

# *Welcome To The Book Of Jude*

*Jude 3-25!  
From WOW to WARNING!*



# *Today's Scripture*

The Text:

**Jude 3-25!**

The Title:

**Defending the Faith!**

The Theme:

**Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.**

# ***Today's World is One of Conflict, Confusion and Chaos!***

## **I Timothy 4:1**

The Spirit explicitly says that in the last times some (focus is the church) will fall away from the faith.

## **II Timothy 3:1-5**

But realize this (focus is the church), that in the last days difficult times will come.

For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self control, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; holding a form of godliness, although they deny its power ...  
avoid such as these.

# *The Conflict Begins in the First Century!*

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## From Without:

1. (64 AD) The Nero persecutions begin!
2. (66 AD) The apostle Peter is martyred!
3. (67 AD) The apostle Paul is beheaded!
4. (Late 70s / Early 80s) The apostle Jude will write this epistle to exhort those who follow Christ to:
  - a. (v.3) **Contend earnestly** for the faith.
  - b.(v.17f) **Be obedient** to the apostles teaching and **beware** of the teaching of the apostates.

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## From Within:

The church under attack from an evolving form of Gnosticism. Paul's Warning in Acts 20:28-30 is Now Jude's Warning!

1. (Early 60s AD)

Paul addresses **Ascetic Gnosticism**

2. (Late 70s AD)

Jude addresses **Antinomian Gnosticism**

# *The Outline of Jude!*

## **I. (vs.1-2) The INTRODUCTION to the Book!**

- A. (v.1a) The AUTHOR is Pronounced.
- B. (v.1b) The AUDIENCE is Pointed Out.
- C. (v.2) The ASPIRATION is Proclaimed.

## **II. (vs.3-23) The MESSAGE of the Book!**

- A. (vs.3-4) The REASON for the Letter.
- B. (vs.5-16) The REMINDER in the Letter.
- C. (vs.17-23) The RESPONCE from the Letter.

## **III. (vs.24-25) The BENEDICTION of the Letter.**

- A. (v.24) To the One Who is ABLE.
- B. (v.25) To the One Whom we ADORE.

In This Short Epistle  
**Seven Commands Are Given:**

1. (v.3) Earnestly contend for the faith.
2. (v.17) Remember the teachings and warnings of the apostles.
3. (v.20) Build yourselves up in the most holy faith.
4. (v.20) Pray in the Holy Spirit.
5. (v.21) Keep yourselves in love with God.
6. (v.21) Look to God's mercy and eternal life.
7. (vs.22-23) Show mercy to those doubting, snatch unbelievers from the fire, cautiously show mercy to the corrupt.

# Next Week: The Revelation of Jesus Christ to John!

