



# SURVEY OF JUDE

Contend for the Faith



## Note card of Jude

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**Author:** Jude **Date:** 65-70 A.D. **Chapters:** 1 (25 verses)

**Theme:** Beware of apostasy and watch for false teachers

**Audience:** Jewish Believers

**Key Verse:** 1:3 – To earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

**Outline: verses:** 1-3 - Introduction and purpose

4-7 – Exposing the apostasy in false teachers.

8-16 – Description of the apostasy

17-25 - Encouragement and charge for believers

# Contend for the Faith – key verse 3

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## ■ What is it to contend for the faith:

- to defend, protect, guard against or hold to.

**Ephesians 6:10-11** - Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

**Philippians 1:27** - Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ : that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel



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## ■ Why do we contend for the faith:

### Verse 4 – The problem of Apostasy

Apostasy defined:

1. **Ungodly men**; leaving God out of their lives; no fruit
2. **Turning grace of God into lasciviousness**; doing as they please even if it offends others.
3. **Denying the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ**;
4. Speak evil of the truth ; (2: Peter 2:2)
5. With feigned, false words, can exploit or make merchandise of you. (2 Peter 2:3)



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## ■ Why do we contend for the faith:

### Verses 5- 10 – Examples of Apostasy

#### Examples in history:

Israel in the wilderness. - God judges the nation of Israel for departing from the faith. (Numbers 14: 26-29)

The angels that departed with Lucifer (Satan) vs 6; (2 Peter 2:4)

Sodom and Gomorrha; God's judgment of gross sin and immorality (Genesis 19:24-25)





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## ■ Why do we contend for the faith:

### Verses 11-16 – Description of Apostasy

Woe unto them! They are like:

**Way of Cain** - very religious, believed God but only according to his own will. Rejected the redemption by blood, and thought he could come to God by his own efforts. (Genesis 4); (Hebrews 11:4)

**Greedily after the error of Balaam** - Thought God should punish the nation of Israel for their sin, at the same time was bribed by a evil king, Balak to curse Israel. (Numbers 22-25)

**Gainsaying of Core [Korah];** led a rebellion against Moses, and the authority that God had placed in Moses. Rebellious toward God.



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### Verses 11-16 – Description of Apostasy

Woe unto them! These are:

**Spots in feasts of charity**

**Clouds without water, carried about the winds**

**Trees whose fruit withereth**

**Without fruit**

**Twice dead** – born once, die twice; born twice, die once!!

**Plucked up by the roots.** – Spiritually dead

**Raging waves of the sea** – complainers and wailers.

**Wandering stars** - lawless in their lifestyle

**Murmurers, complainers**

**Walking after their own lusts**

**Mouth speaketh great swelling words**



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## ■ How do we contend for the faith:

Verses 17-25 – Application for us.

### Remember the words which were spoken:

- 2 Peter 3: 1-2 – The second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour
- Joshua 1:8 – This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

- Building up yourselves on your most holy faith
- Praying in the Holy Ghost
- Keep yourselves in the Love of God
- Looking for mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ
- Have compassion making a difference to others.
- Save with fear, share with others of the faith that is in you.

