

3. Raging Waves

“raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame;...” Jude 13a

“Oh, that you had heeded My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, And your righteousness like the waves of the sea.” Isaiah 48:18

4. Wandering Stars

“...wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.” Jude 13b

“Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever” Daniel 12:3

III. FALSE TEACHERS WILL BE JUDGED FOR OPPOSING GOD’S AUTHORITY

“By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.” Hebrews 11:5

A. It will be a severe judgment.

“Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,” Jude 14

B. It will be a specific judgment.

“to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.” Jude 15

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INTRODUCTION

A. Jude is a small book with a big punch. It is a call to action, a call to engage in earnestly promoting and defending the absolute truth of the Bible. It describes in practical terms the responsibility of every believer to “STAND UP & STAND OUT”.

“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.”

Jude 3

B. Jude has been called the most neglected book of the New Testament. We will not neglect it, but rather we will read and study this valuable Bible book. In this series we will discover how these words written in the first century are very relevant to our lives now. This five part series features the following messages:

Aug 29	Contend For The Bible
Sep 5	Remember The Victory Plan
TODAY	Guard Against The False Teachers
Sep 19	Rescue The Perishing
Sep 26	Worship The God Of Hope

C. **TEXT:** Jude 8-16

Jude is the writer of this book.

“Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, ...” Jude 1a

He was the brother of James which also means he was the half brother of Jesus Christ.

“Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” So they were offended at Him.” Mark 6:3

HOW TO GUARD AGAINST THE FALSE TEACHERS

- As Christians we identify as followers, We are people under authority, God's authority.

"7 For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself.

8 For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." Romans 14:7-8

"Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct." Hebrews 13:7

- The best way to guard against false teachers is to note their characteristics and avoid them.

"Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them." Romans 16:17

I. FALSE TEACHERS REJECT THE AUTHORITY OF GOD

- A. It is evidenced by the way they walk and talk.

"...defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries." Jude 8b

"9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

10 But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves."

Jude 9-10

"These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage." Jude 16

- B. It is demonstrated by three examples of others who rejected God's authority:

"Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah."

Jude 11

1. The example of Cain (Genesis 4).
He rebelled against God's salvation.
2. The example of Balaam (Numbers 22-24).
He rebelled against God's separation.
3. The example of Korah (Numbers 16).
He rebelled against God's service.

II. FALSE TEACHERS ESTABLISH THEIR OWN AUTHORITY

- A. They follow their own dreams and desires.
"Likewise also these dreamers..." Jude 8a

"These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. ..." Jude 12a

- B. They appear to have something to offer, but in the end they do not deliver.

1. Waterless Clouds
"...They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds;..." Jude 12b

"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." John 7:38

2. Dead Trees
"...late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots;" Jude 12c

"2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water,..." Psalm 1:2-3a