

Jude 17-25

		WRITTEN TEXT		JUDE'S COMMENT
1.	Jude 5-7	Jude reminds readers of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Exodus generation destroyed for not keeping faith (<u>Exodus</u>, <u>Numbers</u>) b. Angels who locked up for leaving their place (<u>Genesis 6</u>) c. Sodom consumed with fire for pursuing unnatural desire (<u>Genesis 19</u>) 	Jude 8	False teachers likewise rely on dreams, defile flesh, reject authority and blaspheme the glories...they will also be destroyed, kept for judgment and be consumed with eternal fire
2.	Jude 9	Jude recalls archangel Michael contending with the devil simply saying, "The Lord rebuke you." (<u>Ascension of Moses</u> and <u>Zechariah 3:2</u>)	Jude 10	False teachers blaspheme what they do not understand and are destroyed like animals by things they do understand
3.	Jude 11	Jude selects 3 examples of behavior that guarantees judgment from the Lord: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Way of Cain (<u>Genesis 4</u>) b. Balaam's error of going after gain (<u>Numbers 22-25</u>) c. Korah's rebellion (<u>Numbers 16</u>) 	Jude 12-13	False teachers are hidden disasters, shepherd only themselves, waterless clouds blown by wind, waves of sea foaming up shame, wandering stars heading into eternal darkness
4.	Jude 14-15	Enoch's prophecy (<u>1 Enoch 1:9</u>) that the Lord is coming with his angels to judge all ungodly for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ungodly deeds b. Harsh words 	Jude 16	False teachers are hopeless and heading for same judgment because of deeds and their harsh words: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - grumblers - discontented - loud-mouthed boasters - flattering
5.	Jude 17-18	Apostles predicted, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions."	Jude 19-23	<u>False teachers described:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cause division - Worldly people - Devoid of Spirit Believers counter by <u>building foundation in:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - faith - prayer - stay in love of God - wait for his mercy <u>Ministry to others:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mercy for doubters - snatch others from fire - mercy with fear hating clothes stained by flesh

We see three phases concerning false teachers:

1. **The warning** that false teachers are coming (28-57 AD)
2. **The battle** within the Church against the false teachers (49-64 AD)
3. **The “victory”** of the false teachers over the apostles in the Churches (64-96 AD)

Three Stages of Interaction with False Teachers in the New Testament Church of the First Century		
Warning of Coming False Teachers	Confrontation of Apostle's with False Teachers	Churches Lost to the False Teachers
28-57 AD	49-64 AD	64-96 AD
Matthew 7:15, 21-22 John 10; Mark 13:5 Acts 20:29-30	Galatians 1:6-7, 10 Galatians 5:7-8, 10 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2 2 Corinthians 11:4-5 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 Ephesians 4:14 Philipians 3:1-3 Colossians 2:4 Colossians 2:8 1 Timothy 1:3-4 1 Timothy 6:3-5, 9-10 Titus 1:10-11 Titus 1:13-14	2 Peter 2:1, 17-19 2 Peter 3:16 Jude 3-4 Jude 12-13 2 Timothy 1:15, 17-18 2 Timothy 4:10, 16 1 John 4:1-6 2 John 7, 9-11 3 John 9-10 Revelation 2:2-3, 6, 9, 14-16 Revelation 2: 20, 24-25 Revelation 3:1-2, 8-9, 17, 20

Matthew 7:15-20 – *“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.”*

Acts 20:29-30 – *“For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.”*

2 Peter 2:1, 17-19 – *“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction....these are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.”*

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 – *“The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

2 Timothy 4:4 – *“So they will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.”*

Romans 1:28 – *“Furthermore, since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, He gave them up to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.”*

Jude 17 – **But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

4771 [e]	1161 [e]	27 [e]	3403 [e]	3588 [e]	4487 [e]	3588 [e]	4302 [e]	5259 [e]	3588 [e]	652 [e]	3588 [e]
Hymeis	de	agapētoi	mnēsthēte	tōn	rhēmatōn	tōn	proeiremenōn	hypo	tōn	apostolōn	tou
17 Ὑμεῖς	δέ ,	ἀγαπητοί ,	μνήσθητε	τῶν	ῥημάτων	τῶν	προειρημένων	ὑπὸ	τῶν	ἀποστόλων	τοῦ
You	however	beloved	remember	the	words	-	having been spoken beforehand	by	the	apostles	of the
PPro-N2P	Conj	Adj-VMP	V-AMP-2P	Art-GNP	N-GNP	Art-GNP	V-RPM/P-GNP	Prep	Art-GMP	N-GMP	Art-GMS

2962 [e]	1473 [e]	2424 [e]	5547 [e]
Kyriou	hēmōn	Iēsou	Christou
Κυρίου	ἡμῶν	Ἰησοῦ	Χριστοῦ ,
Lord	of us	Jesus	Christ
N-GMS	PPro-G1P	N-GMS	N-GMS

1. The readers are called “beloved” which indicates they are loved by God and are in a relationship:
 - a. Their relationship (beloved) is established by a covenant (New Covenant).
 - b. They are secure and favored.
 - c. But, they are facing serious opposition from leadership that is hopeless and already condemned.
 - d. There are two groups in this letter:
 - i. The New Covenant believers, or the true church, preserved for glory.
 - ii. The false shepherds (false teachers, heretics) who are hopeless and destined for darkness
2. “**Remember**” is a call to the believers to recall the teaching of the apostles or the Word of God.
 - a. This is the first imperative of this letter, or first command, demand on the people.
 - b. This begins a series of imperatives in verses 17-23:
 - c. Forgetting (or, not knowing) the Scripture results in spiritual regression
 - d. Not knowing the Word of God will prevent these believers from applying: faith, prayer, love of God and mercy commanded in verse 20 (imperatives).
 - e. The first section of Jude began with the same when he wrote in verse 5:

“Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it...”
3. “predictions” *proeiremenon* meaning “having been spoken beforehand”

Jude 18 – They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.”

3754 [e]	2036 [e]	4771 [e]	3754 [e]	1909 [e]	2078 [e]	3588 [e]	5550 [e]	1510 [e]	1703 [e]	2596 [e]	
hoti	elegon	hymin	hoti	Ep'	eschatou	tou	chronou	esontai	empaiktai	kata	
18	ὅτι	ἔλεγον	ὑμῖν ,	[ὅτι]	Ἐπ'	ἐσχάτου	τοῦ	χρόνου	ἔσονται	ἐμπαῖκται ,	κατὰ
that	they were saying	to you	-	In	[the] last	-	time	there will be	scoffers	after	
Conj	V-IIA-3P	PPro-D2P	Conj	Prep	Adj-GMS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	V-FIM-3P	N-NMP	Prep	

3588 [e]	1438 [e]	1939 [e]	4198 [e]	3588 [e]	763 [e]
tas	heautōn	epithymias	poreuomenoi	tōn	asebeion
τὰς	ἑαυτῶν	ἐπιθυμίας	πορευόμενοι ,	τῶν	ἀσεβειῶν .
-	their own	passions	following	-	of ungodlinesses
Art-AFP	RefPro-GM3P	N-AFP	V-PPMP-NMP	Art-GFP	N-GFP

"scoffers" - *empaiktes* - meaning "a mocker", "a scoffer" from the word *empaizo* meaning "to mock at", "to ridicule", "to jeer" - *en-* preposition "in, on, at, by, with" - *paizo* "to play as a child"

1. "They said to you" is imperfect tense and can be translated (as in the Greek above) "they were saying to you" repeatedly, over and over
2. Examples of the apostles predictions are:
 - a. Acts 20:29-30
 - b. 2 Thessalonians 2:5
 - c. 1 Timothy 4:1-3
 - d. 2 Timothy 3:1-9
3. "Scoffers" is from *empaiktes*.
 - a. A compound of"
 - i. the preposition *en* meaning "in, on, at, by, with" and
 - ii. the word *paizo* which means "to play as a child"
 - b. Meaning "to mock at", "to ridicule", "to jeer"
4. The final stage of this age or the time before Christ return there will be a clear distinction between those who know the Word of God and those who are void, empty of the Truth.
 - a. This gap in worldview or perception of reality will result in mocking and the no capacity to understand the other perspective.
 - b. The deception will be strong because of hardened hearts and total darkness of the soul.
 - c. The inability to process information correctly will be impossible because the framework for truth has been dismantled.
5. "Passions" – *epithymia* – "desire", "passionate longing", "lust"
 - a. These people do not have the Holy Spirit so there is no conviction.
 - b. The human spirit is dead and dark so there is no guilt, no human conscience

Jude 19 – It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.

3778 [e]	1510 [e]	3588 [e]	592 [e]	5591 [e]	4151 [e]	3361 [e]	2192 [e]	
Houtoi	eisin	hoi	apodiorizontes	psychikoi	Pneuma	mē	echontes	
19	Οὗτοί	εἰσιν	οἱ	ἀποδιορίζοντες ,	ψυχικοί ,	Πνεῦμα	μὴ	ἔχοντες .
These	are	those	causing divisions	worldly-minded	[the] Spirit	not	having	
DPro-NMP	V-PIA-3P	Art-NMP	V-PPA-NMP	Adj-NMP	N-ANS	Adv	V-PPA-NMP	

1. Again Jude identifies these false teachers and heretics as "these" (houtoi) in contrast with the "beloved".
2. "cause divisions" or "make distinctions", divide people, separate people into groups.

3. Described as:

- a. “worldly people” – *psychikoi* – “worldly-minded”
- b. “devoid of the spirit”
 - i. “The Spirit” would be the Holy Spirit
 - 1. This is true, but may not be the context of this statement
 - ii. “spirit” would be the human spirit
 - 1. This may be the context of this statement here.
 - 2. This would be the “hardened heart” (or “hardened human spirit”)
 - 3. This spirit would be dead and unresponsive to:
 - a. Truth
 - b. Light
 - c. Holy Spirit
 - d. Instinctive human nature such as referred to in Romans 1:18-32
 - i. 1:18 – they “suppress the truth”
 - ii. 1:19 – “what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them”
 - iii. 1:21 – “they knew God, they did not honor him as God.”
 - iv. 1:21 – “they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”
 - v. 1:24 – “God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts (spirits) to impurity”
 - vi. 1:25 – “they exchanged the truth about God for a lie”
 - vii. 1:26 – “God gave them up to dishonorable passions”
 - viii. 1:26 – They “exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature.”
 - ix. 1:28 – “God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.”
- e. Worse than brute beasts and animals who maintain their natural, nurturing instincts

Jude 20 – **But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,**

4771 [e]	1161 [e]	27 [e]	2026 [e]	1438 [e]	3588 [e]	40 [e]	4771 [e]	4102 [e]	1722 [e]	4151 [e]	40 [e]
Hymeis	de	agapētoi	epoikodomountes	heautous	tē	hagiōtatē	hymōn	pistei	en	Pneumati	Hagiō
20 Ὑμεῖς	δέ ,	ἀγαπητοί ,	ἐποικοδομοῦντες	ἑαυτοὺς ,	τῇ	ἀγιωτάτῃ	ὑμῶν	πίστει	ἐν	Πνεύματι	Ἁγίῳ
You	however	beloved	building up	yourselves	in the	most holy	of you	faith	in	[the] Spirit	Holy
PPro-N2P	Conj	Adj-VMP	V-PPA-NMP	RefPro-AM3P	Art-DFS	Adj-DFS-S	PPro-G2P	N-DFS	Prep	N-DNS	Adj-DNS

4336 [e]
 proseuchomenoi
 προσευχόμενοι ,
 praying
 V-PPM/P-NMP

Jude 21 – keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

1438 [e]	1722 [e]	26 [e]	2316 [e]	5083 [e]	4327 [e]	3588 [e]	1656 [e]	3588 [e]	2962 [e]	1473 [e]	2424 [e]	5547 [e]			
heautous	en	agapē	Theou	tērēsate	prosdechomenoi	to	eleos	tou	Kyriou	hēmōn	Iēsou	Christou			
21	ἑαυτοὺς	ἐν	ἀγάπῃ	Θεοῦ	τηρήσατε	,	προσδεχόμενοι	τὸ	ἔλεος	τοῦ	Κυρίου	ἡμῶν	Ἰησοῦ	Χριστοῦ	,
	yourselves	in	<u>[the] love</u>	<u>of God</u>	keep		awaiting	<u>the</u>	<u>mercy</u>	<u>of the</u>	<u>Lord</u>	<u>of us</u>	<u>Jesus</u>	<u>Christ</u>	
	RefPro-AM3P	Prep	N-DFS	N-GMS	V-AMA-2P		V-PPMP-NMP	Art-ANS	N-ANS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	PPro-G1P	N-GMS	N-GMS	

1519 [e]	2222 [e]	166 [e]	
eis	zōēn	aiōnion	
εἰς	ζωὴν	αἰώνιον	
	<u>unto</u>	<u>life</u>	<u>eternal</u>
	Prep	N-AFS	Adj-AFS

Jude 22 – And have mercy on those who doubt;

2532 [e]	3739 [e]	3303 [e]	1653 [e]	1252 [e]				
Kai	hous	1	men	eleate	diakrinomenous			
22	Καὶ	οὓς	1	μέν	ἐλεᾶτε	,	διακρινομένους	;
	And	those who	indeed	have mercy on	are doubting			
	Conj	RelPro-AMP	Conj	V-PMA-2P	V-PPM-AMP			

Jude 23 – save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

3739 [e]	1161 [e]	4982 [e]	1537 [e]	4442 [e]	726 [e]	3739 [e]	1161 [e]	1653 [e]	1722 [e]	5401 [e]	3404 [e]	2532 [e]						
hous	2	de	sōzete	ek	pyros	harpazontes	hous	3	de	eleate	en	phobō	misountes	kai				
23	οὓς	2	δὲ	σώζετε	,	ἐκ	πυρὸς	ἄρπάζοντες	;	οὓς	3	δὲ	ἐλεᾶτε	ἐν	φόβῳ	,	μισοῦντες	καὶ
	others	also	save	<u>out of</u>	<u>[the] fire</u>	snatching	to others	then	show mercy	with	fear	<u>hating</u>	even					
	RelPro-AMP	Conj	V-PMA-2P	Prep	N-GNS	V-PPA-NMP	RelPro-AMP	Conj	V-PMA-2P	Prep	N-DMS	V-PPA-NMP	Conj					

3588 [e]	575 [e]	3588 [e]	4561 [e]	4695 [e]	5509 [e]	
ton	apo	tēs	sarkos	espilōmenon	chitōna	
τὸν	ἀπὸ	τῆς	σαρκὸς	ἐσπιλωμένον	χιτῶνα	
	<u>the</u>	<u>by</u>	<u>the</u>	<u>flesh</u>	<u>having been stained</u>	<u>clothing</u>
	Art-AMS	Prep	Art-GFS	N-GFS	V-RPMP-AMS	N-AMS

Jude 24 – Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

3588 [e]	1161 [e]	1410 [e]	5442 [e]	4771 [e]	679 [e]	2532 [e]	2476 [e]	2714 [e]	3588 [e]	1391 [e]	846 [e]
To	de	dynamenō	phylaxai	hymas	aptaistous	kai	stēsai	katēnōpion	tēs	doxēs	autou
24 Τῷ	δὲ	δυναμένῳ	φυλάξαι	ὑμᾶς	ἀπταιστούς	καὶ	στήσαι	κατενώπιον	τῆς	δόξης	αὐτοῦ ,
To Him	now	being able	to keep	you	from stumbling	and	to present [you]	in the presence of	the	glory	of Him
Art-DMS	Conj	V-PPMP-DMS	V-ANA	PPro-A2P	Adj-AMP	Conj	V-ANA	Prep	Art-GFS	N-GFS	PPro-GM3S

299 [e]	1722 [e]	20 [e]
amōmous	en	agalliasei
ἀμώμους	ἐν	ἀγαλλιάσει —
blameless	with	exultation
Adj-AMP	Prep	N-DFS

Jude 25 – to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

3441 [e]	2316 [e]	4990 [e]	1473 [e]	1223 [e]	2424 [e]	5547 [e]	3588 [e]	2962 [e]	1473 [e]	1391 [e]	3172 [e]	2904 [e]
monō	Theō	Soteri	hēmōn	dia	Iēsou	Christou	tou	Kyriou	hēmōn	doxa	megalōsynē	kratos
25 μόνῳ	Θεῷ	Σωτηρι	ἡμῶν ,	διὰ	Ἰησοῦ	Χριστοῦ	τοῦ	Κυρίου	ἡμῶν ,	δόξα ,	μεγαλωσύνη ,	κράτος ,
to [the] only	God	Savior	of us	through	Jesus	Christ	the	Lord	of us	[be] glory	majesty	dominion
Adj-DMS	N-DMS	N-DMS	PPro-G1P	Prep	N-GMS	N-GMS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	PPro-G1P	N-NFS	N-NFS	N-NNS

2532 [e]	1849 [e]	4253 [e]	3956 [e]	3588 [e]	165 [e]	2532 [e]	3568 [e]	2532 [e]	1519 [e]	3956 [e]	3588 [e]	165 [e]	281 [e]
kai	exousia	pro	pantos	tou	aiōnos	kai	nyn	kai	eis	pantas	tous	aiōnas	Amēn
καὶ	ἐξουσία ,	πρὸ	παντὸς	τοῦ	αἰῶνος	καὶ	νῦν ,	καὶ	εἰς	πάντας	τοὺς	αἰῶνας .	Ἀμήν .
and	authority	before	all	-	time	and	now	and	to	all	the	ages	Amen
Conj	N-NFS	Prep	Adj-GMS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	Conj	Adv	Conj	Prep	Adj-AMP	Art-AMP	N-AMP	Heb