



The Drone Series

A 52-Week Journey Through the Bible

Soaring through the pages of the Bible and embarking on an inspiring weekly journey from **Genesis to Revelation!** Dive into transformative insights that will uplift your spirit and deepen your understanding. Experience the power of scripture like never before!

We understand that spiritual growth can be a deeply personal journey, and we invite you to join us as we explore a different book of the Bible each week. It's a wonderful opportunity to reflect and find inspiration together. We encourage you to invite a friend to join us, whether in person or online, so we can support each other on this meaningful path.

Background Matters

Warnings concerning Apostates (vv. 3–4).

Vv. 3–4. Wishing **to write** of the more pleasant theme of **salvation**, Jude was forced by his concern to write on an urgent and abhorrent theme. Circumstances had arisen that demanded immediate action, thus presenting an emergency situation. Jude addressed himself to a recognized problem, and exhorted the believers to respond with positive determination.

Jude got directly to the point: **I ... urge you to contend for the faith**. Then he proceeded to tell his readers why he was so concerned. Godless men had **secretly slipped in among** them. They had joined the assemblies of believers, pretending to belong with them when actually they were enemies.

Jude's words were written to those who shared faith and salvation. His words were a warning to the believers to beware of those apostates who had made their way into local assemblies and would destroy if possible the foundation of faith on which the church was built.

"The faith" that God had **once for all entrusted to the saints** is the body of truths taught by the apostles. The term "the faith," used also in Galatians 1:23 and 1 Timothy 4:1, refers to things believed. The false teachings of the apostates called for the believers to contend (*epagōnizesthai*, "agonize earnestly") with all diligence in defense of those truths, which ungodly men were trying to destroy. In effect Jude said, "Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess" (Heb. 4:14).



Who was this Jude? Three possibilities exist. The most probable identification is that the author Jude was a half brother of Christ, a son of Joseph and Mary after Jesus. The term “servant” would be fitting, for though at first Jesus’ brothers did not believe in Him (John 7:5), yet later they saw the resurrected Christ and were convinced (Acts 1:14). Among these was Judas, who did not consider himself worthy to call himself a “brother” but just a “servant” of Jesus Christ. The James referred to by Jude as his brother was thus also a half brother of the Lord (Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3), as well as a leader of the church at Jerusalem (Acts 15:13), and author of the epistle bearing his name (James 1:1).¹

The intrusion of the libertines refers to outsiders who would poison the church and who should be rejected. These apostates were not followers of Christ who had erred, but intruders who did not belong and who sought to wreck the believers’ faith.

The **condemnation** of these men, which **was written about long ago**, may refer to Old Testament prophecies (e.g., Isa. 8:19–22; Jer. 5:13–14). Their end is also predicted in the New Testament (e.g., 2 Thes. 2:6–10; 2 Peter 2:3).

Two characteristics identify these **godless** (*asebeis*, “irreverent”; cf. Jude 15) apostates: perverting God’s **grace**, and rejecting God’s Son.

Claiming liberty in Christ, they interpreted His grace as **license** to do what their flesh desired with no inhibitions. Their libertinism turned grace into barbarous licentiousness. These antinomians declared that since the flesh was not created by God, it was proper to give in to its desires. Not surprisingly, this perversion in practice was accompanied by a perversion in doctrine—a denial of the person and authority of **Jesus Christ**.

III. Warnings concerning the Peril of Apostasy (vv. 5–16).

Jude first warned his readers of the peril of apostasy by citing three examples from the past of apostates who were destroyed (vv. 5–7), and then by describing the upcoming judgment on present apostates (vv. 8–16).²

This Week's Drone Series takes us to the book of Jude, where the author swiftly addresses his audience, earnestly urging them to contend for their faith. He reveals the source of his urgent concern: unscrupulous individuals have stealthily infiltrated their community. Disguised as fellow believers, these deceitful individuals have woven themselves into the fabric of their assemblies while concealing their true intent as adversaries. They are sowing discord and undermining the very principles that the community upholds. Just as our

¹ Edward C. Pentecost, “Jude,” in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 916–917.

² Edward C. Pentecost, “Jude,” in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 919–920.



Lord has called us to spread the gospel in the world, Satan has commissioned his followers to infiltrate the church to kill, steal, and destroy the faith of those seeking salvation.

The Serious Consequences for Those Who Reject Him

Jude 1:1–16

Topics:

Angels, Consequences, Grace, Hell, Homosexuality, Immorality, Judgment, Prophecy, Punishment, Salvation, Second Coming, Sin

Study Guide 51 *This study guide presents daily assignments that are specifically crafted to enhance your **growth in the Word**. Embrace each moment to meditate and reflect, and watch as your spiritual maturity flourishes through your dedicated efforts.*

Open It, Mondays. Open your heart and mind to the truth of the Word.

1. What is something you have learned or observed from history?

Explore It, Tuesdays, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.

2. How did the author of this letter describe himself? (1:1)

3. Why was Jude initially eager to write this letter? (1:3)

4. What made Jude change the topic of his letter? (1:3–4)



5. *What are “godless” people? (1:4)

6. Why did Jude describe certain people as “godless”? (1:4)

7. How do godless people misuse the grace of God? (1:4)

8. *Of what historical events did Jude remind his readers? Why? (1:5–7)

9. *How do the stories about Israelites, angels, and Sodom and Gomorrah add to Jude’s warning about godless people? (1:8)

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10. What sins do godless people commit? (1:8)

11. In what ways are godless people like “unreasoning animals”? (1:10)

12. What destroys godless people? (1:10)

13. How are godless people like clouds, trees, waves, and stars? (1:12–13)



14. What effect does Jude's figurative language have? (1:12–13)

15. How does Enoch's prophecy add to the warning about godless people? (1:14)

16. What effect does the repetition of the word "ungodly" in Jude's message have on you?

Get It Thursdays, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.

17. How could the grace of God be changed into a license for immorality?

18. How do we ever misuse the knowledge of God's grace for our own desires?

19. In what ways is it necessary for us to contend for the faith?

20. *How does it help us to recall past events (either from the Bible, church history, or our own lives)?

21. What difference should it make in your life that the Lord will return to judge and convict?

22. How can we prevent ourselves from becoming self-absorbed as the people Jude warned against were?



Drive it Home, Fridays, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.

23. In what ways do you need to guard yourself against the sins of grumbling, finding fault in others, boasting, and flattering others for your own advantage?

24. *How can you keep past events that teach you to live for God at the front of your thinking this week?

25. What step can you take this week to guard against grumbling, faultfinding, boasting, or using flattery?

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