

Jude **Chapter 1**

Contents: The apostasy and apostate teachers described. Assurance and comfort for true believers.

Characters: **GOD, CHRIST, HOLY SPIRIT**, Jude, James, Michael, Moses, Cain, Balaam (Numbers 22), Enoch (Genesis 4:17-18; Genesis 5:18-24), Adam, Korah (Numbers 16).

Conclusion: Believers must be on their guard to prevent the “theft of their faith by the cunning craftiness of ungodly men who **“pose as teachers and lie in wait to deceive.”** Our duty, in the presence of the apostasy, “is to earnestly contend for the faith, while trusting to be kept from stumbling. This can be done by walking (living) in the perpetual consciousness of **GOD’s** love through **CHRIST**, looking toward the day when we shall be presented before **HIM** with exceeding joy.

Key Word: Apostasy, 4, 18.

Strong Verses: 3 (b), 21, 24, 25.

Striking Facts: 21. We can be kept in the perpetual consciousness of **GOD’s** love only as we depend upon the mercy of the **LORD JESUS**—that is—**HIS** mercy, not our merit being our constant plea. **HE** has merited for us what we could never, otherwise, lay claim to. The only way to stand before **HIM** flawless is to rest in **HIS** merits and walk in His love.

Word Study:

Apostasy - the abandonment or renunciation of a religious or political belief.

Questions:

1. What is the result of apostasy?

2. How can we recognize apostates?

3. What should we do?

4. What/who can keep us from stumbling?

Discussion Question: Why, do you think, that it is so difficult to confront “teachers of apostasy”?