AUTHOR: Jude, one of the Lord’s brothers.
TIME WRITTEN: Probable range: A.D. 66-80
POSITION IN THE BIBLE: • 65th Book in the Bible
• 26th Book in the New Testament
• 21st and last of 21 Epistle Books
  (Romans - Jude)
• Books to follow it.

CHAPTERS: 1
VERSES: 25
WORDS: 613

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT JUDE:

■ Jude:
  • Was one of the Lord’s brothers.
  • Was called Judas in Matthew 13:55 and Mark 6:3
  • The only other Biblical reference to him is in 1 Corinthians
    9:5 where it is stated that “the brothers of the Lord”
    took their wives along on their missionary journeys.
  • It may be that the Judas of Acts 15:22, 32 may be another
    reference to him.
  • Judas and James are the only two of the Lord’s brothers to

■ Jude does not direct his epistle to:
  • A stated circle of readers.
  • A stated geographical region.

■ At the beginning of the epistle, Jude focuses on the common
  salvation that Christians have, and then challenges
  them to contend for the faith.

■ False teachers had crept into the church, turning God’s
  grace into a license to do as they pleased.

■ Jude reminds such men of god’s past dealings with:
  • Unbelieving Israel.
  • Disobedient angels.

■ It appears that the purpose of the epistle of Jude was to:
  • Condemn the practices of the ungodly libertines who were
    infesting and corrupting Christians.
  • To counsel the readers of the letter to:
    - Stand firm.
    - Grow in their faith.
    - Contend for the faith.

■ Jude alone refers to the dispute between Michael and the
  devil about the body of Moses. 9

■ Jude’s benediction is one of the most beautiful in the Bible.

“Beloved, while I was very diligent to write
to you concerning our common salvation,
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.”

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