

Jude Overview

NEW TESTAMENT

WHO? | AUTHOR & AUDIENCE

The author of Jude identifies himself as the brother of James and a servant of Jesus which, along with other biblical evidence, indicates that Jude is the half-brother of Jesus (also called Judas). He likely wrote his epistle to Jewish converts who were scattered across Asia Minor.

WHEN? | DATES

It is uncertain whether 2 Peter or Jude came first, which adds some confusion to the timing of Jude's writing. Regardless, Jude was likely written between 60-68 AD, and before Jerusalem fell in 70 AD.

WHERE? | SETTING

It is unknown where Jude was when writing this epistle, but it is believed to have been written to Jewish Christians across Asia Minor who were dealing with false teachers in their midst who taught that God's grace gave permission to live ungodly lives and gratify the flesh.

WHAT & WHY? | OUTLINE & PURPOSE

- Greeting (Jude 1-2)
- Warning and Exhortation (Jude 3-4)
- Examples of False Teachers (Jude 5-19)
- Encouragement to Live Holy Lives (Jude 20-24)

HOW? | APPLICATION

- Encourages believers in their salvation through Jesus Christ
- Warns of the dangers of false teachers
- Provides Old Testament accounts and other examples to provide instruction about false teachers
- Reminds Christians to remain in the Truth they have learned and believed
- Encourages believers to be dedicated to holy living and edification
- Assures believers that Jesus is the One to keep us and lead us in Truth and holiness