

The End of Days - A Study in Jude **Pastor Katy Reeves**

There is a little book in our Bible that is rarely read or preached from. But the truths preserved in this book speak directly to this generation living at the end of days.

This book we know as Jude.

- The author of this book is the apostle Judah, also known as Jude.
- It was written about the year 58 to 60.
- Judah was one of the brothers of Jesus, possibly the youngest of the four brothers.

Judah or Jude's message is this: There is a Truth worth fighting for!

- It is entrusted to those who love the Truth and who will fight to preserve, defend, contend and struggle for The Faith.
- Judah wrote to a community of believers who had been infiltrated by false teachers who were corrupting the simplicity of The Faith and creating chaos and confusion.
- Judah warns us to persevere in believing in our Faith and in living out our Faith.

Judah vs 1-3

- Here is our identity!
- The chosen ones who are wrapped in the love of Father God...
- Kept and guarded for Jesus, the Messiah.
- Notice the word 'participate'...
- It's not a one-time prayer to go to Heaven...
- It is a life surrendered and lived committed to the ways of Yehovah.
- We are challenged...
- Notice the word 'vigorously'... = involving effort or energy; strenuously, powerfully, heartily, vehemently...
- It sounds like this is one area of our Christian walk that we should not be timid or complacent about.
- We, as holy believers have been entrusted these truths and it is our responsibility to see to it that they are not corrupted.

Judah vs. 4-7

- The infiltration of the Church began not long after it was born on the day of Pentecost.
- The simplicity and core belief of the Gospel message is ‘the Grace of God’.
- So it’s the message of Grace that is perverted from what it is—the power to transform a person back into the image of God—to the lie of
- ‘stay in your sin’;
- ‘you don’t have to change your behavior
- ‘God’s grace covers you, you poor sinner’
- Remember!
- There are consequences that require a payment...
- The wages of sin are death...
- Examples given:
- The immoral cities...
- Just like the Watchers, they went outside the boundaries that God has set for sexual intercourse.
- Sex is a huge issue with God.
- He designed it and gave it to mankind for the marriage bed only...
- Those are the boundaries—marriage between one man and one woman.
- Any sex other than within the bounds of marriage is rebellion.
- And there are consequences that must be paid for that rebellion.
- These serve as examples of those who experience the punishment of eternal fire...

Judah vs. 8-13

- Natural realm=license for immorality
- Spiritual realm=rebellion against God’s ways and blaspheming Holy Spirit and angelic beings
- 1st example: Cain
- They reject the blood sacrifice and depend on their own works...
- 2nd example: Balaam
- Abuse of prophetic gift/Gospel for financial gain...
- 3rd example: Korah
- Rebellion against God’s leadership...

Notice who these false teachers target:

- The immature believer...

Notice the signs of an infiltrator:

- No reverence
- Will not submit to the Pastor or church leadership
- When they teach there is no revelation from God
- They are swept along by spirits...
- They bear no good fruit...
- They bring confusion...
- Misleading...
- The consequences of these actions is the complete darkness of eternal gloom...

Judah vs. 14-16

- Time is winding down...
- There is coming a day...
- A day when the Creator of all this will come to confront the rebellious...
- It will be a day of judgment...
- He comes to convict for ungodly deeds...
- AND for all the terrible WORDS that ungodly sinners have spoken against Him!

Notice a few more signs of these false infiltrators:

- Always complaining...
- Never satisfied...
- Finding fault with everyone...
- Following their own evil desires...
- Speaking scandalous things...
- Enjoying using seductive flattery to manipulate others...

Judah vs. 17-25

- Stay alert!
- The end of days there will be mockers, infiltrators, false teachers...
- Prepare yourself by praying in the Spirit...
- Building yourself up in the truth that you have believed from the first moment that you received the Gospel message.
- Live out your faith in courage and compassion before the world.

Judah, in closing gives us seven commands:

1. Keep building up your inner life—your intimate relationship—on the foundation of the faith—your belief in the Word of God.
2. Pray in the Holy Spirit.

3. Fasten your life to the love of God—become the love of God.
4. Receive more mercy from our Lord Jesus—let His grace transform you.
5. Have compassion on the wavering.
6. Share the Gospel with those who are lost, but not at the expense of becoming like them in ignoring sin.
7. Hate any compromise that will stain our lives.

The end of days is upon us.

- We must live intentionally.
- We must have courage to love people and tell them the truth.
- Every time we are confronted with a lie we must expose it by declaring Truth!
- Jesus' return to set up the Kingdom on earth is imminent!