

# Lion and Lamb Apologetics'

## JUDE

### AN OVERVIEW

#### **Purpose**

To remind the church of the need for constant vigilance—to keep strong in the faith and to oppose heresy.

#### **Author**

Jude, the brother of Jesus and James

#### **Date**

Written about AD 65

#### **Audience**

To Jewish Christians and all believers everywhere

#### **Setting**

The church has always been threatened by heresy and false teaching. Therefore, we must always be on our guard.

#### **Special Features**

The writer displays horror over the spectacle of apostasy and the false teachers who induce it. The only New Testament passage that surpasses Jude in these traits is Jesus' denunciation of the religious leaders in Matthew 23. But the letter begins with the usual soothing notes of New Testament epistles, and in the last two verses it modulates into one of the most moving benedictions in the New Testament.



#### **Key Verses**

“Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.” (1:3 ESV)

“But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.” (1:20-21 NIV84)

“Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault. All glory to him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen.” (1:24-25 NLT)

#### **Key People**

Jude, James, Jesus