

## JUDE

### Conversational Version

#### **Salutation**

<sup>1</sup>Jude, servant of Jesus Christ<sup>Messiah</sup> and brother of James, to the ones called by God the Father, loves and keeps you in Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Mercy, peace, and love many times over.

#### **Condemnation of False Teachers**

<sup>3</sup>Friends, I'm anxious to write to you about the salvation we share. I need to encourage you to keep contending earnestly for the faith once and for all delivered to the saints. <sup>4</sup>Ungodly people have sneaked in under false pretenses; long ago they were assigned to that condemnation. They deny Jesus Christ as our only Master and Lord and try to pervert God's grace into lustful living.

<sup>5</sup>You know that once and for all, but I want to remind you that after the LORD saved a people out of Egypt, he destroyed the ones that didn't trust *him*. <sup>6</sup>Angels that didn't keep their place he has held under darkness in permanent bonds till the great judgment day. <sup>7</sup>Likewise, Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them lived immorally, going after other flesh. They serve as examples of being subjected to eternal punishment by fire. **Jude 1-7**

#### **Describing Some False Teachers**

<sup>8</sup>Yet in like manner such people even fantasize about defiling the flesh, rejecting authority, and railing at angels. <sup>9</sup>But when Michael the archangel was arguing with the devil about the body of Moses, he didn't bring railing condemnation; he said, "*The LORD reprimand you.*" <sup>10</sup>People like them rail out about what they don't understand, about what they know by instinct like animals that can't reason—and therefore destroy themselves. <sup>11</sup>What consequences await them! They've followed Cain's way; they've plunged into Balaam's deception for money; they've perished in Korah's rebellion. <sup>12</sup>They're hidden pieces of gravel in your love-feast *food*; without qualms they carouse among *you*, shepherding themselves. They're clouds with no moisture, driven around by the wind. *They're* late autumn trees with no fruit, uprooted, and doubly dead. <sup>13</sup>*They're* wild waves of the sea, foaming up shameful acts. *They're* stars out of orbit that the gloom of darkness is reserved for. **Jude 8-13**

<sup>14</sup>Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them, "*The LORD will come with 10,000 holy ones* <sup>15</sup>*to convict sinners of their ungodly deeds and terrible blasphemies against him.*" <sup>16</sup>They grumble, complain, pursue lusts, talk arrogantly, flatter people for gain. **Jude 14-16**

#### **Maintaining Faithfulness Despite Competition**

<sup>17</sup>But dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ <sup>18</sup>used to tell you, "*In the end mockers will come, chasing after ungodly lusts.* <sup>19</sup>*They'll be divisive,*

*materialistic, unspiritual.”* <sup>20</sup>But you, build yourselves up with your most holy faith and with prayer in the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>Keep yourselves in God’s love and wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brings eternal life. <sup>22</sup>Have mercy on some that doubt; <sup>23</sup>save some by snatching them out of the fire; have mercy on others cautiously, hating even their clothes stained by the flesh.

**Jude 17-23**

**Benediction**

<sup>24</sup>Now to him who can keep you from stumbling and stand you blameless in front of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup>to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord *be* glory and majesty, dominion and authority before all time, now, and forever. Amen. **Jude 24-25**

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