

[The Book of Jude](#)

Chapter 1 Part 1

“Stand for Something, or Fall for Anything”

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There is a recent movie that has come out called “**Troy**”, that is a remake of the story of how the city of Troy fell to the Greeks.

For more than 10 years they laid siege to the walls of Troy, but were unable to penetrate into the city.

A suggestion came that they should build a Gigantic Wooden Horse that contained Greek Soldiers inside. They were to leave the gigantic statue outside the gates of the city as a tribute to the power of the Greeks, then sail away.

As the leaders of Troy watched from the city fortress, the Greek ships sailed away. Their curiosity got the best of them and they opened up the gates to the city and brought the Giant Wooden Horse inside.

The story goes, that at around midnight, the soldiers inside the Giant Wooden Horse came out, and while everyone slept in Troy, they opened up the gates to the city..

Meanwhile, the ships that were thought to have left, returned and the entire army walked into the City of Troy and destroyed it.

What the enemy could not do from the outside, penetrate the walls of the city, the people of Troy did themselves internally, by allowing the enemy to come right into the midst of them and destroy them.

- ☞ **Jesus Church as suffered** all kinds of attacks from the outside, that have only served to make His Church stronger.
- ☞ **In the last 200 years**, The enemy changed his tactics from an external attack, to that of infiltrating the church from within and getting us to open our gates and let the enemy in, where he has destroyed the church in many places.

What the enemy could not accomplish by an all out attack from the outside, he was easily able to accomplish by coming within the church.

- ☞ **The subject of Jude** is that of “Apostasy”, a collapsing of our standards from within.
- ☞ **A falling away** from the simple truth of The Bible, to the philosophies of this world and methods of men.

The fundamental churches of 200 years ago, the Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Catholic and other foundational churches, have been destroyed by the Trojan Horse of Compromise with the world.

- ⊖ **Liberal Theologians** have watered down the truths of the Bible, removed the teaching of Scripture in the church, and made the church like the rest of the world.
- ⊖ **This morning**, the method that the enemy is using to get you to stop following Jesus, is to get you to compromise, to water down your walk with the Lord.

By a 3-1 margin, 64% of Americans believe that truth is always relative to the person and their situation, they do not believe that truth is what the Bible says.

Since 1963

1. There has been a **560%** increase in **Violent Crime**.
2. A **400 %** increase in **illegitimate births**.
3. A **400%** increase in the **divorce rate**.
4. A **300%** increase in **single-parent homes**.
5. **200%** increase in **teenage suicides**.
6. **75% drop** in **SAT scores**.

From the Heritage Foundation, 1993

...What happened in 1963?

WE OUTLAWED THE BIBLE IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

In the 1960s, University of Virginia professor and sociologist Jeffrey Hadden conducted a survey of 10,000 U.S. pastors , to which 7,441 replied.

Their responses revealed what many had long suspected: A large number of the ministers polled openly denied the primary foundations of the Christian faith, such as Jesus' virgin birth and physical resurrection.

Asked whether they believed that the Old and New Testament Scriptures were the "Inspired and inerrant Word of God?", mainline ministers responded "NO" in overwhelming numbers:

- ⊖ **Episcopalians**, 95 percent said the Bible is not the Word of God.
- ⊖ **Methodists**, 87 percent said the Bible is not the Word of God.
- ⊖ **Presbyterians**, 82 percent said the Bible is not the Word of God,.
- ⊖ 67% of **American Baptists** said "No."

These same pastors were asked if they believed in the virgin birth of Jesus:

- ⊖ **Lutherans** 19% Said no.
- ⊖ **Baptists** 34%

- ☞ **Episcopalians** 44%
- ☞ **Presbyterians** 49%
- ☞ **Methodists** 60%

Was Jesus the son of God?

Over 80% of ministers said "no."

Do you believe in the physical resurrection of Jesus?

1998 poll of protestant clergy

- ☞ **American Lutherans:** 13%
- ☞ **Presbyterians:** 30%
- ☞ **American Baptist:** 33%
- ☞ **Episcopalians:** 35%
- ☞ **Methodists:** 51%

Jeffrey Hadden, results of a survey of 7,441 Protestant ministers published in Prayer Net Newsletter, 1998-NOV-13, Page 1. Cited in Current Thoughts & Trends, 1999-MAR, Page 19.

The last time I gave these statistics, I had some of the people ask me after the service, “Where I stood on the answer to these questions”, so here is what I believe.

1. The Bible, every Word of it is the perfect Word of God, and without error.
2. Jesus was Born of a Virgin, just as the Bible says.
3. Jesus is the unique Son of God, is not a created being but is the Creator Himself.
4. Jesus Rose from the Dead, Physically, Just as the Bible says that He Did.

I believe every single word of the Bible, exactly as it is written, and I teach the Bible, From Genesis to Revelation, every Word of it, the “Full counsel of Gods Word”.

So, this is what the Book of Jude is all about, getting back to that foundation of the Bible, that only it is the Word of God, and the fact that in these day that you and I live in, there is a rapid movement by mainline Religion to water down the Word of God, or eliminate it all together.

Jude

- 1 Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:
- 2 Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

Many people do not know that Jude is the brother of Jesus, as are James, Joses, and Simon.

Matthew 13:55

Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas

The Tradition of the Catholic Church is that Mary only had one child, Jesus, and that she remained a virgin forever.

- ☞ **You will not get that** from reading your Bible.
- ☞ **The Bible teaches** that Jesus had other 1/2 brothers.
- ☞ **Yes, Jesus came from** a “*Blended Family*” as we call them today, so if you came from one of these kinds of families, you can rest assured, Jesus can identify with you.
- ☞ **After Jesus was Born** of the Holy Spirit, Mary and Joseph had other children together.
- ☞ **The writer of this Book**, is Jude, or “Judas”, not Judas Iscariot, but Judas, the brother of Jesus.
- ☞ **It is interesting** that Judas does not call himself the “Brother of Jesus”, but identifies himself as “The Bondservant of Jesus Christ”.
- ☞ **Apparently**, as Jude and James, and the other brothers were growing up with Jesus, they did not believe that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God, until after they saw Him crucified and Raised from the Dead.
- ☞ **So, this writer, Jude**, has a unique perspective on who Jesus is.

Jude

3 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.

4 For certain **men have crept in unnoticed**, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and **deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ**.

This little Book, that has just one chapter, is filled with some of the most important fundamentals that are in the Bible.

- ☞ **How do you know** that what you believe about Jesus is “The Only way” to heaven?
- ☞ **Because the Bible says** that Jesus is the only way.
- ☞ **But what if you went to a church** where the pastor does not believe that all of the Bible is the “Word of God”.
- ☞ **What if the pastor** doesn’t even teach the entire Bible, but only pulls out one of two verses from the Bible to give his sermon.

You see, this is exactly what is happening to day all over the world. This faith, this trust in what Jesus has already done, that was Once and for All delivered to us, is under attack, not from the outside, but from within the church.

- ☞ **Just like the Trojan horse** that the people brought into the gates of their city, these men and women who do not believe that the Bible is the Word of God have been permitted in the church to pastor the church of Jesus.
- ☞ **Why anyone would want to pastor Jesus church** when they don’t believe in the Jesus of the Bible, I will never know.

Jude wrote this little book for us, so we would realize that there are those who have crept into the church unnoticed, and are destroying us from within.

“I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith...”

- ⊕ **The Greek word here** that the Holy Spirit chose for “**Contend**” is “*Epagonizomai*”.
- ⊕ **It means to “Agonize” over.** It is the same word used to describe a prize fighter who is defending his title, he is said to be “A Contender”.
- ⊕ **First of all,** most believers don’t know that the Word of God is under attack from within the church.
- ⊕ **Second of all,** they don’t know that we have to “Contend”, “Agonize” over the fact that men and women have crept in unaware, and are destroying us from the inside, because they no longer believe in the basic fundamentals of Jesus church.
- ⊕ **Pastors no longer teach** their people all of Gods Word.
- ⊕ **The people don’t know** what it says.
- ⊕ **So, when someone comes across** with a sermon about a particular subject, Gods people don’t know they are being misled.

The facts are, the largest churches in the World, do not believe in the Jesus of the Bible. They don’t believe that the Bible is the perfect, without error, Word of God.

- ⊕ **Why,** because someone told them that the Bible cannot be trusted.
- ⊕ **Someone taught them** a “*Different Jesus*”.
- ⊕ **They don’t know** the difference.

You and I need to not allow this to continue to happen. We need to confront pastors and teachers in the church about what they believe, and let the people know that they are not being told the truth.

“If you don’t stand for something, you will fall for anything”

We want you to stand for just one thing and one thing only; The bible, The Word of God.

Isaiah 5:13

Therefore my people have gone into captivity, Because they have no knowledge;

Matthew 22:29

Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures...”

That is why I place such a huge emphasis on teaching you All of Gods Word, Every word, so that you can identify the false when you see it or hear it, and you can stand up against it.

Jude now goes on and give us examples of times, places and people who crept in also, unaware and destroyed Gods people:

Jude 5

5 But **I want to remind you**, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

6 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

7 as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Jude give to us, 3 examples from the past where the exact thing that he is teaching here in the Book of Jude, happened before:

1. The 2.5 million people who the Lord set free from Egypt.
2. The Angels who fell.
3. Sodom and Gomorrah.

When the 2.5 million people were set free by the Lord from 400 years of slavery in Egypt, they were just an 11 day journey to the awesome land and the new life that the Lord had promised to them.

- ☞ **The problem was**, all along the way to getting to this awesome place, there was a desert filled with lots of things that people don't like.
- ☞ **So, they complained** against the Lord.

Ever travel in a car with children who are constantly asking you "Are we there yet?"

- ☞ *"I don't want to travel this far, this is taking too long".*
- ☞ *"I have to go to the bathroom".*
- ☞ *"He touched me...."*

Oh please! There is nothing worse than traveling with whiners and complainers.

Exodus 15:24

And the people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?"

Exodus 17:3

And the people complained ... and said, "Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"

Finally, the Lord had enough:

Numbers 14:29

The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above

What should have taken 11 days, because of the complaining, took 38 years, and then all the ones who complained against the Lord, died in the desert, only their kids 20 years and above made it across the desert.

- ⊕ **First big thing** to watch out for: “*Complaining*”
- ⊕ **Their complaining** led to their inability to believe in the Goodness of the Lord to do what He promised, “*Bless them*”.
- ⊕ **Falling away from the Lord**, becoming an “*Apostate*”, one who departs from the faith, starts with something as simple as “**Complaining**”.

Complaining says that God is not really Holy and Just and Good. It says that God is not fair and righteous, He doesn't keep His promises...

- ⊕ **If you have ever had** people say things about you that were not true, then you know how much it hurts, and how angry it makes you.
- ⊕ **Well, when we fail to see** all that the Lord has already done in our lives, and remember what Jesus already did for us at the Cross, and develop “*An Attitude of Gratitude*”, we will begin to complain.
- ⊕ **Complaining** is saying things about the Lord that are not true: “He is not fair, Good and Holy”. These things hurt Him, and it makes Him angry.
- ⊕ **It prevents you and I** from obtaining the Blessings that the Lord wants to give us in our life.

Jude

6 And the angels who **did not keep their proper domain**, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

This is one of the most interesting verses in the Bible. We learn things here that we don't learn any place else in the Bible.

1. **There is going to be** a judgment of the fallen angels.
2. **At some time in the past**, they left their place in heaven and did something that was absolutely horrible to God.
3. **Fallen Angels** are divided into 2 categories: **A group** who were so rebellious that they had to be “*chained up in darkness*”. **A group** of Angels apparently has the freedom to move about the earth, under the direction of satan.

Now, one of the things that we who have given our lives to Jesus in this present day, will be doing when Jesus returns, is the Judgment of these angels will be committed to us:

1 Corinthians 6:2-3

2 Do you not know that **the saints will judge the world**? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

3 Do you not know that **we shall judge angels**? How much more, things that pertain to this life?

At the end of the 7 year Tribulation period, when Jesus returns to the earth with us, He will be setting up a kingdom that He will rule the earth as King, for 1,000 years.

- ⊖ **We, His bride, His Church**, will be given judgment, ruler ship and power over the nations and apparently the fallen angels.

In the second chapter of the Book of 2 Peter, he also speaks of these angels who had done something that had caused them to be held into chains of darkness.

2 Peter 2:4

For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

It appears that Peter and Jude are speaking of those angels that are spoken of in Genesis chapter 6

Genesis 6:1-4

1 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,

2 that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose

4 There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

It is obvious by the original Hebrew language what is being spoken of here.

- ⊖ **Verses 2 and 4** in Hebrews reads, The "*B'nai ha Elohim*", Angels, Had intercourse with the daughters of men and bore children, who are the giants the Bible speaks of.
- ⊖ **This act of these angels** was once of the purposes of the destruction of the earth by flood.
- ⊖ **These angels** are spoken of by Jude, as "Not keeping their proper dwelling place". They left heaven and took the daughters of men.

So, the point that Jude is making, remember he is talking about those who "Fall Away" from Jesus and deny Him.

- ⊖ **That if the Lord judged the 2.5 million Jews** that he set free from Egypt, and He judged the Angels who violated their calling by taking human woman, The Lord will also judge those who have claimed to follow Jesus, but then fall away and deny Him.
- ⊖ **The way that this will happen**, Jude says, is through "Wolves that will come into Jesus church", and begin to teach that the Bible is not reliable, and that Jesus is not God.

☞ **2 Things that are wide spread** in the church this very day.

The last time that Paul went and taught the church at Ephesus, he told the elders there:

Acts 20:28-31

28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which **the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God** which He purchased with His own blood.

29 For I know this, that after my departure **savage wolves will come in among you**, not sparing the flock.

30 Also **from among yourselves men will rise up**, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

31 Therefore **watch, and remember** that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

These men and women will come from “Among us”, they will lead people away from the Jesus of the Bible, and the bible itself.

☞ **Then, the 3rd way** that God judged people in the past, will be how he will judge people in the last days:

Jude

7 **as Sodom and Gomorrah**, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after **strange flesh**, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

This is one of the clearest verses in the Bible about the whole issue of whether God condones homosexual and lesbian lifestyles.

☞ **Jude says** that the people of Sodom and Gomorrah “*Gave themselves over to sexual Immorality*”.

☞ **They have** “*Gone after Strange Flesh*”.

☞ **They are an** “*Example of the suffering and judgment of eternal fire.*”

Is that not crystal clear? Is there any problem interpreting that verse, if you just read it and let it speak for itself?

☞ **The term** “*Strange Flesh*” in verse 7, is the Greek word “**Heteros**”, meaning “*Different kind of flesh*”. Men going after men to have a sexual relationship, instead of the normal relationship of a man and a woman.

The Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah because they committed Sexual sin.

☞ **Today, in church**, it is not Fashionable or politically correct to speak against “*Sexual Immorality*”.

- ☞ **If you do speak what the Bible says** about sexual immorality, you are called “*Backwards, and Narrow minded*”.

Today we call **Sodomy**, “*Homosexuality*” or being “*Gay*”

We call **Adultery**, “*Free Love*”

Fornication is *socially acceptable*

A drunk is called *Alcohol Dependant*

A drug Addict is called *A substance abuser*

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither **fornicators**, nor idolaters, nor **adulterers**, nor **homosexuals**, nor **sodomites**, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19-21

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that **those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

If you are choosing to live a constant lifestyle of Adultery, Fornication, Drug Use, if you are a Drunk, a Lesbian or a Homosexual or any of the other things listed here in 1 Corinthians 6 and Galatians 5, **The Word of God, Not Pastor Rob**, The Word of God says that **you will not go to heaven, Period.**

1 Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our Go

And this is the lifestyle that many of us used to live, but we decided to surrender our life to the Lordship of Jesus, ask Him for the forgiveness of our sins, and to follow Him the rest of our life, and to not live that way anymore.

- ☞ **There is a very fine line here**, that we need to make sure that we all understand.
- ☞ **You have either surrendered** your life to Jesus or you have not.
- ☞ **If you have surrendered, then you cannot live the same old way you used to live.**
- ☞ **If you are living with someone** and having sex together and you are not married, that is a lifestyle of sexual immorality.
- ☞ **If you are cheating on your husband or wife** and having sex with someone else, that is Adultery, that is a Lifestyle of Sexual immorality.

“...those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

- ☞ **If you have surrendered your life to Jesus as Lord**, and afterwards you fell in any of these areas, but you came to your senses and you turned from this sin and confessed it to Jesus and have not gone back to that sin, you are forgiven and you can go on in confidence that you still belong to the Lord.
- ☞ **But if you are here this morning** and you have claimed to make Jesus Lord and Savior of your life **but you are continuing in a life style** of drug use, Sexual immorality and these other listed here, **you will not go to heaven...**

Hey, I hate to teach these studies, they are really hard for me. But if I fail to tell you what Gods word says, if I fail to warn you, then the Lord will hold me accountable for your sin...

Ezekiel 33:8-9

8 When I say to the wicked, “O wicked man, you shall surely die!” and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood **I will require at your hand.**

9 Nevertheless **if you warn the wicked to turn from his way**, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but **you have delivered your soul.**

Conversely, if you have come to Jesus and turned from this old life and are living for Jesus now, you can have the confidence that your sins are forgiven and you have eternal life.

- ☞ **All of your sins are forgiven**, even the ones you commit today and tomorrow.
- ☞ **All that is required** is that when you sin, you are willing to turn from it and not go back there again.

Because the Word of God has not been taught in Jesus Church, because Jesus is not being taught the way the Bible reveals Him, people are thinking that they can live any way they want to after they have believed in Jesus and He doesn't care.

- ☞ **He does care.**

2 Corinthians 5:15

and He died for all, **that those who live should live no longer for themselves**, but for Him who died for them and rose again

Philippians 3:18-19

18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that **they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:**

19 **whose end is destruction**, whose **god is their belly**, and whose glory is in their shame—who **set their mind on earthly things**

Matthew 7:19-23

19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

21 “**Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven**, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

22 Many will say to Me in that day, “Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?”

23 And then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from Me, you **who practice lawlessness!**”

Are you ready today to stand for something, or will you fall for anything?

- ☞ **Are you ready to turn** from whatever sin that has bound you, and turn to Jesus and not ever go back to that sin again?
- ☞ **Then Jesus is ready to forgive** you and cleanse you.

John 8:10-11

10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?”

11 She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; **go and sin no more.**”

Notice two things:

1. *I am not going to condemn you for your sins woman.*
2. *Go and do not do this sin again.*

Are you ready to turn from the sin that has bound you?

A time of prayer and confession, and turning from these sins and a determination to not ever go back there again.