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**APPLIED FORMAT
BOOK OF JUDE**

Scripture passage included then commentary underneath each verse
King James Version (KJV)

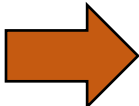
The book of final confirmation of God's calling. The book of proving God's best interest.

The book of demonstrating a common faith (no specific man-made denomination).

The need to earnestly contend for the soul.

Jude - Written in 66 A.D.

Verse (1): Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:



Verse (1) makes it abundantly clear that the "Full Conviction" is assured in the life of the called that is received by faith, possessed in Salvation, and must be sanctified by God the Father and preserved through the Fullness of the God-Man, Jesus Christ (Scofield, 1996)

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There is no mention of a man-made church denomination. Not one mention. However, there is a distinct mention of the lineage of the servant Jude to first Jesus Christ and then the brother James because the first affirmation of a person's faith is within family. This is a glimpse of heaven because there is but one faith. All man-made church denominations are subservient to the family of God meaning the Universal One Church of God. The Head of the Universal Church of God is Jesus Christ.

This also means that the responsibility of the Universal Church of God does not rest on the paid workers of God, but on all the called unto the faith both paid and unpaid within an orderly function of the Universal Church of God because God is not a God of disorder. Within the Universal Church of God there are distinct responsibilities discussed in Scripture that are worked out through the structure of orderly servants of God paid and unpaid. The concept of family comes first because in heaven there is no man-made church denomination. There is a Universal Joint Church of God.

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Verse (2): Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

There is a contention for the faith first as a must, but then the affirmed called of God will receive mercy, peace, love, and the calling will be multiplied. The soul is eternally secure, and all these concepts will be applied unto the affirmed called of God.

Verse (3): Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Verse (3) clarifies that there is a must to contend for the faith and that the “diligent” specifically write about the faith.

Why? What is the verbiage in the verse “...all diligence to write unto you...it was needful for me to write unto you...”. In the writing there is a pouring out Jointly of the mind, the heart, and the soul to contend for your best eternal interest. There is one message of God that was delivered once and once only, but evil seeks to distort the message.

Here, God specifically identifies diligence to those who explicitly write about the common Salvation of God to contend for your best eternal interest. There are different attributes for different callings, but diligence is the explicit attribute of those who write.

The common dictionary attributes “careful and persistent” explicitly to the meaning of diligence. Go back to Verse (2), when it is affirmed that the specific calling of writing to contend for the faith is in fact confirmed then the called will receive mercy, peace, love, and the calling will be multiplied.

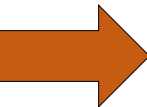
Verse (4): For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Those who write about the faith are well aware of the importance of contending for the faith because “...certain men crept in unawares”. This diligence of writing to contend for the faith originated from the Apostles and Evangelists themselves and they impart unto the true called to continue to write to contend for the faith (Henry, 2008).

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The public viewing the written ministry as strong is the final confirmation of the calling. Verse (5): I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

The written Scripture is the original authority because God refers back to it as a reminder of where the truth is derived from and reminds the Universal Joint Church of God about the Israelites deliverance from Egypt, as well as the destruction of the unbelieving Israelites for their lack of faith. God originated the Scripture through the Apostles who imparted justification to those who came after them to continue to write to contend for the faith with the criteria that the public find the writing credible and strongly applied: refer to Verse (3).

Verse (6): And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.


Did you know that humanity will be correlated with God in judging the fallen Angels (Scofield, 1996)? Answer: Yes (Scofield, 1996).

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There are different views on how to approach the correlation. Aide is probably the most plausible usage that intertwines the Joined views. The book of Jude in verses 14 and 15 would indicate the Saints do aide in the judgement using the verbiage God comes (with) the Saints to (judge) (Henry, 2008).

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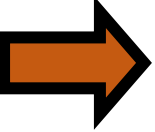
The Joining is mostly understood as approving, as well as literally aiding judgement of the fallen Angels so the most plausible usage is aide on either side of the of approving and judging and most likely includes both as viable because this specific power was not bound to only the first ages or to only the Apostles, so a broader view is acceptable as plausible (Henry, 2008). Got Questions Ministries aided in This Ministry Website Owners understanding that Saints most likely will take part in the judging of Fallen Angels (Got Questions Ministries, 2021).

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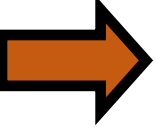
Verse (6) Continued: This Ministry Website owner discusses that it is quite plausible in the book of Revelation for the Tribulation and Rapture to interconnect. The Tribulation is 7-years (sins final course – worst period in human history) and the Rapture (saved humanity) takes place before the Tribulation to quite plausibly be a 7-year preparation to judge the fallen Angels.



Reference: First Corinthians 6:3 (King James Version) “Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life?”

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Humanity needs be found to judge rightly for God will reward most likely in both the approval and the actual taking part in the judgment of the fallen Angels. God fulfilled the law and did not by any means do away with the law (Matthew 5:17-20 King James Version), but in the eternal state the law is written on humanities heart as opposed to being in a code book. Given this, humanity needs to be found to judge consistently right on Earth and those who do will carry the strongest weight to judge in Heaven.



Reference: Second Corinthians 3:3-4 (King James Version) “Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward.”

Verse (7): Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Sodom and Gomorrah (Old Testament) or Gomorrha (New Testament) or “ah ha – as in That City !!” discussed on this Ministry Website Owners website. See Zephaniah Chapter 2:9 this Ministry Website for the discussion and also to study the book of Zephaniah.

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Verse (8): Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

It is acceptable to have spirited agreements and disagreements – siding with the consistent right judgments because as discussed in verse (6) this chapter those that demonstrate this consistent ability carry the strongest weight. What is not acceptable is filthy dreamers, those who despise dominion, and evil speakers of dignities.

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Verse (9): Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Michael the Archangel did not confront the Devil without the rebuke of the Lord. Recall from verse (6) saved humanity will most likely approve and take part in the judgment of the fallen angels but NOT the obedient Angels. Michael the Archangel is Jointly our illustration. We see in this verse the reverse Joint illustration of the obedient Michael the Archangel to fallen humanity concerning the body of the human Moses where humanity in its fallen state does not have a strong position.

This Ministry Website Owner offers that it is most plausible that given the Joint nature of humanity literally approving and taking part in judging the fallen Angels in verse (6) that this verse is the literal body of Moses as First Corinthians 6:3 referenced in verse (6) is about specific instances of disagreement rather than a broad interpretation.

It is also mostly understood that the Saints will have (some authority) over the Holy Angels in an eternal state, so that implicates a Joint relation among God's absolute authority, some Saint authority over Holy Angels, and some Joint Saint-Angel relation (Got Questions Ministries, 2021).

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Everything in Heaven will be Joint in relation to its proper eternal state.

Verse (10): But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

In humanities fallen state, they would speak evil of things they know not and would naturally corrupt themselves explaining the need for the Joint intervention of the obedient Michael the Archangel in verse (9) concerning the literal body of Moses as it literally pertained to the Devil and only rebuking through the Lord. Human believers in a fallen state do not know the Devil, but they know of the Devil. There is a significant difference between "know the Devil" and "know of the Devil". Joint intervention was needed. Likewise, no one in life should speak a vile word against societal recognized religion for it is an honorable sect of society as this too is a corruption of self (Henry, 2008). A person may know there is a religion but not know the religion. There is a significant difference between "know there is a religion" and "know the religion."

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Verse (11): Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

The discussion of Cain is two-fold.

- First, Cain was born of Adam and Eve and naturally had a drawing unto God (Genesis 4:1, King James Version). However, Cain ran greedily to a false god.
- Second, Cain contested the core of personhood.

That is one of the main takeaways of the book of Jude and how apostate or deserter teachers are birthed. This truth can be applicable to any person that claims the faith of God who aligns in the core of personhood with Cain because Cain was of the firstborn children in history of the first parents in history.

Romans 1:19-20 King James Version. "Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:"

Sin was imputed unto humanity from Adam and Even (Reference: Romans 5:12-21 King James Version). Knowing there is a true God is imparted by God Himself unto all humanity. This is where freedom of the Will is allowed by God, but God also makes it known that there is one-way to God and that is truth in Salvation. God has innocence of life no other.

Here, God distinguishes in the book of Jude who is and who is not a true and honest teacher of God's Scripture as an essential, needful, and purposeful distinguishment. The abundance of the grace of God is found in eternal Salvation and abounds significantly.

Reference: Romans 5:20 King James Version. "...But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."

Verse (12): These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

Falsely harnessed faith enters spots in the charity of the Universal Church. The false teachers bring apostacy. Contrary, the true teachers of God's word carry a wide audience. Therein is the significant difference between false teachers and true faith teachers.

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Verse (13): Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

Here, what is seen is that the false faith is loud like the "...raging waves of the sea" but is a strong indicator that they are in their own shame. It is proof of their guilt. But notice, there is nothing in this verse that derails. Contrary, the raging waves will be forever silent. There is but a moment in time, but a lost eternity.

God's Scripture will not be subservient to the raging waves of guilt. The raging waves of guilt will take its course but be eternally silenced. It is God's maturity within creation. God's truth will be powerful and loud for all eternity.

The words no longer will be instead associated with raging waves of guilt (noise and nuisance) because their falseness is forever forgotten as in never existed – symbolized by wandering stars (false teachers) because no one knows how to fix them (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (14): And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

Enoch was in the 1st Civilization and 7th from Adam who did foretell about the Lord and his ten thousands of saints. It is noted that this 1st Civilization is "That Civilization" that perished in the Flood as Enoch had the 1st City named after him which meant "Teacher" (Schofield, 1996).

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What is known is that there was a preserving, but not lasting, of the knowledge of Elohim, (Schofield, 1996), which is a reference to God in Hebrew according to many definitions.

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Verse (15): To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

God will convince the ungodly who will be on trial and will have the judgment placed upon them, and in silence they will take it as discussed in previous verses - all judgements will be 100% justified.

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Verse (16): These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

God here is distinguishing the difference between the temporary great swelling words that last but a moment in time within humanity from the eternal greatness of God.

Verse (17): But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Here in Verse (17) we see that perseverance of the faith is needed and, in turn, the remaining of this Chapter from verses (18) onward is about the glory of God being made exceedingly manifest in the authority of God almighty. It is imperative in the book of Jude to distinguish who earnestly contends for the faith from those who are apostate/defector teachers. Given this, there are guidelines on how to deal with the various toils of life because all are to receive the message of God contained in Scripture with some getting compassion, while for others go all out to reach the eternal state of the soul.

Notice here:

1. That this message was provided by God before the time of the Apostles because God spoke the World into existence.

Psalm 33:8-12 (King James Version) "Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect. The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance."

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2. That this message is "Of" the Apostles for confirmation (spoken/written) (Henry, 2008).

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To bring the entirety of the universal church under the headship of the person of the God Man, Jesus Christ. Merz, R. T. (2021). *Merz ministry*. <https://merzwebsite.com/>

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Verse (18): How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

The Apostles warned that in the last times, mockers would increase as an obvious sign that the return of the God-Man, Jesus Christ is extremely near. But the book of Jude is even more clear, that the testimony of God will prevail. Let the Nations take heed of being wise unto the prevailing God.

The Nations need to be wise unto the prevailing God because it is in the testimony of God's called where the rebirthing of the Nations shall take place, and not in the mockers.

Verse (19): These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

To build upon verse (18), the mockers do not have the spirit of God. The mockers are carnal and separate themselves as though they are wise. Wise Nations will see through the mockers to instead understand and get to the rebirthing testimony of the called of God.

Verse (20): But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

The rebirthing of the Nations, as well as individuals, comes through praying in the Spirit of God and building upon the testimony of our most holy faith. How to build is explained (Henry, 2008)

- **A sincere heart will prevail, and the testimony will stand (soundness) even in fierce testing**
- **Prayer is the Nurture in the faith**
- **Grace of love**
- **Mercy is the key to Eternal Life**

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Verse (21): Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Flash forward to verses (22) and (23) - be in the love of God during humanities age of Mercy and Grace because this age will end – either eternal separation or eternal bonding.

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Verse (22): And of some have compassion, making a difference:

Some will have compassion – not all. The message of God is shared with all, but God explicitly authorizes spending time on those who are prepared to save the soul. Notice here, this is not humanities definition of making a difference. It is God’s definition because it 100% changes the eternal state of life. Certainly, God expects compassion towards others and the Ministry must be found to have compassion built in. Yet, some will not receive compassion because there comes a time when spending time is specifically for those prepared to save the soul. The balance of some – some will definitely have compassion received without a doubt – some will have compassion removed. There comes a moment in time where God’s age of Mercy and Grace that humanity currently lives in ends and eternity begins. God’s Mercy and Grace is forever, but the age of Mercy and Grace will end - either eternal separation or eternal bonding.

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For emphasis, notice further, the guilty will seek (to contradict) because they know they are guilty to make themselves of some better repour within society (Henry, 2008).

Reference: Genesis 4:9 (King James Version): “And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother’s keeper?”

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Verse (23): And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. Here is the balance of some and others.

Here is the balance of some and others. Ethics, Ethics, Ethics – The repentant of God operate in the Spirit, but the unrepentant operate in the Flesh. There is a choice (Scofield, C. I. (1996):

A. Walk in Spirit

B. Walk in Flesh.

Reference: Galatians 5:16-17 (King James Version) “This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these (are contrary) the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.”

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Verse (24): Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

These teachings in the Book of Jude are critical. The ones who are found to be sound in teaching Scripture are upheld by God within society because the gates of Hell shall not prevail. The Book of Jude written in 66 A.D. stands just as true in 2021 moving forward as it did then.

God keeps those who ascribe to the Book of Jude from falling and to what:

“...and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.”

Do not be shocked when in life there are noticeable signs of God’s true calling. No one in their lifetime can eclipse that which has stood the test of 2,000 years. The backing of the call of God to Scripture has stood for 2,000 strong years. In fact, it will be found that the calling will expound to a wider audience.

Verse (25): To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

The calling will be for the God of our Salvation – who gets the glory, the majesty, the dominion, the power, in the present day and forever.