

Contend For The Faith

Jude

#1 - A Call To Action, Jude 1-3

The key verse appears to be verse 3. It is a call to action. Jude calls believers to contend, earnestly, for the faith which had been handed down to them.

The purpose for the letter is conveyed in the exhortation “to contend earnestly for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.”

The word group from which “contend” comes from, may designate a military (John 18:36; Eph 6:12; 2 Mac 8:16) or athletic context (1 Cor 9:25; 2 Tim 4:7; Heb 12:1).

The word refers to a struggle or intense effort (Rom 15:30; Phil 1:30; Col 1:29; 2:1; 4:12; 1 Tim 6:12). Jude exhorted his readers to strive intensely to preserve the faith once handed down to the saints. It is a Call To Action.

#2 - Hidden Invaders, Jude 4-17

A. The Invaders' Description, Jude 4

B. God's Wrath On Past Invaders, Jude 5-7

1. Egypt (v. 5)
2. Angels (v. 6)
3. Sodom and Gomorrah (v. 7)

C. Actions of Current Invaders Jude 8-16

#3 - Guidelines for Avoiding Apostasy (vv. 17–23)

- A. Remember the teaching of the apostles (vv. 17–19)
- B. Nurture Yourself (vv. 20–21)
- C. Be Merciful To Others (vv. 22–23)

#4 - Victory Over Apostasy (vv. 24–25)