

STUDY PACK 14

JUDE

“All these can be multiplied to us because they are _____ and He is unlimited in ability. The Christian life should not be static, we are exhorted to grow (2 Peter 3:18). It is good for each of us to stop and question ourselves periodically about whether we are growing in Mercy, Peace, and Love.”

~~ Bruce Lackey, *Jude a Commentary and Self Study*, p. 7 ~~

I. OPENING INTRODUCTION, VS. 1-2

- A. Jude says three things about the brethren in v. 1.
 - 1. They are _____ by God the Father.
 - 2. They are _____ in Jesus Christ.
 - 3. They are _____.
- B. Jude is a servant of Jesus Christ.
- C. There were two sets of brothers, James and Jude. One set were apostles. The other set were half brothers of Christ. Jude does not claim to be an apostle.
- D. Jude wishes three things for all believers; Mercy, Peace, and Love. All believers should constantly be increasing in these things.
- E. Sanctify means to be set apart. Preservation refers to our eternal security. Called refers to the fact that God the Lord offered salvation to us.

II. THE COMMAND TO THE BELOVED, V. 3

- A. The epistle is clearly written to _____.
- B. It is a warning about _____ and a command _____.
- C. Salvation was a “_____” event.
- D. Defending the faith from false teachers is needful.
- E. Jude has been called the _____.

III. WARNING ABOUT APOSTATES, V. 4

- A. Many people have commented on the similarities between Jude and 2 Peter 2.
- B. False teachers _____ in privately.
- C. They all have two things in common:
 - 1. They turn _____ into an excuse _____.
 - 2. They deny _____.
 - 3. Jesus Christ is referred to as the only _____.

IV. THE RECORD OF APOSTASY, VS. 5-7

- A. The Old Testament makes this record of apostasy clear.
 - 1. The unbelieving Egyptians died in the plagues.
 - 2. The angels which rebelled are kept in everlasting chains in judgment.
 - 3. There is a great day of judgment coming. This refers to a time when _____; 1 Corinthians 6:3; Matthew 8:29; Revelation 20:10. This probably refers to a judgment at the _____.
- B. The example of Sodom and Gomorrah.
 - A. The fire of hell came down on Sodom and Gomorrah.
 - B. Sodom was given to two sins:
 - 1. They had _____.
 - 2. Their obsession with immorality led them into homosexuality, strange flesh.

V. APOSTASY CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL, VS. 8-13

- A. Apostates:
 - 1. Dream wicked dreams.
 - 2. They engage in wicked immorality.
 - 3. They reject _____.
 - 4. They speak evil of those in _____.

- B. Michael the archangel was careful to recognize his own proper limited authority. After Moses death he fought Satan for the body of Moses. He rebuked Satan in _____ and not in his own authority.
- C. Apostates follow after their own nature, thinking just like animals. They are completely _____. They corrupt themselves, v. 10.
- D. Apostates are motivated by their own selfishness. Bible examples include:
1. Cain
 2. Balaam
 3. Core (Korah)
- E. Apostates corrupt good things (feats of charity).
- F. Apostates do not fear the things that _____.
- G. They promise a lot but do not deliver (_____), trees without fruit.
- H. Apostates are like:
1. Raging waves (suffering shame).
 2. Wandering stars (reserved to the blackness of hell).

VI. THE PROPHECY OF ENOCH, VS. 14-19

- A. God uses Jude to record a prophecy Enoch made centuries earlier.
1. Enoch prophesies _____ to judge the earth; Revelation 19:1-21.
 2. Judgment comes upon all those who have been the enemies of believers, v. 15.
- B. A detailed description of the character of those facing judgment. They walk after their own lusts, see 2 Peter 3:3-5. Their doctrine, morals, philosophy and politics are all designed to make it easier for them to _____.

VII. PROPER RESPONSE OF BELIEVERS TO APOSTASY, VS. 20-25

- A. Keep growing as a Christian. We should not allow _____
_____ to determine our character, vs. 20-21.
- B. We should be dedicated soulwinners. Everyone is not reached the same way,
vs. 22-23.
- C. Live to the _____, vs. 24-25.