

## Jude 1-6

### Contend for the faith

(The People's Bible, James/1,2 Peter/1,2,3 John/Jude, pages 323-332)

#### Look

The content of this letter follows very closely that of 2 Peter. It shows how 2 Peter was fulfilled. Many date this letter after 2 Peter, sometime between A.D. 75 and 80.

Verse 1: "Jude" was a half-brother of Jesus our Lord (Matthew 13:55, Mark 6:3; Acts 1:14, 1 Corinthians 9:5). He was also a brother of James, the leader of the church in Jerusalem.

#### Discuss:

1. Compare the prophecy statements of 2 Peter with statements in Jude about their fulfillment. Write down the fulfillment after the prophecy.
  - 2 Peter 2:1 "There will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce...heresies."  
Jude 4 \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2 Peter 2:1 "even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them."  
Jude 4 \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2 Peter 2:3 "Their condemnation has long been hanging over them."  
Jude 4 \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2 Peter 3:3 "In the last days scoffers will come."  
Jude 17,18 \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the purpose of this epistle? (verse 3)
3. What were the false teachers advocating? (verse 4)
4. Jude reminds his readers that this sort of thing has happened in the past. What two examples does he give? (verses 5,6) What will happen to such people?

#### Apply

5. How can Jude's greeting in verse 1 provide comfort for Christians of all eras?

Jude urges God's people to contend for the Christian faith and warns against immorality and false teachers.