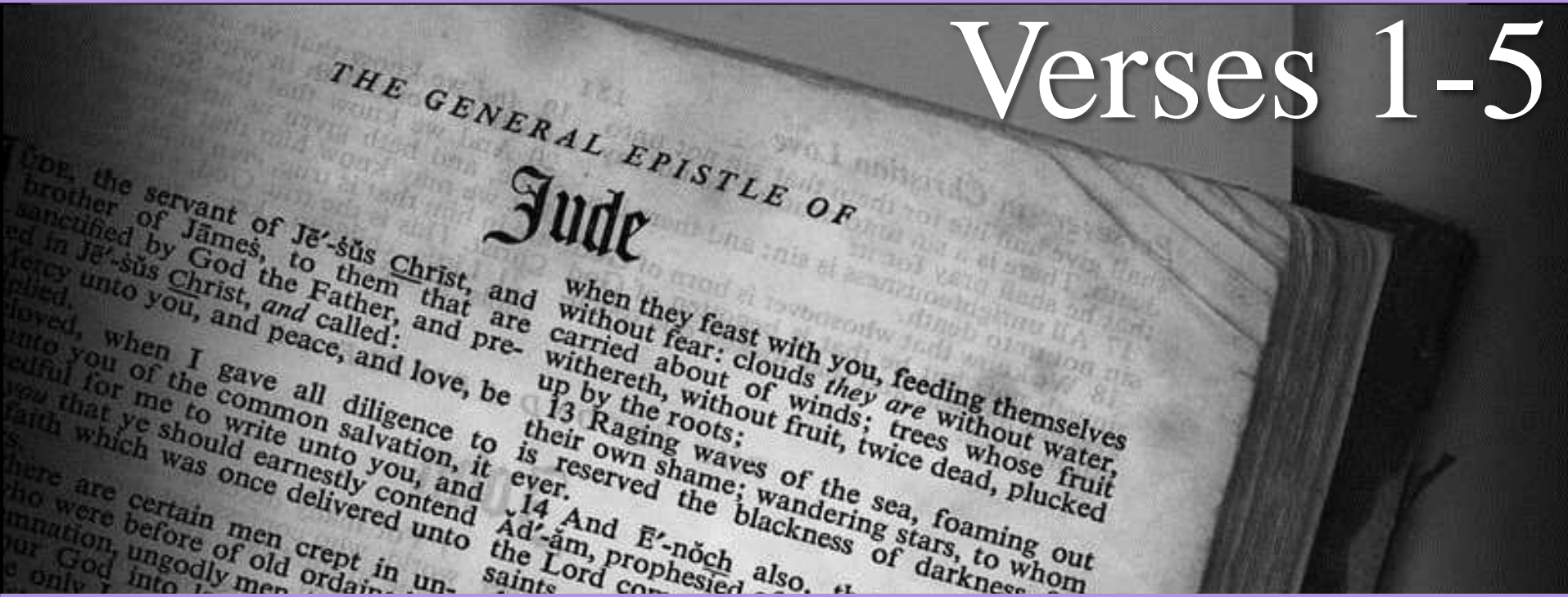




# Jude

## Verses 1-5



...a verse by verse study

# The Epistle of Jude

- Written by Jude
  - the half brother of Jesus
    - Matthew 13:55-56 James / Joses / Simon / Jude + 2(?) Sisters
- Written to all believers
- Written to warn and encourage
  - Jude urges us to *remember* the things we have learned and heed the warnings
    - The Exodus & Wilderness Wanderings (Ex14,32 / Deut 32:18)
    - The Days of Noah (Gen 6)
    - Sodom & Gomorrah (Gen 19)
    - The death of Moses (Deut 34)
    - Cain (Gen 4)
    - Balaam
    - Enoch & Adam (Gen 5)

# Reason for Writing

- To contend for the faith
- *Why* to contend: Because of apostates vv3-16
  - Their subtle perversions
  - Their certain doom
  - Their impious ways
  - Their utter falsity
- *How* to contend: Resources vv17-23
  - Apostasy has been foretold
  - Build, Pray, Keep, Look...
  - Support those who contend

# Outline of the Letter

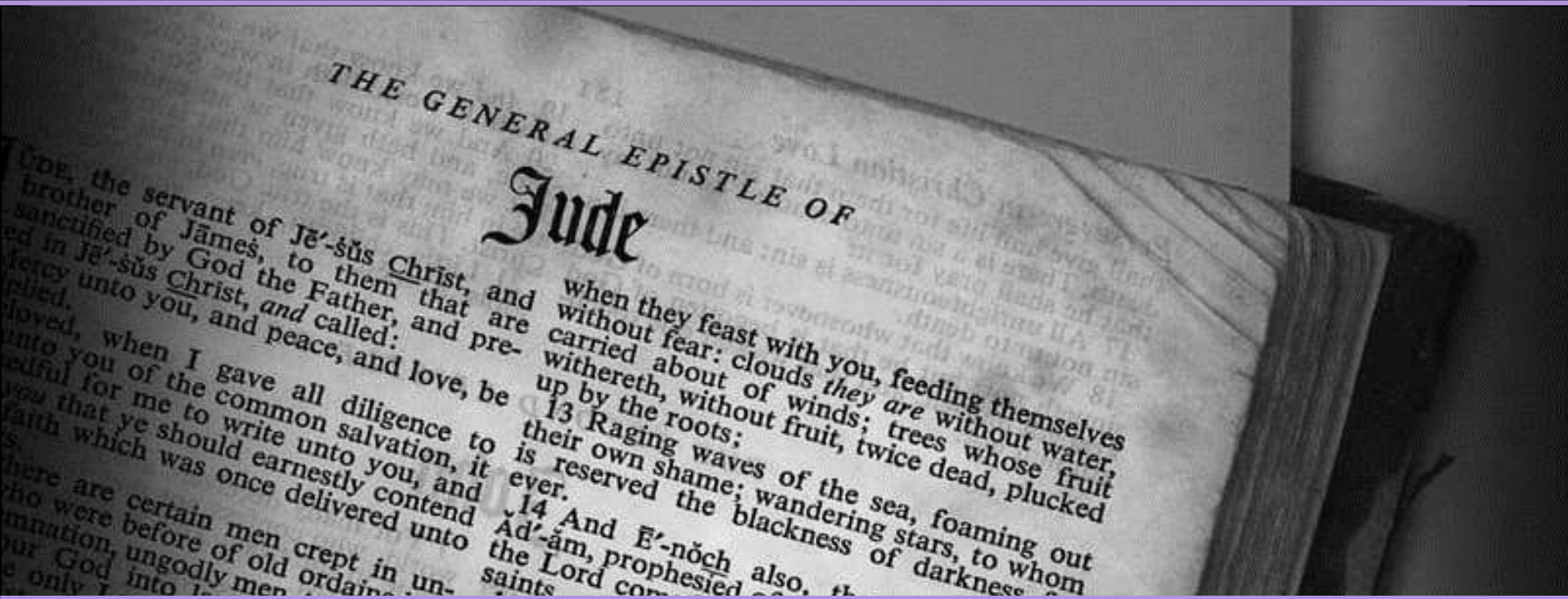
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# Jude



...a verse by verse study



From: Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ,  
and a brother of James.

To: Christians everywhere-beloved of  
God and chosen by him. May you be  
given more and more of God's kindness,  
peace, and love.

Dearly loved friends, I had been planning  
to write you some thoughts about the  
salvation God has given us, but now I  
find I must write of something else  
instead, urging you to stoutly defend the  
truth that God gave once for all to his  
people to keep without change through  
the years.

I say this because some godless  
teachers have wormed their way in  
among you, saying that after we  
become Christians we can do just as we  
like without fear of God's punishment.

The fate of such people was written long ago, for they have turned against our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

My answer to them is: Remember this fact-which you know already-that the Lord saved a whole nation of people out of the land of Egypt and then killed every one of them who did not trust and obey him.

And I remind you of those angels who were once pure and holy but turned to a life of sin. Now God has them chained up in prisons of darkness, waiting for the judgment day.

And don't forget the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring towns, all full of lust of every kind, including lust of men for other men.



Those cities were destroyed by fire and continue to be a warning to us that there is a hell in which sinners are punished.

Yet these false teachers carelessly go right on living their evil, immoral lives, degrading their bodies and laughing at those in authority over them, even scoffing at the Glorious Ones.

Yet Michael, one of the mightiest of the angels, when he was arguing with Satan about Moses' body, did not dare to accuse even Satan, or jeer at him, but simply said, "The Lord rebuke you."

But these men mock and curse at anything they do not understand, and like animals, they do whatever they feel like, thereby ruining their souls.

Woe upon them! For they follow the example of Cain who killed his brother; and like Balaam, they will do anything for money; and like Korah, they have disobeyed God and will die under his curse.

When these men join you at the love feasts of the church, they are evil smears among you, laughing and carrying on, gorging and stuffing themselves without a thought for others.

They are like clouds blowing over dry land without giving rain, promising much, but producing nothing.

They are like fruit trees without any fruit at picking time. They are not only dead, but doubly dead, for they have been pulled out, roots and all, to be burned.



All they leave behind them is shame and disgrace like the dirty foam left along the beach by the wild waves. They wander around looking as bright as stars, but ahead of them is the everlasting gloom and darkness that God has prepared for them.

Enoch, who lived seven generations after Adam, knew about these men and said this about them: "See, the Lord is coming with millions of his holy ones. He will bring the people of the world before him in judgment, to receive just punishment and to prove the terrible things they have done in rebellion against God, revealing all they have said against him." These men are constant gripers, never satisfied, doing whatever evil they feel like; they are loudmouthed "show-offs," and when they show respect for others, it is only to get something from them in return.

Dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ told you, that in the last times there would come these scoffers whose whole purpose in life is to enjoy themselves in every evil way imaginable. They stir up arguments; they love the evil things of the world; they do not have the Holy Spirit living in them.

But you, dear friends, must build up your lives ever more strongly upon the foundation of our holy faith, learning to pray in the power and strength of the Holy Spirit.

Stay always within the boundaries where God's love can reach and bless you. Wait patiently for the eternal life that our Lord Jesus Christ in his mercy is going to give you. Try to help those who argue against you. Be merciful to those who doubt



Save some by snatching them as from the very flames of hell itself. And as for others, help them to find the Lord by being kind to them, but be careful that you yourselves aren't pulled along into their sins. Hate every trace of their sin while being merciful to them as sinners.

And now—all glory to him who alone is God, who saves us through Jesus Christ our Lord; yes, splendor and majesty, all power and authority are his from the beginning; his they are and his they evermore shall be.

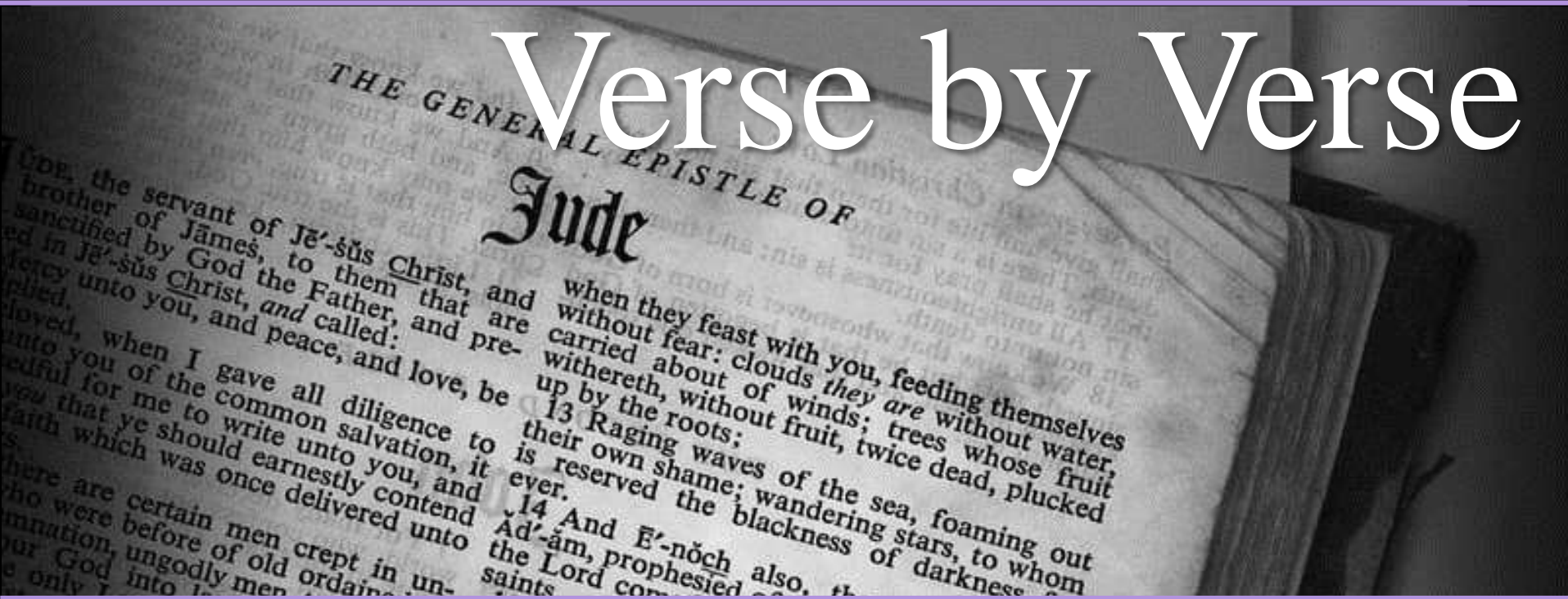
And he is able to keep you from slipping and falling away, and to bring you, sinless and perfect, into his glorious presence with mighty shouts of everlasting joy. Amen.





# Jude

## Verse by Verse



...a verse by verse study

<sup>1</sup> Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:

Jude v1

- ‘Dulos’ - ‘Bondservant’
  - Exodus 21:1-6
- Jude does not flaunt his personal connection to Jesus
  - Nor did James (see James 1:1)
  - James was probably the oldest, Jude the youngest brother.

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Jude v1

- Notice who does the work of Sanctification!
- Take note that it is not us!
  - We can no more sanctify ourselves than save ourselves!
  - See Acts 26:18 ‘Sanctified by faith’
- Preserved is the Greek word: “tereo” (tay-reh'-o); meaning: a watch; to guard (from loss or injury, properly, by keeping the eye upon)
  - Just as a little child is watched over by their father

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Jude v1

- Rev 17:8 *our names are “Written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world”*
- John 15:16 *“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you”*
- Rom 8:28 *“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are **the called** according to his purpose.”*
- 1 Peter 2:9 *“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath **called** you out of darkness (cf: Lazarus) into his marvellous light:”*
- Matt 22:14 *“For many are **called**, but few are chosen.”*
  - (cf; John 3:16 ‘Whosoever’)



# My Part?

<sup>10</sup> Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall **2 Peter 1:10**

- Peter understood what it meant to be ‘called’
- For a Jewish child:
  - Bet Sefer (age 5-12) – read and write Torah
  - Bet Midrash (age 13-15) – for “gifted” students
  - Bet Talmid (16 and above) – chosen (called) by a Rabbi
- The disciples were ‘untrained and uneducated’
  - See Acts 4:13
- Peter was given a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance!
- His admonition to us? Don’t blow it!

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Jude v1

- We have been set apart...
- We are constantly being watched over...
- We have been invited to follow Jesus...
- But none of this negates our personally responsibility to 'walk worth of the calling' Eph 4:1
- Jude will give some stark warnings to shake us out of complacency!

2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

Jude v2

- This is not just a polite greeting, it is a 'must have' list
- Mercy
  - in the light of what Jude says, we will see the importance of receiving God's mercy - 1 John 1:8-9
- Peace
  - We must know who we are in Christ (and thereby be in 'perfect peace'), or we can easily become like the apostates Jude will warn us of - Heb 12:14
- Love
  - ..is the antithesis of the apostate who is self-seeking. If we love we abide in the light (1 John 2:10) Love is part of the fruit of the indwelling Spirit
- WE NEED THESE THINGS AS CHRISTIANS!

<sup>3</sup> Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

**Jude v3**

- Salvation is the same for all men.
- No special 'elite' such as is taught by JW's, or even by Roman Catholics.
- We are all equal and all obtain Salvation in the same way.
- We are unworthy, Christ is worthy.

<sup>3</sup> Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was **needful** for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

**Jude v3**

- Literally: 'Pressed upon his heart'



3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Jude v3

- Gr. ἀγωνίζομαι epagōnizomai
- To fight for, to struggle as in a contest where there can only be one winner
- There is only ONE faith, not many 'faiths'!
  - *"One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all"* Eph 4:5
- Gr. ἅπας 'hapax' = 'conclusively'

4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Jude v4**

# Guard Against Error

- <sup>1</sup> Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;
- <sup>2</sup> Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

1 Tim 4:1-2



# Guard Against Error

**28** Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. **29** For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

**Acts 20:28-29**

# Guard Against Error

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

Acts 20:30-31



# The Wheat & Tares

- 24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:
- 25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.
- 26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

**Matthew 13:24-26**

# The Wheat & Tares

- 27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?
- 28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?
- 29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

**Matthew 13:27-29**

# The Wheat & Tares

<sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

**Matthew 13:30**



# The Sowing of the Tares

- By the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> century, tares were being sown in the church
- This led to compromise and false doctrine being introduced.
- Throughout church history this has continued
- We are given a marker to note:
- At the end of the age, they will be gathered into bundles

# Response to the Tares

- We are given clear instructions not to try and uproot the tares, because they are growing in the same soil as the wheat
- The job of the wheat is to keep growing in readiness for the harvest



- Jude is now going to give us 3 object lessons from the Old Testament to warn us of:
- 1) The danger of being led astray or deceived by these apostates
- 2) The danger of actually becoming apostate — ‘turning away from the Grace of God’ — Gal 1:6

27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

**1 Corinthians 9:27**

<sup>5</sup> I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

**Jude v5**

*“The warning through Jude is clear. The people of Israel started out from Egypt well enough. They had many blessings from God along the way. But they did not endure to the end, because they **did not believe** God’s promise of power and protection.” – David Guzik*

# The 5 Warnings in Hebrews

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|----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Drifting          | 2:1-4     |
| 2. Disobedience      | 3:7-4:13  |
| 3. Failing to Mature | 5:11-6:20 |
| 4. Willful Sin       | 10:26-39  |
| 5. Indifference      | 12:25-29  |
- Great loss awaits those who fail to persevere: loss of reward and honor in Christ's coming Millennial Kingdom

# The 5 Warnings in Hebrews

- All five warnings are a unit
  - They go together and complement each other
  - Each builds upon the other
  - Each intensifies until the 5<sup>th</sup> capstone
- The writer relies heavily on Israel's Exodus as an example (type) of individual Christians
  - The Exodus generation, a redeemed people, failed to heed God's instructions
  - They *were* saved from Egypt
  - But were judged (disinherited) for their disobedience.

# Fallen From Grace

- Examples of those who fell from grace – a warning!
  - Lucifer – ‘Anointed Cherub’ Ezek 28 / Isa14
  - Angels – 1/3 of the angels rebelled against God Gen 6 / Rev 12
  - Adam & Eve – fell from God’s perfect creation Gen 3
  - Mankind – “All have sinned and fallen short” Rom 5:12-21
  - Many Israelites:
    - Redeemed Ex 15:13 / Deut 21:8
    - Sanctified Ex 31:13 / Lev 20:8
    - Converted Psalm 19:7
    - In Grace Ex 33:12-17 / Psalm 84:11
    - Had their names in the Book of Life Ex 32:32-33
    - When they sinned, they were cut off from God and lost 1 Cor 10:1-10
  - Nadab & Abihu – Aaron’s sons, priests – killed Lev 10:1-20
  - Korah, Dathan, Abiram – challenged Moses and killed Num 16
  - Saul – received the Holy Spirit, then lost > disobedience 1 Sam 16



# Fallen From Grace

- Examples of those who fell from grace – a warning!

- Many disciples of Jesus

- ‘For a while believed’
- ‘followed Him no more’
- ‘They drew back to perdition’
- They received Grace, but turned from it
- ‘followed Him no more’

Luke 8:13

John 6:66

Matt 13:20-22 / Heb 10:26-39

John 1:12-13

John 6:66

- Judas – betrayed Jesus

John 17:12 / Luke 22:3

- Ananias & Sapphira – lied to the Holy Spirit

Acts 4

- The Judaizes – returned to the Law ‘fallen from grace’

Gal 5:4

- Demas – went back into sin

Col 4:14 / Ph'm v24

- Hymenaeus & Alexander – shipwrecked faith

1 Tim 1:19-20

- Philetus – erred from the faith

2 Tim 2:17-19

# Take Heed!

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

**1 Cor 10:12**

Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.

**Luke 11:35**

# Take Heed!

- 19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.
- 20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:
- 21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.
- 22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

**Romans 11:19-22**

# Apostasy to Judgment

Enos

Gen 4:26



Flood

Gen 6-9

Cush/Nimrod

Gen 10:8-9



Babel

Gen 11:8

Molten Calf

Exodus 32

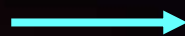


3000 died

Exodus 32:28

Balaam

Numbers 25:1-3



24,000 died

Numbers 25:9

Korah

Numbers 26:10



250 died

Numbers 26:10

Israel

Judges 13x



'Neighbours'

111 years in servitude

Israel / Judah

I & II Kings / I & II Chronicles



Assyria/Babylon

70 years + captivity



# The Christian's Conundrum

- We are to be in '*perfect peace*' and yet '*fear God*' at the same time!
- Can you lose your salvation?
- NO! – it is a free gift that you did not earn
- Can you lose your inheritance?
- YES! – it is based on obedience
- Can you fall from Grace?
- YES! – in the sense that you can move yourself outside God's will and protection through disobedience

# The Christian's Conundrum

<sup>20</sup> Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

<sup>21</sup> Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him.

**Exodus 23:20-21**



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