

# Jude

Apostates Predicted ([Jude 1:16-19](#))

Our approach each week will be REAP (read, explain, apply, personalize).

## Read: Apostates Predicted (1:16-19)

Greeting to the Called

**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.**

Contend for the Faith

**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.**

Old and New Apostates

**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.**

**8 Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. 9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" 10 But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. 11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.**

### Apostates Depraved and Doomed

**12** These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; **13** raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

**14** Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, **15** to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

### Apostates Predicted

**16** These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage. **17** But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: **18** how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. **19** These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

### Maintain Your Life with God

**20** But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, **21** keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

**22** And on some have compassion, making a distinction; **23** but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

### Glory to God

**24** Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling,  
And to present you faultless  
Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,  
**25** To God our Savior,  
Who alone is wise,  
Be glory and majesty,  
Dominion and power,  
Both now and forever.  
Amen.

## Explain: Apostates Predicted (1:16-19)

Bible study is asking and answering questions about the text. Let's ask some.

### Are there any literary/structural observations?

Jude continues his warnings of what the ungodly look like with more descriptions, then follows with what Christians should be, ending with more ungodly behavior.

### What are the most repeated words in Jude?

Their/them/themselves/**they** (21), **you**/your/yourselves (17), have/having (9), Lord (7), beloved/love (6), our (6), ungodly (6), all (5), Christ (5), God (5), Jesus (5)

### What do the words mean?

**16 These** [the he (she or it), i.e., this or that (often with article repeated): he (it was that), hereof, it, she, such as, the same, these, they, this (man, same, woman), which, who; used in **1:8, 10, 12, 16, 19**] **are** [present indicative; they are: agree, are, be, dure, were; used in **1:12, 16, 19**] **grumblers** [a grumbler: **murmurer**], **complainers** [blaming fate, i.e., querulous (discontented): complainer], **walking** [present middle or passive deponent participle (i.e., **repeatedly** walking); to traverse, i.e., travel (literally or figuratively; especially to remove (figuratively, die), live, etc.); depart, go (away, forth, one's way, up), (make a, take a) journey, walk; used in **1:11, 16, 18**] **according to** [(prepositionally) down (in place or time), in varied relations (according to the case (genitive, dative or accusative) with which it is joined): about, according as (to), after, against, (when they were) among, and, (even, like) as (concerning, pertaining to touching), at, before, beyond, by, to the charge of, (charita-)bly, concerning, covered, (dai-)ly, down, every, (far more) exceeding, for, from ... to, godly, in(-asmuch, divers, every, -to, respect of), ... by, after the manner of, by any means, beyond (out of) measure, more, of (up-)on, out (of every), over against, (your), particularly, so, through(-oughout, -oughout every), thus, (un-)to(-gether, -ward), where(-by), with; used in **1:15** (twice), **16, 18**] **their own** [the reflexive pronoun self, used (alone or in the comparative G1438) of the third person , and (with the proper personal pronoun) of the other persons: her, it(-self), one, the other, (mine) own, said, (self-), the) same, ((him-, my-, thy- )self, (your-)selves, she, that, their(-s), them(-selves), there(-at, - by, -in, -into, -of, -on, -with), they, (these) things, this (man), those, together, very, which; used in **1:7, 11, 14, 15**, twice in **16**, twice in **24**] **lusts** [a longing (especially for what is forbidden): concupiscence, **desire**, lust (after); used in **1:16, 18**]; **and** [apparently, a primary particle, having a copulative and sometimes also a cumulative force; and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; often used in connection (or composition) with other particles or small words: and, also, both, but, even, for, if, or, so, that, then, therefore, when, yet; used in **1:1**,

twice in **2**, twice in **4**, three times in **7, 8**, twice in **11, 14**, twice in **15, 16, 22, 23, 24**, four times in **25** **they** [the reflexive pronoun self, used (alone or in the comparative G1438) of the third person, and (with the proper personal pronoun) of the other persons: her, it(-self), one, the other, (mine) own, said, (self-), the) same, ((him-, my-, thy-)self, (your-)selves, she, that, their(-s), them(-selves), there(-at, - by, -in, -into, -of, -on, -with), they, (these) things, this (man), those, together, very, which; used in **1:7, 11, 14, 15**, twice in **16**, twice in **24**] **mouth** [the mouth (as if a gash in the face); by implication, language (and its relations); figuratively, an opening (in the earth); specially, the front or edge (of a weapon): edge, face, mouth] [present active indicative; to talk, i.e., utter words: preach, say, speak (after), talk, tell, utter; used in **1:15, 16**] **great swelling** [bulging over, i.e., (figuratively) insolent: great swelling] **words** [the front (as being towards view), i.e., the countenance, aspect, appearance, surface; by implication, presence, person: (outward) appearance, countenance, face, fashion, (men's) person, presence], **flattering people** [present active participle (i.e., **repeatedly** flattering people); to wonder; by implication, to admire: admire, have in admiration, marvel, wonder] **to** [through favor of, i.e., on account of: be-(for) cause of, for sake of, fore] **gain advantage** [usefulness, i.e., benefit: advantage, **profit**]. **17 But** [but, and, etc.: also, and, but, moreover, now (often unexpressed in English); used in **1:1, 5**, twice in **8, 9**, twice in **10, 14, 17, 20, 23, 24**] **you** [you (as subjective of verb): ye (yourselves), you; used in **1:17, 20**], **beloved** [*agapetos*; beloved: (dearly, well) beloved, dear; used in **1:3, 17, 20**], **remember** [aorist passive imperative; to bear in mind, i.e., recollect; by implication, to reward or punish: be mindful, remember, come (have) in remembrance] **the words** [an utterance (individually, collectively or specially); by implication, a matter or topic (especially of narration, command or dispute); with a negative naught whatever: evil, nothing, saying, word; i.e., "stay close to the text"] **which** [the definite article; the (sometimes to be supplied, at others omitted, in English idiom): the, this, that, one, he, she, it, etc.] **were spoken before** [perfect passive participle; to say already, predict: foretell, say (speak, tell) before] **by** [under, i.e., (with the genitive case) of place (beneath), or with verbs (the agency or means, through); (with the accusative case) of place (whither (underneath) or where (below) or time (when (at))): among, by, from, in, of, under, with; used in **1:6, 12, 17**] **the apostles** [a delegate; specially, an ambassador of the Gospel; officially a commissioner of Christ ("apostle") (with miraculous powers): apostle, messenger, he that is sent] **of our** [of (or from) us: our (company), us, we; used in **1:4** (twice), **17, 21, 25**] **Lord** [*kyrios*; supreme in authority, i.e., (as noun) controller; by implication, Master (as a respectful title): God, Lord, master, Sir; used in **1:4, 5, 9, 14, 17, 21**] **Jesus** ["Jehovah is salvation"; used in **1:1** (twice), **4, 17, 21**] **Christ** ["anointed"; the Messiah; used in **1:1** (twice), **4, 17, 21**]: **18 how** [demonstrative, that (sometimes redundant); causative, because: as



concerning that, as though, because (that), for (that), how (that), (in) that, though, why; used in **1:5, 11**, twice in **18** **they told** [*ego*; imperfect active indicative; properly, to “lay” forth, i.e., (figuratively) relate (in words (usually of systematic or set discourse)); by implication, to mean: ask, bid, boast, call, describe, give out, name, put forth, say(-ing, on), shew, speak, tell, utter; used in **1:14, 18** **you** [to (with or by) you: ye, you, your(-selves); used in **1:2**, twice in **3, 12, 18** **that** [demonstrative, that (sometimes redundant); causative, because: as concerning that, as though, because (that), for (that), how (that), (in) that, though, why; used in **1:5, 11**, twice in **18** **there would be** [future indicative; will be: shall (should) be (have), (shall) come (to pass), what would follow] **mockers** [a derider, i.e., (by implication) a **false** teacher: mocker, scoffer] **in** [a primary preposition denoting (fixed) position (in place, time or state), and (by implication) instrumentality (medially or constructively), i.e., a relation of rest; “in,” at, (up-)on, by, etc.: about, after, against, almost, among, at, before, between, (here-)by (all means), for (... sake of), give self wholly to, (here-)in(-to, -wardly), (because) of, (up-)on, (open-)ly, one, (speedi-)ly, through(-out), (un-)to(-ward), under, when, where(-with), while, with(-in); used in **1:1, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24** **the last** [*eschatos*; farthest, final (of place or time): ends of, last, latter end, lowest, uttermost] **time** [*chronos*; a space of time (in general) or interval; by extension, an individual opportunity; by implication, delay: years old, season, space, time(-s), (a) while] **who would walk** [present middle or passive deponent participle (i.e., **repeatedly** would walk); to traverse, i.e., travel (literally or figuratively; especially to remove (figuratively, die), live, etc.); depart, go (away, forth, one's way, up), (make a, take a) journey, walk; used in **1:11, 16, 18** **according to** [(prepositionally) down (in place or time), in varied relations (according to the case (genitive, dative or accusative) with which it is joined): about, according as (to), after, against, (when they were) among, and, (even, like) as (concerning, pertaining to touching), at, before, beyond, by, to the charge of, (charita-)bly, concerning, covered, (dai-)ly, down, every, (far more) exceeding, for, from ... to, godly, in(-asmuch, divers, every, -to, respect of), ... by, after the manner of, by any means, beyond (out of) measure, more, of (up-)on, out (of every), over against, (your), particularly, so, through(-oughout, -oughout every), thus, (un-)to(-gether, -ward), where(-by), with; used in **1:15** (twice), **16, 18** **their own** [him- (her-, it-, them-, also (in conjunction with the personal pronoun of the other persons) my-, thy-, our-, your-) self (selves), etc.: alone, her (own, -self), (he) himself, his (own), itself, one (to) another, our (thine) own(-selves), that she had, their (own, own selves), (of) them(-selves), they, thyself, you, your (own, own conceits, own selves, -selves); used in **1:6, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21** **ungodly** [impiety, i.e., (by implication) wickedness: ungodly(-liness); used in **1:15, 18** **lusts** [a longing (especially for what is forbidden): concupiscence, **desire**, lust (after); used in **1:16, 18**. **19** **These** [the he

(she or it), i.e., this or that (often with article repeated): he (it was that), hereof, it, she, such as, the same, these, they, this (man, same, woman), which, who; used in **1:8, 10, 12, 16, 19** **are** [present indicative; they are: agree, are, be, dure, were; used in **1:12, 16, 19**] **sensual** [sensitive, i.e., animate: **natural**, sensual] **persons** [him- (her-, it-, them-, also (in conjunction with the personal pronoun of the other persons) my-, thy-, our-, your-) self (selves), etc.: alone, her (own, -self), (he) himself, his (own), itself, one (to) another, our (thine) own(-selves), that she had, their (own, own selves), (of) them(-selves), they, thyself, you, your (own, own conceits, own selves, -selves); used in **1:6, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21**], **who cause divisions** [present active participle (i.e., **repeatedly** cause divisions); to disjoin (by a boundary, figuratively, a party): separate], **not** [a primary particle of qualified negation; (adverb) not, (conjunction) lest; also (as an interrogative implying a negative answer) whether: any but (that), God forbid, lack, lest, neither, never, no, none, nor, (can-)not, nothing, that not, un(-taken), without; used in **1:5, 6, 19**] **having** [present active participle (i.e., **repeatedly** having); to hold (used in very various applications, literally or figuratively, direct or remote; such as possession; ability, continuity, relation, or condition): be (able, possessed with), accompany, begin to amend, can(-not), count, diseased, do eat, enjoy, fear, following, have, hold, keep, lack, go to law, lie, must needs, of necessity, need, next, recover, reign, rest, return, take for, tremble, uncircumcised, use; used in **1:3, 19**] **the Spirit** [*pneuma*; a current of air, i.e., breath (blast) or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively, a spirit, i.e., (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, demon, or (divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit: ghost, life, spirit(-ual, -ually), mind; used in **1:19, 20**].

## Apply (What is the point?)

1. The ungodly have **defined** behaviors
2. **Doctrine** matters

## Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. Know ungodly behaviors
2. Know what's coming (and don't freak out when it shows up)

## Next week: Maintain Your Life with God (1:20-23)

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## Homework

1. Ask the Holy Spirit for help
2. Read next week's text (multiple times in multiple ways) (**Jude 1:20-23**)
3. Talk to someone about the text ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool) or in person)
4. Share ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool)) insights and questions by Thursday
5. Invite a member or non-member