

Jude introduces the case: vs. 3.

Jude sets forth the concerns that have led to the issue being addressed: vs. 4.

Epistle of Jude: Earnestly Contend for the Christian Faith as a Slave of Jesus Christ. Since false teachers are among you, do not be led astray; maintain the faith free from doctrinal and moral corruption. 60-64

I. Introduction: vv. 1-4:

A. Greeting: 1-2:

1. *Author:* (a) Jude, (b) a slave of Christ, & (c) brother of James: vs. 1a.

2. *Audience:* Those who have been (a) "called": they are (b) recipients of God the Father's love; & are (c) preserved by Jesus Christ: vs. 1b.

3. *Wishful Greeting: Mercy, Peace, & Love be yours in Abundance:* vs. 2. It is a way of showing facets of God's grace to people; all 3 are indicative of what God does for believers: (a) Mercy is His compassion; (b) peace is His quiet confidence, & (c) love is His generosity.

B. The Purpose: 3-4:

1. *Original intention was to write about salvation but the intrusion of godless people of doctrinal truth caused Jude to give a call for the saints to contend for [agonize earnestly] the Christian faith [apostolic truth] (vs. 3).*

2. *The reason for the appeal: vs. 4- (a) ungodly men [notorious sinners], (b) marked for condemnation, crept in unaware [secretly] among believers: (vs. 4): Why are they ungodly [asebes; "fail to worship"]? (c) They are antinomians [twist God's grace], & are (d) heretical for they deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign & Lord [denied Christ by behaving in a manner contrary to what Jesus Christ demands of His people].*

Jude seeks to persuade by offering arguments & proofs: vv. 5-16.

False Teachers will be exposed & divine judgment is certain. Their lives are godless for they are rebellious in their immorality, rejection of authority, & in their disdain (contempt) against God.

II. The Exposure, Condemnation, & Destination of False Teachers: vv. 5-16:

A. Three Examples of God's Judgment in History: 5-7: 1. Punishment of 1st gen. wandering Israelites for unbelief (**slander; contempt**): (vs. 5); 2. Angels for their **rebellion**: (vs.6); 3. Sodom & Gomorrah-judgment for **immorality**: (vs. 7a)

B. Description & Doom of False Teachers: 8-16:

1. Present failures of False Teachers is that they...

(a). "Pollute their own bodies"-**immorality** (vs. 8a); (b) They "reject authority" - **rebellion** (vs. 8b); (c) They **scorn** what they don't understand (vv. 9-10).

2. Understand the Seriousness of their Ways(vs. 11):

(a) Like immoral Cain, they deceive & kill; (b) Like Balaam, they are greedy religionists who lead people into false religion & exploit them; (c) Like Korah, they rebel against God & appointed leaders. **Woe to them! Their doom is certain.**

3. Six metaphors To Describe the False Teacher (vv. 12-13):

(a) Like a blemish or hidden rock, they are harmful; their is no fear about God's judgment in their mockery & sumptuous eating at the lord's Supper (vs. 12a cf. 1 Cor. 11:27-32); (b) They are shepherds who care only for themselves (selfish) (12b); (c) Like wind with no rain, they are hypocrites (12c); (d) Like autumn trees, they are without fruit *and* uprooted (dead) (12d); (e) Always unstable like a restless sea, their work is like the foam or scum on the seashore; (13a); (f) Like a wandering star, they aren't reliable (13b). **Judgment is prepared, their damnation is forever** (cf. 2 Pet. 2:4).

4. Divine Judgment Will Come Upon All False Teachers (vv. 14-16):

Quoting from 1 Enoch, a noncanonical source, **all false teachers will be the object of God's judgment.** (cf. Acts 17:28; 1 Cor. 15:33; Titus 1:12); this is not new information but a general description of the return of the Lord in judgment.

Jude restates his case (vs. 17) & makes further appeals: **Hold Fast to the Faith (vv. 18-25).**

III. Exhortations to Believers: vv. 17-25:

A. Attitude toward Apostates: 17-19:

1. "Remember" the apostles' prediction of mockers who live ungodly lives (vv. 17-18); 2. Mockers divide or make distinctions [spiritual distinctions?] (19a); 3. They live on an instinctual level [though they claim superior knowledge?]; (19b); 4. They are devoid of the Holy Spirit (19c).

B. Attitude toward yourselves: 20-21:

1. Build yourself up [pres. part.] in doctrinal truth & practice (vs. 20); 2. Pray [pres. part.] in Holy Spirit (cf. Rom. 8:26-27; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 6:18); 3. Keep yourself in God's love (vs. 21 cf. John 15:10, "If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love"); 4. Keep your attention fixed on the future aspects of the presently enjoyed salvation.

C. Attitude Toward Victims: 22-23:

1. Be merciful to those who are odds with themselves (doubting) (vs. 22); 2. Deal directly & vigorously with those who are in need of rescue (vs. 23a); 3. Show mercy but be fearful lest their debauchery spread to you (vs. 23b).

D. Attitude Toward God: 24-25.