What's Going On in This Little Book?

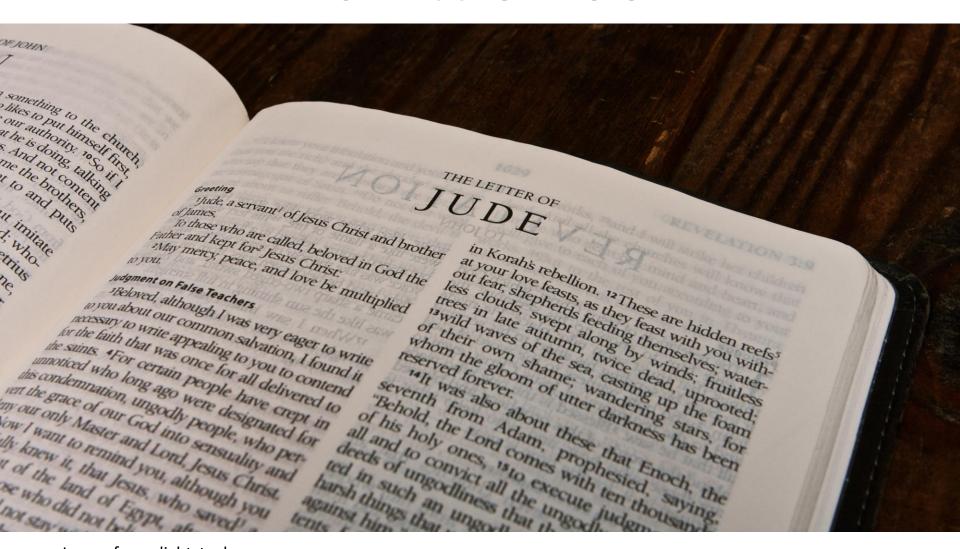


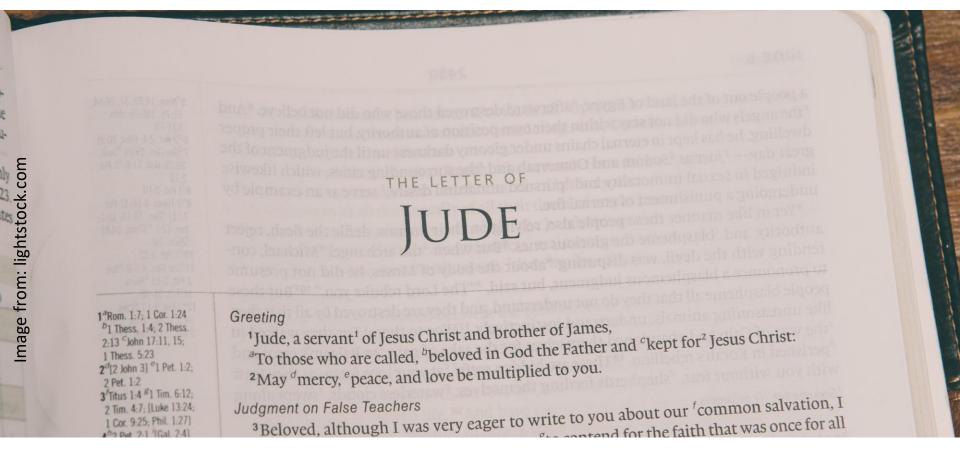
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Matthew 13:55

⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

*All verses from 1995 New American Standard

The Main Thoughts in Jude



➤ We should "contend" for the Christian faith.

Jude 1-2

- ¹ Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,
- To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ:
- ² May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.

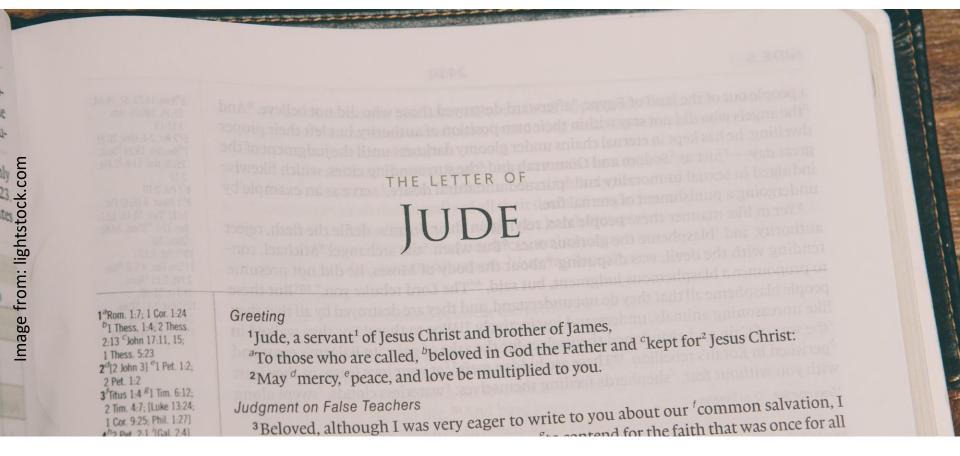
Jude 3

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There are <u>false</u> teachers, and God will <u>judge</u> them, as He always has.

Jude 4

⁴ For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Jude 5-7

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.

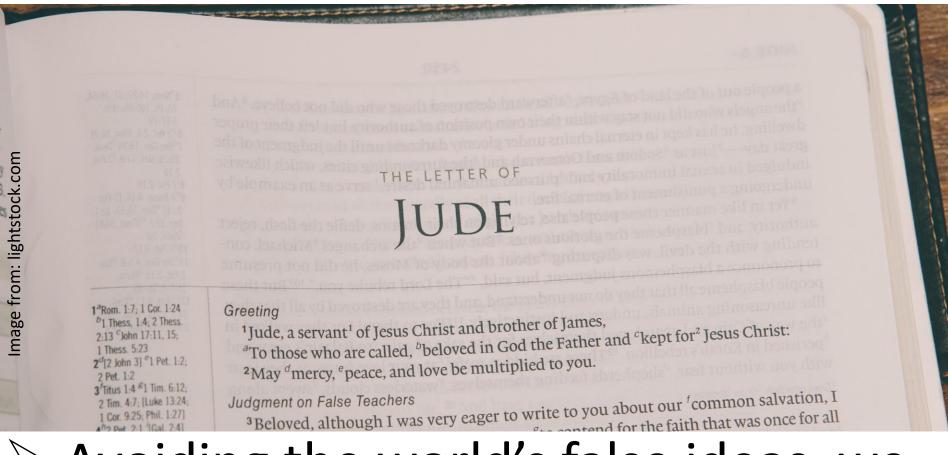
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⁶ And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,

Jude 5-7

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.

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Avoiding the world's false ideas, we must continue in the true <u>faith</u> and <u>love</u> of God.

Jude 17-21

- ¹⁷ But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ,
- ¹⁸ that they were saying to you, "In the last time there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts."

Jude 17-21

¹⁹ These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.

Jude 17-21

- ²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,
- ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

A Question That Comes Up



➤ Why does Jude quote <u>sources</u> that aren't in the <u>Bible</u>?

Jude 8-10

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

Jude 8-10

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!"

Jude 8-10

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.

Jude 14-15

¹⁴ It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones,

Jude 14-15

¹⁵ to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

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Referencing a <u>source</u> does not mean that you believe everything about it to be true.

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> Other examples:

Acts 17:28

²⁸ for in Him we live and move and exist, as <u>even some of your own</u> <u>poets have said</u>, 'For we also are His children.'

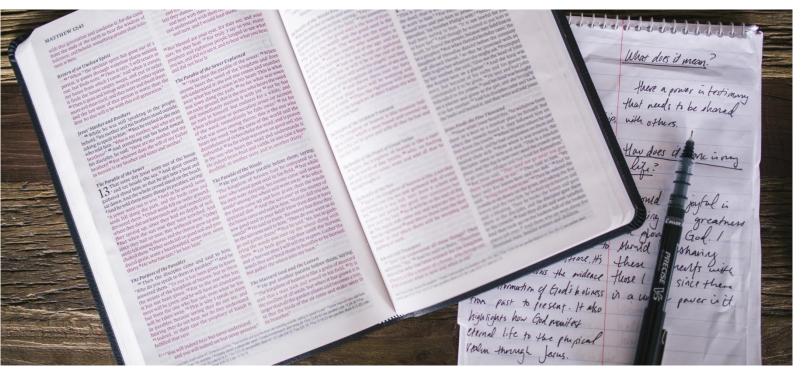
1 Corinthians 15:33

³³ Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

<u>Titus 1:2</u>

- ¹² One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."
- ¹³ This testimony is true. ...

A Question That Jude Helps Answer

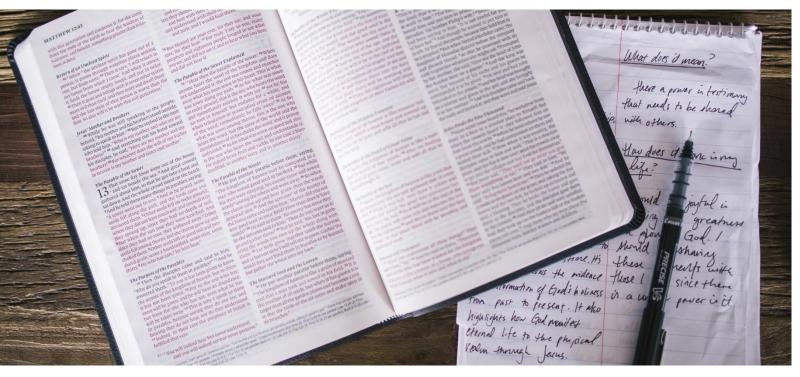


The Christian <u>faith</u> was never supposed to be <u>changed</u>.

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> Other passages:

Galatians 1:8-9

⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! ⁹ As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

2 Thessalonians 2:15

¹⁵ So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word *of mouth* or by letter from us.

Philippians 4:9

⁹ The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 3:17

¹⁷ Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.

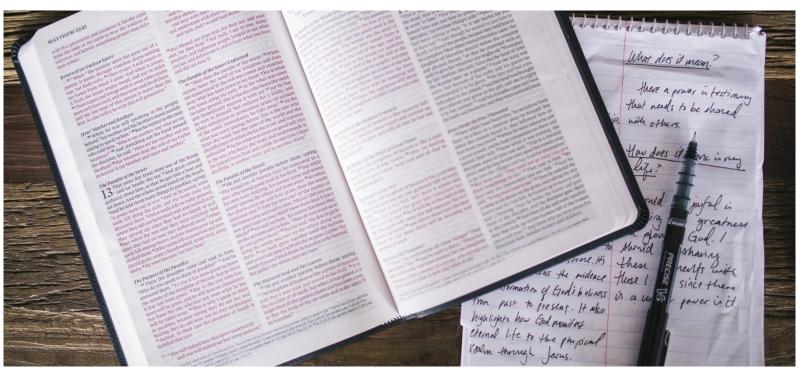
Romans 16:17-18

¹⁷ Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.

Romans 16:17-18

¹⁸ For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

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➤ I'm thankful for our commitment to Scripture – that's what God wants!