# **The Fellowship Room**

# **Bible Outlines** by **John T Polk II** first published on **The Fellowship Room**

All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.

#### **Outline of the Bible Book of Jude**

Jude = Finality

[God Is Proficient]

- I. Actual Authority Jude 1-3
  - A. Of This Scripture Jude 1a
  - B. Of This Salvation 1b
  - C. Of This Salutation 2
  - D. Of This Station 3

#### II. Acts of Apostates Jude 4-19

- A. Perverts 4-11
  - 1. back door 4a stealth, blind-siders, creepy Cf Galatians 2:4-5
  - 2. front door 4b God is not deceived ("ungodly") Cf Galatians 6:7
  - 3. **side door 4c** change one thing for another **Cf Romans 1:22-32** 
    - a) twist "grace" into lasciviousness
    - b) and shout denial of Deity
  - 4. Remember how God dealt with this kind before:
    - a) He saved Israel & destroyed unbelieving Egypt 5 Cf Exodus 1-15
    - b) He spared not even rebelling angels 6 Cf 2 Peter 2:4-5; (whose sins caused the Flood I Peter 3:18-20; Genesis 6-9)
    - c) He destroyed Sodom & Gomorrah for "strange flesh" 7

- (1)Cf 2 Peter 2:7-8; Genesis 18:16-19:29
- (2) THESE 3 SINS (in reverse order c, b, a) HE OPPOSES TODAY! 8
- d) He is superior in His ways, even with the Devil 9-10
  - (1) His "archangel" Michael 9
    - (a) contended (diakrino separating by hostility) used of...
      - i) the Devil Jude 9
      - ii) apostates Jude 22
    - (b) disputed verbal disturbance
    - (c) did not "revile" (*blasphemia* slander, injurious speech,

      Matthew 12:31-32; 15:18-20; Ephesians 4:31-32)
    - (d)trusted God's judgment Cf Zechariah 3:1-2; Exodus 22:28; Acts 23:1-5; 2 Timothy 4:14; Hebrews 10:30-31
  - (2) Devil's people, on the other hand... 10
    - (a) speak "naturally" unreasoning animals Cf 2 Peter 2:12
    - (b) speak pollution 11 Cf I John 2:16
      - i) "way of Cain" lust of the flesh Cf Genesis 4:1-16
      - ii) "error of Balaam" lust of the eye Cf Numbers 22-25
      - iii) "rebellion of Korah pride of life Cf Numbers 16
- B. *Deceivers* 12-15
  - 1. moral wrecks 12a (spilades reef in the sea); Cf 2 Peter 2:13
  - 2. purposeless clouds 12b; Cf 2 Peter 2:17
  - 3. wasted trees 12c-d
    - a) fruitless Cf Mark 11:12-14, 20-22
    - b) rootless ("twice dead") Cf 2 Peter 2:20-22
  - 4. useless as battering waves of the sea 13a Cf Isaiah 57:20

- 5. meaningless as comets (asteres planetas) 13b
- 6. God's word of condemnation wavers not 14-15
  - a) since Enoch's day 14 Cf Genesis 5:18-24; Hebrews 11:5
  - b) "convict all who are ungodly..." 15
    - (1) in deeds
    - (2) in manner
    - (3) in harsh words

## C. *Gripers* 16-19

- 1. Let's hear it from the bad guys 16
  - a) "murmurers" (**goggustai** secretly complaining
  - b) "complainers" (*mempsimoiroi* griping about one's fate or lot
  - c) following their own heart's desires (*epithumias* craving what is forbidden, **I Peter 2:11**; **2 Peter 2:18**; **3:3**; **I John 2:17**)
  - d) puffed words (*huperogka* extravagant, arrogant, **2 Peter 2:18**)
  - e) marveling at faces (*thaumadzontes prosopa*)
- 2. Let's hear it for the good guys 17-19
  - a) READ THE NEW TESTAMENT, and not listen to them 17-18
  - b) REMEMBER THEIR UNHOLY NATURE! 19

### **III. Actions from Above Jude 20-25**

- A. Building Oneself Up (begin inside for self) 20-21
  - 1. with faith 20a Cf Acts 20:32
  - 2. with prayer 20b Cf I Thessalonians 5:17, 25
  - 3. with diligence 21a Cf Romans 5:5; 2 Corinthians 13:11, 14; Ephesians 2:4-5; 2 Thessalonians 3:3-5

- with expectation 21b Cf Titus 2:11-13; Hebrews 12:1-2;
   Peter 3:11-12
- B. Lifting Others Up (Work outside for others) 22 23
  - 1. Save some through mercy (eleeite, compassion)-
    - a) because of our common understanding of their sins 22a
    - b) exercising our good spiritual judgment 22b Cf Galatians 6:1
  - 2. Save some through fear (**phobo**, terror, dread, **2 Corinthians 7:5**)
    - a) like firemen rescuing victims 23a
    - b) like providing clothes for "burned-out" families 23b
- C. Looking Over & Up To... (Focus topside for strength) 24 25
  - 1. Him who is able to...
    - a) "keep you from stumbling" 24a Cf I John 5:18; Psalm 119:11
    - b) "present you faultless" 24b
  - 2. Him who alone is... 25
    - *a*) "wise" (**sopho**)
    - b) wonderful ("glory and majesty")
    - c) weighty ("Dominion and power")
    - d) without time ("Both now and forever. Amen")

#### Jude's Jousts:

- \* Of the 9 men named "Jude" in the New Testament, this one is probably a half-brother of Jesus Christ (Matthew 13:55), and thus, the brother of James so identified by Paul (Galatians 1:19). This James is NOT the brother of John, son of Zebedee, who had already been killed by Herod (Acts 12:1-2). Jude, half-brother to Jesus Christ, probably wrote this letter from Jerusalem with help from Peter's 2nd Epistle, and was sent out from "Babylon" (a.k.a. "Jerusalem" I Peter 5:13). See notes on outline of 1 Peter. Peter's letters, like this letter of Jude, were written by the direct guidance of the Holy Spirit and not "borrowed" by an uninspired writer (Jude 3; 2 Peter 1:12-21).
- \* With its 25 verses, Jude is a "crash course" in Bible prophecy and Old Testament lessons, and with finality closes the door to future speculation or revelation of God's will.

"The faith" has been "once for all" (hapax - done so as to never need repeating, as for examples the word is used to refer to:

- **Hebrews 6:4** ["once enlightened" in becoming a Christian, *jtpII*];
- **Hebrews 9:28** ["Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many" and never repeated, not even in a Mass, *jtpII*];
- **Hebrews 10:2** ["having been once purified"];
- Hebrews 12:26, 27 ["once more" indicating the only other time God would give His law like at Sinai was through Jesus Christ, Hebrews 1:1-4, jtpII];
- I Peter 3:18 ["Christ also suffered once for sins"])

"delivered [past tense, jtpII] to the saints." Jude 3

- *Unless a time limit is added* i.e., **Hebrews 9:7** ["once a year" or only one time each year, the designated length of time, *jtpII*];
- Or an addition is mentioned i.e., I Thessalonians 2:18; Philippians 4:16 ["time and again" and "once and again"]; then it meant "once and only once" without repetition!

The word CAN mean something done with the *possibility* of repetition, but not in Jude 3. For example,

- as of 2 Corinthians 11:25 Paul was "once" stoned but could be again sometime;
- 2. Christ appeared "once" as sacrifice for men's sins and though His sacrifice will never be repeated, He will appear "a second time" to finish His deliverance of the saved;
- men "die once" physically, but may also die spiritually in the "second death" of Revelation 20:14-15 (Hebrews 9:26-28);

4. "Once Divine longsuffering" delayed the flood till Noah's ark was finished (**I Peter 3:20**), but He is now also "longsuffering" till more repent (**2 Peter 3:9, 15**).

The inescapable conclusion being that, there is NO possibility of any future revelation from God, not through "angels" or apostles (Galatians 1:6-9; John 17:12-20), or from the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 14:37), or from "lost books of the Bible" (2 Thessalonians 2:13-15)! See bullet below.

- \* From whence did the quotation from "Enoch, the seventh from Adam" Jude 14 originate?
  - a) Some assume it must be a written book, such as the "Book of Enoch," an apocryphal book known by Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria, Origen, and Tertullian, and first published in English in 1821. However since Scripture is progressively written, and since the "Book of Enoch" contains many details of revelation not fully explained until Jesus Christ came, it is "overloaded" and cannot have been written before the New Testament times! As an example, no one knew God's name, "Jehovah/ I AM" until it was revealed to Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3:6, 13-17; 6:2-3).

There are a few Scriptures which quote outside sources, but only a truth it contained, NOT as an endorsement of the entire work, i.e., Joshua 10:12-14; Acts 17:23, 29; Titus 1:10-14.

- b) ADDITIONALLY, NOTHING IS SAID IN THIS VERSE ABOUT ANY "BOOK"!
  - 1) Enoch's verbal prophecy would have been known to God who could have inspired Jude to record it for the first time ever, as was done with a statement of Jesus not recorded until **Acts 20:35**.
  - 2) However, since God's inspiration caused men to speak above their own personal knowledge on occasions (I Peter 1:6-12, II Peter 1:20-21), God revealed some things He had said as needed and without previous inclusion in Scripture, i.e., Jude 9 where, when, and why this conversation took place, no one knows, for the only revealed details of Moses' death were in Deuteronomy 34:1-6 until this verse! There is no more need to find a "book of Enoch" for Jude 14 than to seek a "book of Michael the archangel" for his statement quoted in Jude 9!!
  - 3) Mankind's futile efforts to find God-inspired truth outside the Bible's 66 books are as futile as probing "outer space" to prove the godless creation "faith" of evolution!! The willfully ignorant will not become believers if archeologists found every scrap of every step godly men traveled, while ignoring what the Bible actually said had

**occurred!** Neither will they find evolution proven away from the Earth when they refuse to see abundant evidence of the Creator ON Earth and the Bible's completion of revelation about Him (**Hebrews 11:1, 6**; **Romans 1:18-25**)!

c) There are NO "lost books" of the Bible; there are NO "omitted books" of the Bible; and there are certainly NO "additional books" yet to be added to the Bible! It is designed in such a way that every follower of Jesus Christ has that which is a "complete" companion for the journey (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Hence, it has been "once for all delivered to the saints" for that purpose (Jude 3)!