

# **A Study of the General Epistles**

## **(NT Survey Lesson 237--The Epistle of Jude)**

**Introduction:** This epistle was written by Jude, the Lord's brother. His letter deals with the challenge of apostasy. He warns of the dangers of false teachers (v. 1-19) and tells Christians how they may protect themselves against them (v. 20-25).

**Lesson aim:** To show what we should do to avoid the problem of apostasy.

### **Threats to apostasy (False teachers)--Jude 1-19**

1. How does the writer of this book identify himself? How does he describe the Christians to whom he writes?
2. What did Jude appeal to the Christians to do? (v. 3) For what? (v. 3) How does Jude describe this faith?
3. Who posed a threat to God's people? (v. 4) What does Jude say about them?
4. Of what did Jude want to remind his readers? (v. 5)
5. What did God do with sinful angels? (v. 6)
6. Of what are the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah an example? (v. 7)
7. What were these false teachers doing? (v. 8)
8. What did Jude say Michael the archangel would not do? (v. 9) What did he say these false teachers were doing? (v. 10)
9. To what three OT characters did Jude liken these false teachers? (v. 11)
10. How does Jude describe these false teachers in v. 12-13.
11. What OT prophet warned of God's judgment against such ungodly men?

12. How are these false teachers described in v. 16?
13. What warning had the Lord given through his apostles about such men? (v. 17-18) How might they be described? (v. 19)

**Antidotes to apostasy (Keep yourself in the love of God and help others)--Jude 20-23**

1. What did Jude urge the Christians to do in order that they may not leave the faith? (v. 20-21)
2. What could they do for others? (v. 22-23)

**God's help against apostasy--Jude 24-25**

1. What does Jude say God can do?