

INTRO - Written after 2 Peter / 66AD or so / before Temple was destroyed in 70AD

- Peter warned that false teachers would arrive soon / Jude said they were here now

- Half-brother of Jesus [name was actually Judas]
- Younger brother of James

Ex 21:5-6

willing / voluntary / irreversible

Jude belonged to Jesus - Jude was a willing bondservant

Matth 13:55

1 Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ,

- Leader of the church in Jerusalem
- wrote the book of James
- James was an apostle but Jude was not
- Did not believe in Jesus until resurrection

and brother of James,

AUDIENCE

To those who are called, sanctified by God the

1 invited 2 set-apart

Ex. picked for a team Set apart for a purpose Eph 2:10

Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:

3 kept Rom 8:31-39

2 Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to

1 Not getting what we deserve

2 Peace w/ God
Peace of God

3 of us - centered love

- not added
- God has mercy, peace + love to spare

you.

genuine inner readiness and longing to secure the good of others

3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to

- Beloved of God
- Beloved of Other Believers

write to you concerning our common

salvation, I found it necessary to write to you

"to exert intense effort on behalf of something" Fight the good fight of Faith

fight is against false doctrine Truth vs Lies

exhorting you to contend earnestly for the

strongly encouraging

faith which was once for all delivered to the

Delivered not Discovered

saints.

evergreen not everchanging

Beware of chasing after some new doctrine

Ex-Philosophers thinking they can discover truth on their own

fake teachers

like a thief or a reptile or insect

4 For **certain men** have **crept in**

unnoticed, who long ago were **marked out for**

orientation is away from God

this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn

Warned about / God has told us how to spot fake teachers

the grace of our God into lewdness and deny

unbridled lust

"Master" Despotes

Curious BIG IDEA Jesus is the Boss!

the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Heavenly favor of God

False teachers deny the Father and Son / if not in word then in deed

False teachers promote the idea that grace means getting to do whatever you want to do

5 But I want to **remind you, though you**

once knew this, that the Lord, having saved

the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward

destroyed those who did not believe.

We need to be reminded more than we need to be taught

LESSON God passes judgment on those who fail to believe

OT example Israel rescued from Egypt but only 2 of that 1st gen made it into the Promised Land

6 And the angels who **did not keep their**

proper domain, but left their own abode, He

has reserved in everlasting chains under

darkness for the judgment of the great day;

Libelous angels who sinned in the days of Noah

7 as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities

around them in a similar manner to these,

These people give themselves over

having given themselves over to sexual

homosexuality

immorality and gone after strange flesh, are

[display floor model]

set forth as an example, suffering the

vengeance of eternal fire.

They give themselves over (then) God gives them over (Rom 1)

** God will judge sexual sin*

False teachers often engage in + promote sexual sin

false dreams of sexually immoral

8 Likewise also these dreamers defile the

② do not submit to righteous authority

③ slander angels

flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of

don't respect the spiritual world?

dignitaries.

9 Yet Michael the archangel, in

contending with the devil, when he disputed

about the body of Moses, dared not bring

Michael did not openly revile Satan but false teachers speak evil of good angels

against him a reviling accusation, but said,

“The Lord rebuke you!”

Speak evil of godly things because they don't understand them

10 But these speak evil of whatever they

do not know; and whatever they know

naturally, like brute beasts, in these things

they corrupt themselves.

BIG IDEA - False teachers are earth-bound/they are focused only on this life

They understand sensual - earthly things - And they defile themselves with these things

11 Woe to them! For they have gone in

the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error

of Balaam for profit, and perished in the

rebellion of Korah.

1 Polluting love feasts (church meals)

12 These are spots in your love feasts,

while they feast with you without fear, serving

only themselves. They are clouds without

3 Familiar OT Examples

1 Self-righteousness/violence

2 prophets for hire

3 rebelled against God-given authority

Dishonor communion + the Lord Jesus

False teachers are self-centered

Fake teachers do not water people / they dont help people grow

Instead, they are carried about by every wind of doctrine ③

water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots;

Dead Twice
① no fruit
② will be pulled up and destroyed

The end of false teachers will be Shame + judgment

13 raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

From the Book of Enoch
Judgment will come upon these false teachers

14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,

15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in

an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things
which ungodly sinners have spoken against
Him.”

Murmurers

*Critical attitude
+
habitual complaining*

16 These are grumblers, complainers,
doing what they want to do / guided by their own desires
walking according to their own lusts; and
big talkers / flatter people to get something out of them
they mouth great swelling words, flattering
people to gain advantage.

17 But you, beloved, remember the words
which were spoken before by the apostles of
our Lord Jesus Christ:

18 how they told you that there would be
mockers in the last time who would walk
according to their own ungodly lusts.

*False teachers
walking in
disobedience
should not
surprise
believers*

Sensualists/
living to gratify the flesh
①

② break relationships

19 These are sensual persons, who cause

divisions, not having the Spirit. ^{③ not born again / not indwelt or empowered by the Spirit}

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves

Personal responsibility

Actively pursue growth as a disciple

up on your most holy faith, praying in the

Holy Spirit,

- Some say this is the gift of tongues
- I believe this is praying in relationship with the Holy Spirit

21 keep yourselves in the love of God,

looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus

Christ unto eternal life.

Look forward to Heaven!

Walk in Obedience
 Loving relationship with the Lord

22 And on some have compassion,

making a distinction;

Comfort the afflicted

23 but others save with fear, pulling them

out of the fire, hating even the garment

defiled by the flesh.

PRAY FOR WISDOM IN MINISTERING TO PEOPLE
afflict the comfortable

People affected by false teachers

God is
to be on
who is able
to preserve us
and present
us

24 Now to Him who is able to keep you

from stumbling, - We don't have to stumble in our walk w/ Christ
- He can give us all that we need to walk in obedience

And to present you faultless

* Jesus paid for all of our sins
→ He will glorify believers

Before the presence of His glory with

exceeding joy,

25 To God our Savior, God saves us

Who alone is wise, God has all wisdom

Be glory and majesty, He has all the glory/all the majesty

Dominion and power, All things belong to Him/He is omnipotent

Both now and forever.

God will be who He is and
have all that He has,
Today + Forever!

Amen.

Closing
Doxology