

The Raging War On Truth

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Jude 1-4 English Standard Version (ESV)

1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

3 Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. **4** For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

THE BACKGROUND OF JUDE:

1) The War on Truth has raged since before time began.

John 8:44

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

1 John 3:8

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

Genesis 3:4-7 Jude 1:6

Satan, his demonic angels and fallen man always distort and distract from what God says.

This was true in the OT, the NT and it is true today.

2) Notice the positioning of Jude in the NT.

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Revelation

3) The theme of Jude is **BEWARE OF APOSTATES**.

‘Apostle’ (silent ‘t’) = *one who is sent*,

‘Apostate’ = ‘*one who dissents, a defector, a deserter, a traitor, a backslider, a turncoat.*

They are the false teachers, wolves, greedy, prideful, sensual, rebellious leaders.

The only epistle written entirely on apostasy; the corruption and abandonment of the true Gospel.

4) Jesus warned from start to finish during His ministry.

Matthew 7:13-23

16:11-12

24:3-14

5) Paul also warned of apostasy extensively.

Acts 20:29; 1 Timothy 4:1-5; 2 Timothy 3:1-16

6) Peter devoted 2 chapters to apostasy.

2 Peter 2-3 ‘false teachers are coming.’

7) 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John exclaims ‘walk in the truth!’

8) Jude says ‘the false teachers are here!’

THREE THINGS TO DO WITH JUDE:

- 1) Carefully heed the warning,
- 2) Thoroughly understand the problem
- 3) Confidently rejoice in the truth!

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John 14:26

(one verse -- Three Persons of the Trinity)

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 15:26

(one verse -- Three Persons of the Trinity)

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.”