



**HEY JUDE**

# The Acts of the Apostate

(Maxwell Coder)

# Basic Info

- **Theme:** Defending the Faith.
- **Author:** Jude – brother of Jesus and James (1:1)
- **Amanuensis:** all his own work.
- **Recipients:** Those who have been called.
- **Date:** ?? After 65 (2 Peter). 70s maybe?
- **Place of writing:** many suggestions.

# Themes

- **Warning about False Teachers.**
  - Contend for the faith (v3)
  - Certain men... secretly slipped in. (v4)
  - Change grace into a licence for immorality and deny Jesus (v4)
  - Blemishes at your love feasts. V12
  - Grumblers and fault-finders (v16)
  - Apostles warned about this... and now they're here! (v17-18)
  - Men who divide you.. Do not have the Spirit. (v19)
  - Keep yourself in God's love. (v20-21)

# Old Testament References

Jude Passage	Event Referred To
V5 Israelites	Exodus Ex 14, Num 13-14 (cf 1 Pet 2:4)
V6 Fallen Angels	2 Pet 2:4
V7 Sodom and Gomorrah	Gen 18-19
V11 Cain	Gen 4
V11 Balaam	Num 22-24
V11 Korah	Num 16
V14 Enoch	Cf Gen 5:18-24

Source: Jensen's survey of the Old Testament

# What False Teachers Do

- Secretly slip in. (v4)
- Interpret grace as licence for sin. (v4)
- Pollute their own bodies (v8)
- Reject authority (v8)
- Slander celestial beings (v8)
- Speak abusively (v10)
- Eat with you without any qualms (v12)
- Feed only themselves (v12)
- Grumble and fault-find (v16)
- Follow own evil desires (v16)
- Boast about themselves (v16)
- Flatter others for their own advantage (v16)
- Cause divisions (v19)

# 7 Practicals

1. Earnestly contend for the faith (v3)
2. Remember the teachings and warnings of the apostles (v. 17)
3. Build yourselves up in the most holy faith (v. 20)
4. Pray in the Holy Spirit (v. 20)
5. Keep yourselves in the love of God (v. 21)
6. Look for the mercy of the Lord to bring you to eternal life (v. 21)
7. Show mercy to Christians who are

# Non-Biblical Sources

- Jude 9 – quote from the Assumption of Moses
- Jude 14 – Book of Enoch
- Note Paul quotes too... Acts 17:28 some of your own poets...
- Recognise all truth is God's truth, wherever it is found.
- Recognise that the 66 Biblical Books though true, do not contain all the truth.
- The Holy Spirit may and did direct Biblical writers to a variety of sources
- To cite or quote a part of a non-Biblical source does not demand one accepts all of it is correct or inspired.
- With the guidance of the Spirit, the early church came to recognise and compile the books of the



# Extra-Biblical Sources – OT.

- This is a list (possibly incomplete) of sources cited in the O.T. books. The list omits references to actual O.T. books. These works are "extrabiblical" -- outside (extra, Latin) the Bible.

The Book of the Wars of the Lord -- Numbers 21:14  
The Poets -- Numbers 21:27  
The Book of the Annals of the Kings of Media and Persia -- Esther 10:2  
The Book of Jashar -- Joshua 10:13, 2 Samuel 1:18  
The Sayings of the Wise -- Proverbs 22:17+  
The Sayings of Agur -- Proverbs 30  
The Sayings of King Lemuel -- Proverbs 31:1-9  
The Book of the Annals of the Kings of Israel -- 1 Kings 14:19 etc.  
The Book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah -- 1 Kings 14:29 etc.  
The Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel -- 2 Chronicles 16:11  
The Annotations of the Prophet Iddo -- 2 Chronicles 13:22  
The Vision of the Prophet Isaiah -- 2 Chronicles 32:32  
Genealogical records -- Nehemiah 7, Ezra 2  
The Book of the Annals of Solomon -- 1 Kings 11:41  
The Book of the Annals of King David -- 1 Chronicles 27:24  
The Records of Samuel the Seer -- 1 Chronicles 29:29  
The Records of Nathan the Prophet -- 1 Chronicles 29:29  
The Records of Gad the Seer -- 1 Chronicles 29:29  
The Visions of Iddo the Seer -- 2 Chronicles 9:29  
The Prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite -- 2 Chronicles 9:29  
The Annals of Jehu son of Hanani -- 2 Chronicles 20:34  
The Letter of Elijah to Jehoram -- 2 Chronicles 21:12+  
The Annotations of the Book of the Kings -- 2 Chronicles 24:27  
The Laments of Jeremiah for Josiah -- 2 Chronicles 35:25

- From [www.douglasjacoby.com](http://www.douglasjacoby.com)



# Practical Application

- Faith once for all entrusted (v3)
- Grace is not a licence for sin (v4)
- Giving self up for sin (v4)
- Jesus coming to judge everyone (v15)
- Follow the Spirit not natural instincts (v19)
- Keep yourself in God's love.
- Be merciful to those who doubt

# Question to think about

- What is the practical value of Jude for us today in our churches?