



Hey Jude: An Introduction to the Book

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Jude 1a



1 Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,
to those called, beloved in God the Father and kept for

Jesus Christ:
– Jude 1, translated by T. Bartolucci



Introduction (parts of a letter) . . .

I. The Return Address (v. 1a)

A. Threefold Description

This person identifies himself by name (____), by position (____) and by family relationship (brother of James)

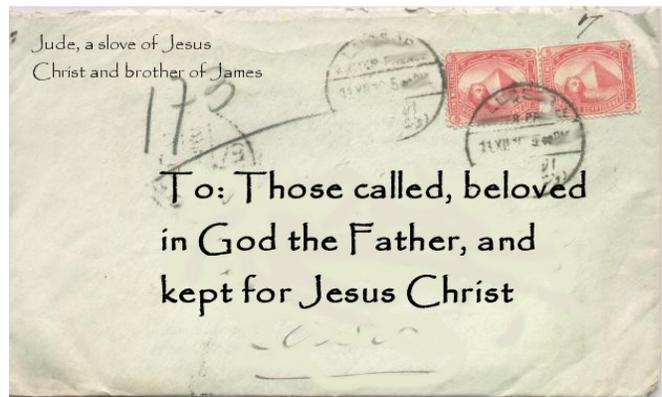
1. Jude (Gk. Judas / Heb. Judah)
2. Which Jude wrote this letter?

II. The Mailing Address (v. 1b)

III. The Post-Mark

IV. The Stamp

V. The Contents



Similarities between Jude and 2 Peter

Jude

OT precedent for these false teachers in the church who deny the Master and are characterized by sensuality

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.

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.

Example of sinning angels

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.

Example of Sodom and Gomorrah

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.

These false teachers reject authority and revile angelic majesties – something angels greater in might do not dare

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

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."

They are like unreasoning animals

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.

Example of Balaam

11 Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

They fellowship with the church and are unashamed of their sin

12 These men are those who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted;

Judgment is reserved for them

13 wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever.

They will exploit people in the church for their own gain

16 These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their own lusts; they speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of gaining an advantage.

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

The Lord's inspired spokesmen predicted the arrival of these mockers who follow after their own lusts

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 shall be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts."

2 Peter

OT precedent for these false teachers in the church who deny the Master and are characterized by sensuality

1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

2 And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;

Example of sinning angels

4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

Example of Sodom and Gomorrah

6 and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly thereafter;

These false teachers reject authority and revile angelic majesties – something angels greater in might do not dare

10 and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority. Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties,

11 whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.

They are like unreasoning animals

12 But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge, will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed.

Example of Balaam

15 forsaking the right way they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness.

They fellowship with the church and are unashamed of their sin

13 suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong. They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, as they carouse with you,

Judgment is reserved for them

17 These are springs without water, and mists driven by a storm, for whom the black darkness has been reserved.

They will exploit people in the church for their own gain

3 and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

18 For speaking out arrogant words of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error,

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3:2-3 2 that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles. 3 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts,