



Purpose for This Study: To show that a disciple of Christ (all Christians) must be students of both the Old and New Testament.

Why the “Must”

- ① God has commanded that man is to **live** his life on **every** word that proceeds from the mouth of His Creator. (Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- ② One cannot understand God’s Word without STUDYING it. See handout: *Why Bible Study Is Necessary*
- ③ Not to live one’s life on every word that proceeds from the mouth of our Creator is disobedience. (See 1 Samuel 15:19-21, 22-23) All disobedience is sin.
- ④ One must be a student of the Old Testament (39 books) in order to understand the New Testament.
- ⑤ Specifically, one cannot come close to understanding the book of Jude without having an understanding of the Old Testament. We are learning this about the book of Hebrews as well.

Why Is the Beginning Verses of Each Book Important (vv. 1-2)

- ① They tell us who God moved by His Spirit to write down these words - His Words. Consider Galatians 2:9; Acts 9:15
 - Peter, James, and John were *primarily* (but not exclusively) used by God to write to Jewish believers.



- Paul was appointed by God to write to Gentiles *primarily* (but not exclusively).
- ② They tell us who the audience was who is first read/heard these words of God. Why is this important?
 - ① Is the writer writing to believers or unbelievers?
 - ② We must ask and determine what did these people hear and understand to be truth. **THAT TRUTH IS THE SAME TRUTH TODAY. GOD’S WORD, TRUTH, DOES NOT CHANGE. GOD’S WORD DOES NOT CHANGE BASED ON CULTURE, HISTORY, GENERATION, TIME, DENOMINATION OR ANY OTHER REASON.** What God moved the writer to write is for all people, all cultures, and all time.

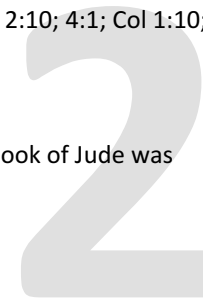
A Disciple’s Study of the Book of Jude

Author (v. 1)

- Jude or Judas (Hebrew: Judah)
- Half brother of James, the half brother of Jesus.
 - Before the resurrection - an unbeliever! (John 7:5)
- “Re-created” (2 Corinthians 5:17) into a *bondservant* (*doulos*) of Jesus Christ. Consider the *radical* change that took place in Jude’s life.

Audience (v. 1)

- ① To those who have been *called*. This is the call of God - the internal call in contrast to the external call that we learned about in our Hebrews’ study.
- ② To those who as *sanctified* by God.
 - Those who have been chosen by God. (Ephesians 1:4; 1 Thess 2:13-14; John 6:37-40; 10:27-29)
 - Those who God has set apart from the rest of humanity to be His special people. (1 Peter 2:9; Titus 2:14)
 - Those who God has a purpose for. (Ephesians 2:10; 4:1; Col 1:10; Hebrews 13:21)
- ③ To those who *preserved* in Jesus Christ.
 - See John 10:27-30; 6:39; 17:11-12
- ④ To all believers everywhere and for all times. The book of Jude was written down for our learning. (Romans 15:4)



Greeting (v. 2)

- Jude, writing to those who are already saved, wishes mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to his audience.
- Jude prays that his audience **experience** God's mercy every day (Lamentations 3:22-23), His peace that passes all understanding (Ephesians 1:18; Philippians 4:7-9), and His unconditional love (Ephesians 3:19; Romans 8:35-39; Jeremiah 31:3).
- Those in a genuine *relationship* will **experience** these every day.
- **WHAT DO WE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS?**

Purpose (vv. 3-4)

- “necessary” - constraint; by implication *distress*; must needs; necessity; need**ful**; a physical or moral compulsion; *impossibility of a contrary order or condition*; *urgent need*; *in such a way that it cannot be otherwise*; a mandate; .
- “exhorting you” - to beseech; to call for
- “to contend earnestly” - “to defend the truth continually and vigorously” - present tense - something all saints must always do.
- “for **the** faith” - God does not accept different denominations. In God's eyes there is only **one** faith (Ephesians 4:4-5). “THE faith” - objective (not subjective) set of doctrines that are laid out in God's Word. God considers partial obedience sin. (1 Samuel 15:22-25)
- “once for all” - adverb of time; once for all time.
- “delivered to the saints” - to all saints. This is an exhortation for all saints everywhere in all times that must be taken seriously.
- “men crept in unnoticed” - to lodge stealthily (2 Corinthians 11:13-16; 2 Peter 2:1-3; Matthew 13:25; Ephesians 4:14)
- “denying the only **Lord** God and **Lord** Jesus Christ” - many today accept Jesus as their Saviour but live as though He is not their Lord.
If Christ is not your Lord, He is not your Saviour.

Jude's Arguments Come from the Old Testament

- ★ The Old Testament is for OUR learning. (Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:6, 11)
- (v. 5) The EXODUS.
 - God saving His people out of Egypt. (Exodus 1-13)
 - The people's unbelief/disobedience in refusing to go into the Promised Land. (Numbers 13-14; Hebrews 3)
- (v. 6) The fall of Satan and the angels that followed him.

- Where are they now; what are they doing; what is their future?
- See 2 Peter 2:4; Revelation 20:10; Isaiah 14:12-15
- (v. 7) Sodom and Gomorrah - Genesis 19:1-25
 - See Matthew 11:20-24 for why this is important to us.
- (vv. 8-11) Warning about the rebellious peoples of the Old Testament.
- (v. 11) The Way of Cain. Genesis 4:1-6; 1 John 3:4-12
- (v. 11) The Error of Balaam - Numbers 22-25; Rev 2:12-17; 2 Peter 2:15.
- (v. 11) The Rebellion of Korah - Numbers 16:1-22
- (vv. 12-16) Description of the above and others.
- (vv. 14-15) Enoch - Genesis 5:18-24

A Call to Persevere (vv. 17-23)

- ☆ IT IS OUR TURN NOW! IT IS OUR TURN TO “EARNESTLY CONTEND” FOR THE TRUTH.
- ★ God has preserved these truth as examples to warn us.
- Jude's exhortation for us to persevere:
 - ① (v. 17) Remember the Word - hear it, read it, meditate on it, study it, abide in it, and do it. (Psalm 1:1-3; John 8:31)
 - ② (vv. 17-18) Remember these warnings and the warning given by the apostles. (Matthew 24:4-5, 11, 24; 1 Timothy 4:1; 1 John 2:18; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; Acts 20:29-30)
 - ③ (v. 19) Beware of divisive people. Remember Korah. Sensual is fleshly/worldly.
 - ④ (v. 20) Build **yourself** up on you most holy faith.
 - Use the means that God has prescribed - Word, Prayer, Church. See 2 Peter 1:5-8.
 - ⑤ (v. 20) Pray in the Holy Spirit. Pray without ceasing. The Holy Spirit has been given to us to help us in our praying. (Romans 8:26-27)
 - ⑥ (v. 21) Keep **yourself** in the love of God. **SEE** John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 5:1-3.
 - ⑦ (v. 21) Keep looking for Christ's return. (Philippians 3:20-21; Hebrews 9:28; Titus 2:13; Luke 12:37; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-16) His return is MERCY. Keep yourself READY by purifying yourself just as He is pure. (1 John 3:3)
 - ⑧ (vv. 22-23) Encourage and exhort those who are being deceived.

Doxology (vv. 24-25)