

SERMON NOTES:



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JUDE Pt 2

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Refresher on last week

- Jude (Judah), the brother of Jesus, writes to address a serious problem in the church
- Some people claimed to follow Jesus, but their lives showed otherwise
- Jude's key message: what we believe always shows up in how we live
- Grace is not permission to sin; it is the power to live under Jesus' lordship

Three more Old Testament Examples (Jude 1:11)

- Cain (Genesis 4): jealousy, violence, and unchecked sin that spreads
- Balaam (Numbers 22–25; 31:16): using faith for personal gain and leading others into sin
- Korah (Numbers 16): rejecting God's appointed authority and causing division

Three Old Testament Images that reveal Their Character (Jude 1:12–13)

- Selfish shepherds (Ezekiel 34:2): leaders who serve themselves, not God's people
- Clouds without rain (Proverbs 25:14): big promises with no faithfulness
- Restless seas (Isaiah 57:20): constant chaos, anger, and dissatisfaction
- These teachers leave a trail of confusion and division
- Their lives reveal that Jesus is not truly their Lord

The Church has already been warned (Jude 1:14–19)

- Warnings appear in Jewish writings like 1 Enoch and Old Testament scripture: Deut. 33:2; Zech. 14:5; Isa. 66:15–16.
- Jesus and the apostles also warned of false teachers (1 John 4:1–3; 2 Peter 2:1–3; 2 Timothy 3:1–9)
- These people often reject authority, follow their desires, divide communities, and appear religious without real obedience

How the Church Is to “Contend for the Faith” (Jude 1:20–23)

- Build yourselves up in the most holy faith — the gospel of Jesus Christ
- Pray in the Holy Spirit
- Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for Jesus' mercy
- Show mercy to those who doubt
- Call others away from sin with wisdom, mercy and care

The Foundation of the Church

- God's people are now His temple, indwelt by the Spirit (1 Cor. 3:16–17; 6:19–20; 1 Peter 2:4–5)
- Jesus Christ is the cornerstone (Ephesians 2:19–22)

Final Encouragement (Jude 1:24–25)

- God alone can keep us from falling
- Our faith is sustained by His mercy, not our own strength

Practical Application

- Be careful who you allow to shape your faith
- Test teaching by fruit, character, and community accountability
- Stay committed to a local church
- Be merciful, but remain faithful
- Do not be surprised by bad influences — be discerning and steadfast

RESOURCES FOR FURTHER STUDY



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