 But the **one** who endures to the end, **he** will be saved.

14 **This gospel of the kingdom** shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Prayer: Song: Hidden Among Us-Jude.