

THE BOOK OF JUDE

Jude confronts corrupt teachers who distort the message about his brother Jesus and lead others astray.

OT/NT: New Testament

SECTION: General Letters

TRADITIONAL AUTHOR: Jude

KEY PEOPLE: Followers of The Way.

SUMMARY: Canonically, the Book of Jude is the sixty-fifth book of the [Holy Bible](#) (1), the seventh of seven [General Letters](#) (2) and the twenty-sixth book of the [New Testament](#) (3). The purpose of this book is to address [false teachings](#) (4) and to illustrate a contrast between the error of heresy and the truth of [Jesus Christ](#) (5). Jude consists of only one chapter (a).

Judah, one of Jesus' half brothers, wrote the book of Jude to [Messianic](#) (6) believers who were familiar with [Old Testament](#) (7) scriptures and Jewish literature. He uses these texts to refute corrupt teachers who lived immoral lives. Not only does he illustrate God's judgment on rebellion, but he warns against rebels corrupting other people.

He then challenges the church to contend for the faith and stay faithful to God. As God's new temple, believers must build their lives on the core message of Jesus and then pray, love and obey. Their lives must reflect their faith because God's grace through Jesus demands a whole-life response that includes moral living. The way they live is the most reliable indicator of what they actually believe (b).

COMING UP: Next up is the Book of Revelation (8). Click [HERE](#) to explore!

FOOTNOTES:

- (1) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/the-word-of-god>
- (2) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/general-letters>
- (3) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/new-testament>
- (4) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/false-teachers>
- (5) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/jesus-christ>
- (6) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/jesus-the-messiah>
- (7) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/old-testament>
- (8) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/revelation>

PAGE SOURCES:

- (a) <http://biblehub.com/summary/jude/1.htm>
- (b) <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/jude/>