

A workbook aid for studying

THE EPISTLE OF
JUDE

Prepared by:
William J. Stewart (thestewarts@canada.com)

Visit www.lookinguntojesus.net for more study materials, weekly Bible-based articles, answers to supposed Bible contradictions, debates, audio lessons, etc..

TABLE OF CONTENTS

PREFACE.....	2
Contend Earnestly For The Faith (1:1-7).....	3
They Are Spots In Your Love Feasts (1:8-16).....	5
Remember The Words... Spoken Before (1:17-25).....	7

PREFACE

This study book is intended to aid a Bible class in the study of the epistle of Jude. The material herein will not take the student on a verse-by-verse analysis of the text, but is intended to bring attention to significant portions of the text. Rather than providing textual insight from the writer, the booklet has been designed with questions to provoke thought and further study on the student's part, so that principles and lessons applicable for the Christian's life can be learned.

The usefulness of the material, and the success of the Bible class is primarily dependent upon the preparation which is given by each participant. Verse references from Jude are provided with each question. These are given as a starting point for answering the questions. Seldom will a question be fully answered and all the relevant points of a discussion exhausted by the given verses. Students are encouraged to look beyond the designated texts for related passages which will help to answer questions and reveal the lessons to be learned from the inspired record. Some questions given may require diligent investigation on the student's part to completely answer.

It is my hope that the questions provided will touch on all the important lessons which can be gleaned by the child of God today from these books. However, the class should not be limited to these questions. Perhaps segments of text which the given questions do not directly deal with, or detailed points which are found in the text will provoke questions on the student's part. Such questions are welcomed and encouraged. Though the intent of this class material is to benefit us for Christian living today, the class should also be conducted in such a manner that we also come to a better appreciation of the events and customs which are found in the times of old.

May this workbook be used to the glory of God and the strengthening of saints.

William J. Stewart
thestewarts@canada.com
www.lookinguntojesus.net

Contend Earnestly For The Faith

Jude 1-7

“...I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”
(1:3)

1. Who is this man “*Jude*”? (1:1)
2. Comment on the three phrases used to describe Jude’s audience (1:1-2):
— “...*called*...”

— “...*sanctified by God*...”

— “...*preserved in Jesus Christ*...”
3. What was Jude’s original purpose in writing? (1:3)
4. What did he choose rather to discuss? Why? (1:3-4)
5. Discuss the words used by Jude to speak about the faith and our relationship to it. (1:3)

Contend – Gr. *epagonizomai*
to struggle for
Once – Gr. *hapax*
one (or a single) time (numerically
or conclusively): – once

6. How does Jude characterize those who are troubling the saints? (1:4)

7. Jude reminds his audience of things which they “*once knew*”. What did they no longer know, and why did they not know these details any longer? (1:5)

8. What is the consistent thread through the three examples supplied? Discuss each example. (1:5-7)

— Israel in the wilderness

— the angels who sinned

— Sodom and Gomorrah

Lessons and principles:

[List and discuss what we can learn from this study to better our service before the Lord.]

They Are Spots In Your Love Feasts

Jude 8-16

"Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries." (1:8)

JUDE CHARACTERIZES THE WICKEDNESS OF THE UNGODLY IN THREE FORMS. THEY "DEFILE THE FLESH, REJECT AUTHORITY, AND SPEAK EVIL OF DIGNITARIES." THESE ARE ADDRESSED IN THE REMAINDER OF OUR TEXT FOR THIS LESSON.

1. What do we know of Michael's contention with the devil? What is the purpose in mentioning this? (1:8-9)

Dignitaries – Gr. *doxa*
dignity, glory(-ious), honour,
praise, worship

2. Consider Jude's depiction of the speech and works of the ungodly. (1:8, 10)

3. What does the writer mean by (1:11):
– "...the way of Cain..."

– "...the error of Balaam..."

– "...the rebellion of Korah..."

4. What is a "love feast"? (1:12)

5. Jude enters a very descriptive identification of the ungodly among God's people. Discuss the characteristics of each word picture. **(1:12-13)**
- "...*clouds without water, carried about by the winds...*"

 - "...*late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots...*"

 - "...*raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame...*"

 - "...*wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.*"
6. Who is Enoch? **(1:14)**
7. What is Enoch's prophecy about? **(1:14-15)**
8. Jude seeks to further expose the corrupt nature of those who are ungodly among the saints of God. Discuss the words used by the inspired writer to describe them. **(1:16)**

Lessons and principles:

[List and discuss what we can learn from this study to better our service before the Lord.]

Remember The Words.... Spoken Before

Jude 1:17-25

"But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." (1:20-21)

1. Which of the apostles does Jude refer to? Provide any Scriptures which indicate that *"...there would be mockers in the last time..."* (1:17-18)
2. Jude provides one last description of those who were troubling the Christians. He speaks of them as *"sensual persons, who cause divisions"*. Are there other references in the Scriptures that warn about folks such as this? (1:19)
3. These sensual, divisive persons do not have the Spirit. Did they ever? Who are these people anyhow? (1:19)
4. Jude commands that the saints be built up in the most holy faith. How is this accomplished? (1:20)
5. What does it mean to pray *"in the Holy Spirit"*? (1:20)

