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Jude	
Jude 1:1 Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, [and] called:	Jude, A servant of Jesus Christ (the Messiah), and brother of James, [writes this letter] to those who are called (chosen), dearly loved by God the Father and separated (set apart) and kept for Jesus Christ: (AMP)
Who was Jude? He doesn't claim to be an apostle, but he says he is the brother of James. James was the brother of the Lord and was a leading figure in the church at Jerusalem following the death of James, the son of Zebedee.	
Matt 13:55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses [Joseph] , and Simon, and Judas [Jude] ? (See also Mark 6:3.)	
Jude 1:2 Mercy unto you, and peace and love, be multiplied.	May mercy, [soul] peace, and love be multiplied to you. (AMP)
Jude 1:3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort [you] that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.	Beloved, my whole concern was to write to you in regard to our common salvation. [But] I found it necessary and was impelled to write you and urgently appeal to and exhort [you] to contend for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints [the faith which is that sum of Christian belief which was delivered verbally to the holy people of God]. (AMP)
Here, faith is used as a noun, not a verb. Today, <i>faith</i> is used as defined above "the sum of Christian beliefs". I am not comfortable with the use of <i>faith</i> as a noun, because it has been watered down to just a set of beliefs. There is no action implied I prefer the Epistles of John, where he writes about holding fast to "the truth".	
There are several meanings for <i>contend</i> . One is to "dispute earnestly, to strive to convince". Another is to "quarrel". Obviously, Jude wants us to "contend" without being "contentious".	
Jude 1:4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.	For certain men have crept in stealthily [gaining entrance secretly by a side door]. Their doom was predicted long ago, ungodly (impious, profane) persons who pervert the grace (the spiritual blessing and favor) of our God into lawlessness and wantonness and immorality, and disown and deny our sole Master and Lord, Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). (AMP)
He's talking about false teachers who came into the church and are teaching that the grace of Christ gives you free license to do anything you want, and repentance and reliance on the atonement are not necessary. This is the opposite of the school of thought that teaches salvation through personal works of righteousness.	

<p>That's why the true path (the Doctrine of Christ) is called the "strait and narrow". It is direct and well-defined, but very easy to stray in either direction if you don't give strict heed and diligence to the voice of the Spirit.</p> <p>Now, for the sake of comparison, Jude is going to walk you through the gallery of what it's like to be cut off from the Lord, what types of sins you have to commit to get there, and how easy it is to fall, whether all manner of conditions.</p>	
<p>Jude 1:5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.</p>	<p>Now I want to remind you, though you were fully informed once for all, that though the Lord [at one time] delivered a people out of the land of Egypt, He subsequently destroyed those [of them] who did not believe [who refused to adhere to, trust in, and rely upon Him]. (AMP)</p> <p>Just belonging to God's "chosen people" is no guarantee that you are automatically doing God's will.</p>
<p>Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.</p>	<p>And angels who did not keep (care for, guard, and hold to) their own first place of power but abandoned their proper dwelling place--these He has reserved in custody in eternal chains (bonds) under the thick gloom of utter darkness until the judgment and doom of the great day. (AMP)</p> <p>Even the angels who dwelt with God in the pre-mortal life were tempted and fell. Just because you live in the Presence of God is no guarantee that you can't fall.</p>
<p>Jude 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.</p>	<p>[The wicked are sentenced to suffer] just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the adjacent towns--which likewise gave themselves over to impurity and indulged in unnatural vice and sensual perversity--are laid out [in plain sight] as an exhibit of perpetual punishment [to warn] of everlasting fire. (AMP)</p> <p>Their suffering is comparable to those of Sodom and Gomorrah.</p>
<p>Jude 1:8 Likewise also these [filthy] dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.</p>	<p>Nevertheless in like manner, these dreamers also corrupt the body, scorn and reject authority and government, and revile and libel and scoff at [heavenly] glories (the glorious ones). (AMP)</p>
<p>Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.</p>	<p>But when [even] the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, judicially argued (disputed) about the body of Moses, he dared not [presume to] bring an abusive condemnation</p>

	<p>against him, but [simply] said, The Lord rebuke you! (AMP)</p> <p>Another example of why you don't stoop to Satan's tactics when fighting Satan, lest you be won over to his side.</p>
Jude 1:10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.	<p>But these men revile (scoff and sneer at) anything they do not happen to be acquainted with and do not understand; and whatever they do understand physically [that which they know by mere instinct], like irrational beasts--by these they corrupt themselves and are destroyed (perish). (AMP)</p> <p>People who do not understand the Gospel and make no attempt at trying to understand it will revile doctrines they do not understand and revile the true servants of the Lord.</p>
Jude 1:11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.	<p>Woe to them! For they have run riotously in the way of Cain, and have abandoned themselves for the sake of gain [it offers them, following] the error of Balaam, and have perished in rebellion [like that] of Korah! (AMP)</p>
Jude 1:12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds [they are] without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;	<p>These are hidden reefs (elements of danger) in your love feasts, where they boldly feast sumptuously [carousing together in your midst], without scruples providing for themselves [alone]. They are clouds without water, swept along by the winds; trees, without fruit at the late autumn gathering time--twice (doubly) dead, [lifeless and] plucked up by the roots; (AMP)</p>
<p>Back in those days, branches of the church met in peoples' homes, had things in common, and they had "love feasts", where everyone ate together.</p> <p>Palm trees are beautiful, but they have very shallow roots, and are extremely likely to get blown over in a strong windstorm.</p>	
Jude 1:13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.	<p>Wild waves of the sea, flinging up the foam of their own shame and disgrace; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of eternal darkness has been reserved forever. (AMP)</p>
Jude 1:14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,	<p>It was of these people, moreover, that Enoch in the seventh [generation] from Adam prophesied when he said, Behold, the Lord comes with His myriads of holy ones (ten thousands of His saints) (AMP)</p>

	This is a direct quote out of the Book of Enoch, an apocryphal book. There are actually quite a few quotes from the Book of Enoch in the New Testament, but none as direct as this one.
Jude 1:15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard [speeches] which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.	To execute judgment upon all and to convict all the impious (unholy ones) of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed [in such an] ungodly [way], and of all the severe (abusive, jarring) things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him. (AMP)
Jude 1:16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling [words], having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.	These are inveterate murmurers (grumblers) who complain [of their lot in life], going after their own desires [controlled by their passions]; their talk is boastful and arrogant, [and they claim to] admire men's persons and pay people flattering compliments to gain advantage. (AMP)
Jude 1:17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;	But you must remember, beloved, the predictions which were made by the apostles (the special messengers) of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). (AMP)
Jude 1:18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.	They told you beforehand, In the last days (in the end time) there will be scoffers [who seek to gratify their own unholy desires], following after their own ungodly passions. (AMP) I believe he is quoting Paul. Again, the Christians back then believed they were living in the last days.
Jude 1:19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.	It is these who are [agitators] setting up distinctions and causing divisions--merely sensual [creatures, carnal, worldly-minded people], devoid of the [Holy] Spirit and destitute of any higher spiritual life. (AMP)
One of the early signs in 4 Nephi that the church was departing from its Zionite conditions was that the people began to be distinguished by class and wealth. This surely grieves the Holy Spirit, so that it has no place in them. They are not even aware that a "higher spiritual life" even exists.	
Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,	But you, beloved, build yourselves up [founded] on your most holy faith [make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], praying in the Holy Spirit; (AMP) Make faith and prayer a daily habit.
Jude 1:21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.	Guard and keep yourselves in the love of God; expect and patiently wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)--[which will bring you] unto life eternal. (AMP)

Jude 1:22 And of some have compassion, making a difference:	<p>And refute [so as to] convict some who dispute with you, and on some have mercy who waver and doubt. (AMP)</p> <p>How to deal with people who are slipping away. You need discernment to know whether to contend with disputers, or apply love and mercy.</p>
Jude 1:23 And others save with fear, pulling [them] out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.	[Strive to] save others, snatching [them] out of [the] fire; on others take pity [but] with fear, loathing even the garment spotted by the flesh and polluted by their sensuality. (AMP)
Jude 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,	<p>Now to Him Who is able to keep you without stumbling or slipping or falling, and to present [you] unblemished (blameless and faultless) before the presence of His glory in triumphant joy and exultation [with unspeakable, ecstatic delight]—(AMP)</p> <p>Your best hope is to stay true to the Lord.</p>
Jude 1:25 To the only wise God our Saviour, [be] glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen.	To the one only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory (splendor), majesty, might and dominion, and power and authority, before all time and now and forever (unto all the ages of eternity). Amen (so be it). (AMP)